

Year 6 History Summer 2024

How has the Golden Valley changed over time?

Key Questions

Why is it called the Golden Valley?

What are the key events in the history of the Golden Valley?

Why were there so many mills in the Golden Valley?

What was it like to work in a mill?

What are the key features of the Golden Valley now?

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Key Vocabulary

River Frome	A small river that flows through the Golden Valley which was used to power many of the mills along it's stretch
Industrial Revolution	A period from the late 18 th century to the mid 19 th century where the manufacturing of goods moved from small shops and homes to large mills and factories
canal	an artificial waterway for navigation
mill	a factory for certain kinds of manufacture such as textiles or paper
clothier	a person who makes or sells cloth
textile	any cloth or goods produced by weaving, knitting or felting
weaving	to form/ construct something such as fabric by interlacing threads etc
loom	a hand-operated or power-driven apparatus for weaving fabrics
carding	the process in which fibers like cotton or wool are manipulated before spinning
weft	a woven fabric or garment
shuttle	a device in a loom for passing the thread through from one side of the web to the other
navvy	An unskilled manual labourer

Five populated valleys meet at Stroud creating a bustle of hills. During the heyday of the wool trade the river Frome powered 150 mills, turning Stroud into the centre of the local cloth industry.