Unit 202: Changing practices over time

Worksheet 2: Drainage and roadworks (Learner)

Task 1: Answer the following questions on pre-1919 drainage systems.

1. What were some of the most common materials used for constructing pre-1919 sewers in the UK?

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1. What were some of the factors that influenced the choice of materials for pre-1919 sewer construction?

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1. What were some of the commonly used hand tools for digging drainage channels and trenches?

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1. What were some of the levelling tools used in pre-1919 sewer construction in the UK?

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1. What were some of the masonry tools used for constructing brick or stone sewers?

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1. What were some of the techniques used to construct pre-1919 sewers in the UK?

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1. How were pre-1919 sewers in the UK constructed, and what tools and techniques were used?

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1. What role did pre-1919 sewer systems play in improving public health and sanitation in the UK?

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Task 2: Answer the following questions on pre-1919 road building.

1. What were some of the most common materials used in pre-1919 road construction in the UK?

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1. Why were bricks particularly common in London and other major cities?

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1. What were tamping tools used for in road construction?

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1. What were some of the traditional techniques still in use in pre-1919 road construction in the UK?

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1. In the image below, what type of road surface is being shown? Explain why it was used as a road surface.
2. Why was road and footway construction a slow and labour-intensive process pre-1919 in the UK?

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1. What factors influenced the choice of materials used in pre-1919 road construction in the UK?

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