

Cornish Mining Timeline

100 years	100 years	100 years	100 years
18 th century (1700s)	19 th century (1800s)	20 th century (1900s)	21 st century (2000s)
During this century, Cornwall was the mining centre of the world.	Mining in Cornwall continued to be a big industry for most of the century. Some mines began to close at the end of the century.	More mines closed at the start of this century and the industry continued to decline until the last working tin mine, South Crofty, closed in 1998.	There are small scale mining activities still happening in the present day, but nothing like the large scale production of the past.

Key history vocabulary to help us

mining	evidence	past	present
century	tin	copper	industry
engine house	bal maiden	poll pick	tull
gads	decline	heritage	preserve

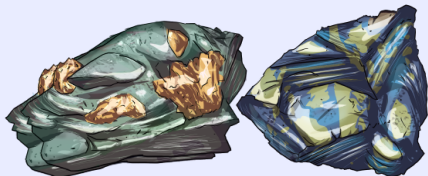
Cornwall Today

Cornwall is known for its pretty coastline and beautiful villages. It is a **popular tourist destination**, particularly during the summer months. **Tourism** plays an important role.



Cornish Mining In The Past

- Around 300 years ago, in the 18th century, Cornwall was the mining centre of the world.
- At this time, the Cornish were thought to be the best rock miners in the world.
- Tin and copper were mined in Cornwall in the past.



Richard Trevithick

This is **Richard Trevithick**, an **inventor and mining engineer** of the 18th and 19th centuries.

He is known for developing the first **high-pressure steam engines** used in mines to **pump out water**.



How do we find out about the past?

We can:

- look at and read non-fiction books
- search the internet
- talk to people who were around at the time
- watch video clips or TV shows
- visit museums
- look at photographs
- look at objects from the past

