

Letters and the Lamp

The Industrial Revolution, coal mining, and the Felling Colliery Disaster

Here are some questions for you to answer:

1. When was the Industrial Revolution? What important things happened during the Industrial Revolution?
2. What was coal mining like in 1812? Underline three answers: dangerous; no miners were killed; hard work; safe; miners were sometimes killed; easy work.
3. What was the name of the dangerous gas that caused the explosion at Felling Colliery?
4. Was the explosion at Felling Colliery a large one or a small one? How do you know?
5. How many people were killed in the Felling Colliery Disaster? What do you think about that number?