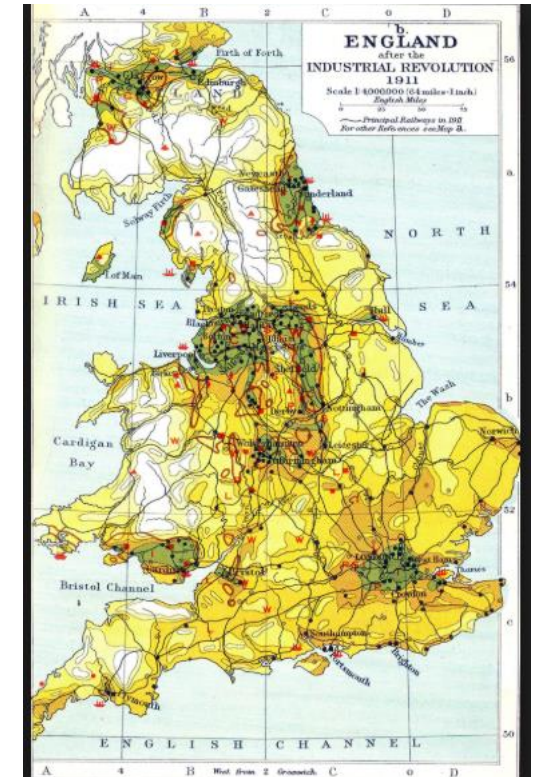


Why do people settle beside rivers?



Many of the main cities and towns in the world are built around rivers, for example London being built on the Thames. Watch the video about Egypt and have a think about why lots of cities might be built around rivers.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/z3rwmp3>



Let's see if you managed to find out some of the reasons.

The water from the river provides rich soil for farming. This means the town will never go hungry and can trade any crops with other towns.





The river provides transportation so as well as being able to travel, the people can trade their goods easily with other towns.

A long time ago, and
some people still
today used rivers for
baths and to clean
themselves and
objects.





Rivers provide brilliant leisure opportunities such as fishing, swimming and boat rides.