

Topic

History of Liverpool



Holy Family Halewood Year 5 and 6 History



What I will focus on in this topic:

- To find out about the origins of the City of Liverpool and King John.
- Research the significance of Liverpool as a port throughout its history.
- Famous buildings and their origins – The Three Graces.
- How was Liverpool affected by World War II?
- To research the history of the two Cathedrals.
- The culture of Liverpool including links to music, art and football.



The Liver Birds

The Legend:

The Liver bird that looks over the Mersey River is said to represent the wives who stay at home and look out to their sailor husbands out at sea and the Liver Bird that looks over the city represents these sailors out at sea, looking back over to the city and their family. Local legend also holds that if the two birds were ever to fly away, Liverpool would cease to exist.

Vocabulary

Royal Charter	A document that is signed by the king or queen of a country, and that gives an organization particular rights:
King John	King of England 1199 – 1216 he granted the Magna Carta 1215
City	City is a large town which usually has a cathedral. In the U.K City status is granted by a monarch.
Port	A city or town that has a sheltered area of water where ships can load or unload.
Dock	An enclosed area of water in a port for loading, unloading and repair of ships.
Cathedral	a very large, usually stone, building for Christian worship. It is the largest and most important church of a diocese:
The Three Graces	The Three Graces consist of the Royal Liver Building , The Cunard Building and the Port of Liverpool Building and they are situated on Liverpool's Pier Head .

Important Dates

Liverpool	The origins of the name are unknown but it could mean 'muddy pool or puddle evolving from <i>lifer pol</i>
1007	First mention of the River Mersey in a deed from the reign of Ethelred II
1207	Liverpool was only a tiny village made up of 7 streets many still survive: Dale Street, Castle Street, Chapel Street, Moor Street (Tithebarn Street) Banckle Street (Water Street), Peppard Street (Old Hall Street) and Juggler Street (High Street)
1207	King John granted Liverpool a Royal Charter made Liverpool an official town. King John wanted to establish a port in NW England. A weekly market was started and a small castle was built.
1229	A further Charter was granted allowing the merchants to form themselves into a guild.
1282	First ferry established by monks at Birkenhead Priory
1351	First Mayor was elected
1515	Liverpool's first Town Hall built
1715	First dock was built.
18th Century	4 more docks were built as Liverpool grew to be the 3 rd largest port in the country.
1846	Albert Dock opened by Prince Albert
1849	The Philharmonic Hall was built
1852	The Central Library was built
1854	Saint George's Hall was built
1878	Everton FC founded
1880	Liverpool became an official city
1892	Liverpool FC founded
1907	Port of Liverpool Building completed
1911	Royal Liver Building opened
1914 - 1917	Cunard Building was built
1934	First Mersey Tunnel opened
1967	Roman Catholic Cathedral was consecrated
1971	Second Mersey Tunnel opened
1978	Anglican Cathedral was consecrated