

Year 1

History

How did seaside holidays influence architecture?

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Summer 2, week 1

Piers

Piers were originally built to let people get off steamboats, but developed into a leisure facility as the seaside tourist business boomed!



Working piers

Working piers were built for the handling of passengers and cargo onto and off ships or (as at Wigan Pier) canal boats.

- A nice walk along the pier was sometimes considered the highlight of the holiday!
- Everyone stayed covered from the sun with hats or parasols.



This picture is from the movie Sweeney Todd, which is set in the Victorian era

Pleasure piers

They were first built in Britain during the early 19th century. The earliest structures were [Ryde Pier](#), built in 1813/4, [Trinity Chain Pier](#) built in 1821, and [Brighton Chain Pier](#), built in 1823. Only the oldest of these piers still remains.

Fishing piers

Many piers are built for the purpose of providing boatless anglers (fishers) access to fishing grounds that are otherwise inaccessible.

Some Victorian pleasure piers



Common business feature of a pleasure pier:
arcades, restaurants, cafes, swimming, pools

Task: Make a drawing of the pier in the picture below and add features e.g. arcades, restaurants, cafes, swimming, pools

