



Grace Darling

Summary	Grace Darling spent nearly all her life on the tiny Farne Islands, off the coast of Northumberland. Her father, William, was keeper of the Longstone Lighthouse there. On the night of 7 September 1838, Darling looked out from a window and saw the wreck of a steamship in the stormy water. A small group of survivors was clinging to the rocks. Her father knew it would not be possible to send for a lifeboat from the nearby village so the two of them bravely set off in a small rowing boat. They rescued nine survivors from the rocks and the event changed Darling's life forever.		
Main Events:	1815: Born in Bamburgh, England 1826: Went to live at Longstone Lighthouse on the Farne Islands 1838: Rescued passengers from the Forfarshire 1842: Died 1938: Grace Darling museum opened in Bamburgh	Vocabulary:	steamship: boat powered by a steam engine heroine: woman who has done something brave or good brave: ready to face danger. significant: important society: People living together in an organised group
Culture & Pastimes:	N/A	Society:	The story of the shipwreck and rescue was soon in all the newspapers and Darling became a national heroine. She received medals and awards including the Royal National Lifeboat Institution's Silver Medal for Gallantry. People from all over the world wrote to congratulate her, including Queen Victoria who had become Queen the year before. Her actions are significant because many people in Victorian society never imagined that a young woman would be able to do something so courageous.
Food & Farming:	N/A	Beliefs:	N/A
Settlements:	N/A	Travel & Exploration:	Even though sailing in this part of the North Sea was very dangerous, people often travelled by ship for trade (to buy and sell things) and to move between different towns and cities.
Conflict:	N/A	Location:	See Map
Artefacts:	N/A	Innovations which influence the modern world:	Lifeboats- Link to RNLI visit.
Key Local Links:	Life boat - Maryport	Common Misconceptions:	What or who is Grace Darling?



	Basic	Advancing	Deep
Main Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• When was Grace Darling born?• When did the rescue happen?• How many people did Grace Darling and her father rescue?• Label a timeline with events from Grace Darling's life.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explain why Grace Darling and her father decided to rescue the passengers.• Explain what makes Grace Darling a significant person.• How do you think Grace Darling felt during the rescue?• Organise information about the life of Grace Darling.• Choose some important artefacts that could go in the Grace Darling Museum	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Investigate what lifeboats were like in the 1800s. How do they compare to today's lifeboats?• Do you agree? The rescue improved Grace Darling's life.
Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Describe what is meant by the word 'heroine'.• List some of the things that happened to Grace after the rescue.• Describe what is meant by the word 'society'.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Suggest some reasons why Grace Darling became so famous.• Create a set of interview questions to ask her, the morning after the rescue.• Explain why her actions were so significant during the Victorian era.• Organise information about the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Were women in Victorian society treated equally to men? Use as many sources of evidence as possible to justify your answer
Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Where was Grace Darling born?• Describe the weather conditions in the North Sea at the time of the rescue.• Where did Grace Darling live?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explain where the Farne Islands are in Britain.• Compare sailing conditions in the North Sea to those in the English Channel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• True or false? The North Sea sailing routes saw many shipwrecks like this one. Give evidence for your answer.
Travel & exploration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• List some reasons why people travelled by ship.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explain how a steamship works.• Compare travelling by land to travelling by sea during this time period.• Investigate trade routes across the North Sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Investigate the role of a lighthouse keeper. Compare the job today to the job in the 1800s.