

Keystage history

Knowledge organiser

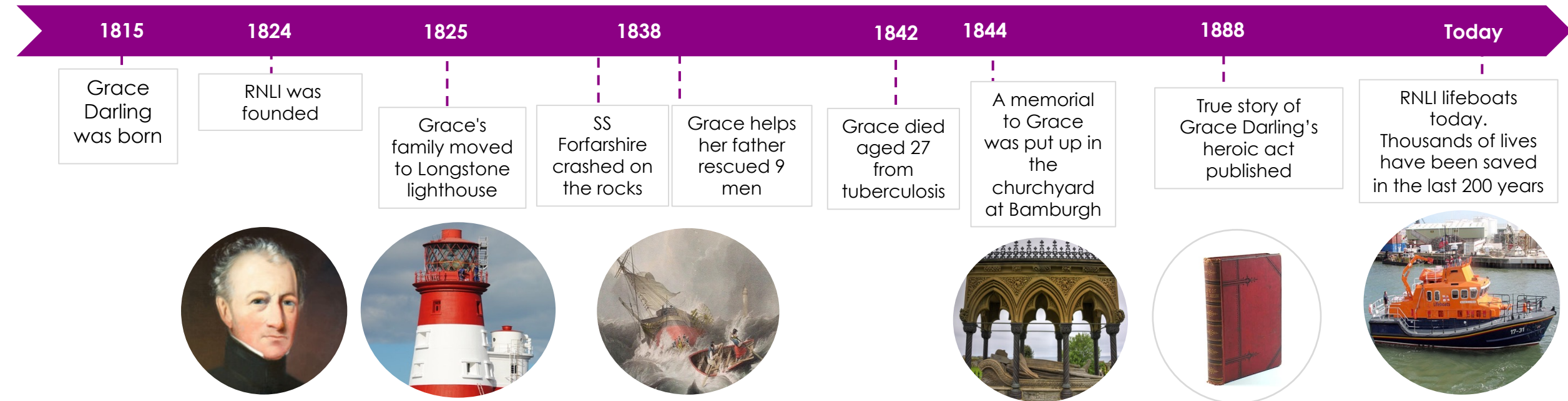
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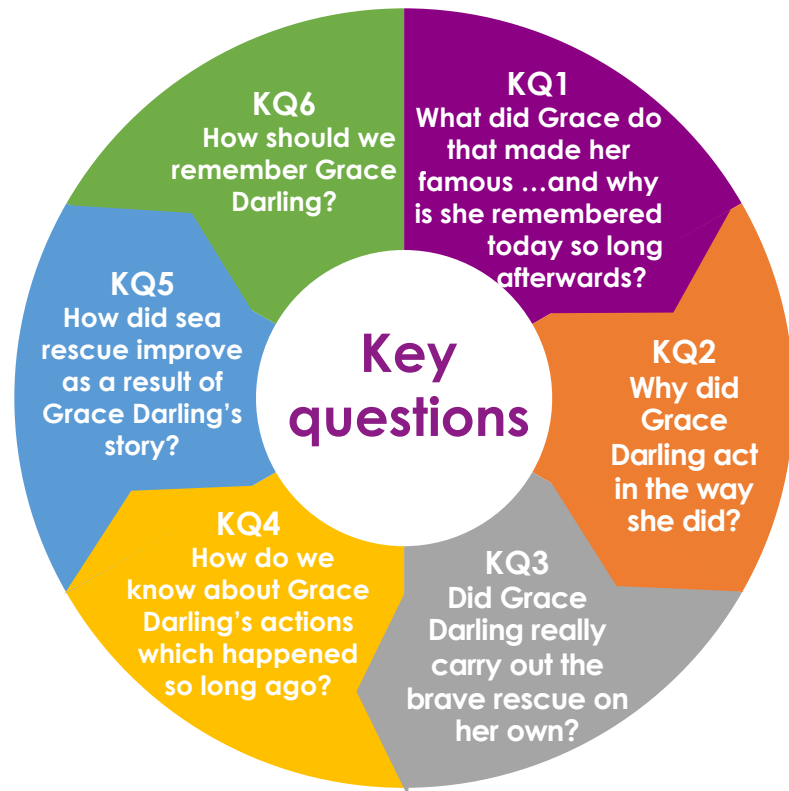


Grace Darling

Why we are learning about Grace Darling

You are learning about Grace Darling because at a young age she carried out a brave rescue and saved 9 men from a shipwreck. She was the daughter of a lighthouse keeper and was living in a lighthouse when she heard screams and cries from ship in trouble in a terrible storm. By rowing out that night with just her father in a simple wooden boat she put her own life in danger. She must have been really scared but she was still able to get the men safely back to the lighthouse where she lived. Soon people heard of her bravery and called her a heroine. People even wanted a lock of her hair. Even Queen Victoria wrote to her and offered her a reward. She was the first woman to be given a medal for amazing bravery at sea. Grace was never happy with all the fame she received and sadly died a few years after the rescue. As a result of her efforts people began to think of better ways to help those in danger at sea. It is thanks to people like Grace that we have so many brave people serving in the RNLI. She set the standard.





Key vocabulary

Courage-courageous	Brave and not worrying about your own danger
Crew	Sailors on board boats
Forfarshire	Name of the wrecked ship that she rescued men from
Heroine	Someone admired for being really brave
Memorial	Object made in memory of someone famous
Rescue	Saving someone in danger
RNLI	Royal National Lifeboat Institute which is now 200 years old and has lifeboats and crew to rescue people at sea
Row	Using oars to move a wooden boat
Steady	Using the oars to keep the boat in one place and stop it from drifting away
Survivor	Someone who did not die in the shipwreck
Wreck	When a boat breaks up, often after hitting rocks.

Top takeaways

1. Nearly 200 years ago, Grace carried out a very brave rescue when she was a young lady, saving 9 men's lives. At that time it was unusual for women to be involved in such rescues.
2. People at the time thought Grace was a real heroine as she put her own life in real danger to save others she had never met.
3. She had to set out on a really stormy night in just a simple wooden boat with oars and amazingly managed to carry out the rescue, getting the men back safely to the lighthouse.
4. She inspired other young girls to acts of bravery and courage at a time when women were thought to be weak.
5. Newspapers quickly spread the news of her bravery and even Queen Victoria wrote to thank her.
6. As a result of her efforts, we now have much better ways of rescuing people at sea, for example the RNLI lifeboats