Emigration & Industrialisation

Activity Trail
at the Tower Museum
During the 18th and 19th centuries there was great poverty throughout Ireland. Many people emigrated to other countries. What do you think emigration means? Circle one of the following.

- To move to another country and start a new life.
- To move to another job
- To move to another school

Look at the panel ‘The Great Hunger 1847-1849’. What caused the potato crop in Ireland to be destroyed?

List two reasons why people emigrated from Ireland.

1. 
2. 

Imagine that you and your family have just emigrated to America. Write a postcard to a friend describing what the journey on the ship was like.
5. Look at the ‘Emigration Ships’ panel. On your map mark in the journeys the ships would have taken from Derry to America.

6. Look at the panel ‘The Emigrant Ships’ and fill in the missing words.
   In May 1847 the [missing word] Journal reported that [missing word] people left Derry since January for [missing word].

7. Look at the ‘Ships Panel 1824 – 1846’
   Who launched the Great Northern?

8. Look at the panel on ‘Trains Nineteenth – Twentieth Century’
   How many railway lines went in and out of Derry?
   Which of the lines still remains today?

9. A separate company owned each railway line. Which was the most prosperous railway company? Circle the correct answer.
   - Londonderry & Lough Swilly Railway
   - Great Northern Railway
   - County Donegal Railway
Look at the panel ‘The Shirt industry 19th – 20th Century’. Who set up Derry’s shirt industry?

The invention of the portable sewing machine changed the shirt industry in 1845. Circle the correct answer...

- True
- False

How many people were employed in the shirt industry in 1870. Circle the correct answer...

- 1000
- 10
- 10000

Can you think of any industries that we have in the city today?