



Thames Sailing Barge Trust  
Pudge Project  
Key Stage 2 History



Maldon Quay and the History of the Sailing Barge

(1 hour including watching the film *When the Wind Blows* 25mins)

Questions to focus on whilst watching the film *When the Wind Blows*

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ is known as the Water Gate of London.
- b. The lighter is known as the dumb barge because it doesn't have a flag, \_\_\_\_\_ or sails.
- c. Barges are 'like ghosts from the past,' because no more are being built. True or False?
- d. They actually sailed the working model of the barge on \_\_\_\_\_ Creek.
- e. Which King introduced the sprit/spreet to boats?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- f. It took \_\_\_\_ men to sail one barge.
- g. Centaur carried \_\_\_\_\_ tonnes of sand from Colchester to Harwich.
- h. The bargemen were paid by the hour/by the job.
- i. The riding light, when they anchor overnight is green/white/red.
- j. Many boys started working on barges from the age of \_\_\_\_\_ .
- k. To make the red colour of the sails, they used to use cod oil, red ochre, \_\_\_\_\_ and sea water.
- l. The race was about \_\_\_\_\_ miles and there were \_\_\_\_\_ men for the crew.
- m. There was a star/sun/moon on the sail of one of the barges.
- n. Why did they wet the sails? To help her go faster/slower.

*Reflection: did the grandsons get to see a barge sailing?*

Answers to focus on whilst watching the film *When the Wind Blows*

- a. Tower Bridge is known as the Water Gate of London.
- b. The lighter is known as the dumb barge because it doesn't have a flag, engine or sails.
- c. Barges are 'like ghosts from the past,' because no more are being built. **True** or False?
- d. They actually sailed the working model of the barge on Faversham Creek.
- e. Which King introduced the sprit/spreet to boats?  
Charles II
- f. It took two men to sail one barge.
- g. Centaur carried 140 tonnes of sand from Colchester to Harwich.
- h. The bargemen were paid by the hour/**by the job**.
- i. The riding light, when they anchor overnight is green/**white**/red.
- j. Many boys started working on barges from the age of 14.
- k. To make the red colour of the sails, they used to use cod oil, red ochre, horse fat and sea water.
- l. The race was about 30 miles and there were five men for the crew.
- m. There was a star/sun/**moon** on the sail of one of the barges in the race.
- n. Why did they wet the sails? To help her go **faster**/slower.