

City Lanes - Student Worksheet

These tall warehouse buildings were built in about 1840 in Melbourne. Their huge slate roofs collect lots of rain and channel it into a few downpipes. These pour fast flowing water into little lanes like this one. Eventually the water is channeled into drains under the pavement



The lanes were also used to gain access to the back of the buildings for people, horses and carts.

1. What is a warehouse?

2. Do you think that rainwater channeled into downpipes would have more or less power to erode? (Explain your answer).

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3. Why did they have to cover the original dirt lanes with hard cobblestones?

4. Why is there a low line of cobbles down the middle of the lane?

5. At the end of the lane, just before it meets the main street, the water is directed through a bed of broken rocks and boulders before it enters small patches of garden with grass, flowers and reeds. Why?
