



Year 1/2 History - Ely and the Fens

Tier 3 vocabulary

Fens	An area of low, flooded land.
Wetland	Land which is flooded. It has areas of marshes and swamps.
Island	A piece of land surrounded by water.
Wind pump	A type of windmill used to pump water.
Drain	To cause water to run out, making an area dry.
Ditch	A narrow channel dug out to carry away water.

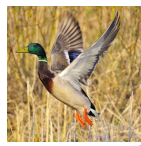
What was life like in the Fens?



Travel by boat



Cut willow for eel traps



Hunt wildfowl and catch eels

Important People



Saint Etheldreda founded the monastery on which Ely Cathedral now stands.



Cornelius Vermuyden was a Dutch engineer who was in charge of draining the fens.



The Fen Tigers were a group of fen people who tried to stop the drainage of the fens.

How were the Fens drained?



Long straight channels (ditches) were dug. They took the water straight to sea.



Wind pumps were used to remove water from the land.



Fields used for farming



Fertile soil

What were the Fens like after being drained?



Straight ditches