

Name .....

Class .....

**Rites of passage: why did it take cremation so long to become acceptable?**

Your task in this investigation is to decide why it took so long for cremation to become an acceptable part of the funeral process in this country.

*Step 1: Recording the evidence*

First, you need to consider the reasons why some people were in favour of cremation and others opposed its use. Read each source and make notes about the things to consider. Once you have read a source, you might also find it helpful to record your thoughts in the table below.

Don't forget to save your file to your computer!

Source	What does this source tell me about why some people were in favour of cremation?	What does this source tell me about why some people were opposed to cremation?
Source 1		
Source 2		
Source 3		
Source 4		

Source 5		

*Step 2: Pulling it together*

Once you have finished making your notes, you should try to draw some conclusions using the evidence that you have collected. You can either write your own answer to the investigation or use the structure below as a guide.

*Today over 70% of the population in the United Kingdom choose to be cremated after they die. However, it is only relatively recently that cremation has become an accepted Christian rite of passage.*

*Some people were opposed to cremation because....*

[Insert paragraph giving the main reasons why people were opposed to cremation, focusing on how cremation impacted on their Christian faith, their beliefs about the Resurrection and thoughts about life after death.)

*People in favour of the use of cremation argued that...*

Insert paragraph giving the main reasons why people were in favour of cremation, focusing on how cremation impacted on their Christian faith, their beliefs about the Resurrection and thoughts about life after death.)

*In conclusion, I think that the main reason why cremation is acceptable today as part of a Christian rite of passage is that [complete sentence or paragraph.]*

