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Y3 Bridges (Victorians)



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Famous Victorian bridge and designer

Clifton Suspension Bridge (Bristol) – Isambard Kingdom Brunel



Isambard Kingdom Brunel was an English <u>inventor</u> and civil <u>engineer</u>. Civil engineers design and build structures for the public. Brunel designed <u>bridges</u>, <u>railroads</u>, and the first <u>steamship</u> to travel regularly across the <u>Atlantic Ocean</u>. He is considered to be one of the greatest civil engineers of the 1800s.

Vocabulary

Bridge	A structure across a river, road or other obstacle	Truss	A truss is an assembly of beams or other elements that creates a rigio structure
Arch bridge	A semi-circular structure with abutments on each end	Keystone	Forces are carried across the arch via the keystone because its weight pushes the surrounding stones
Abutments	Supports that carry the load of the bridge	Pressure	Continuous physical force exerted on or against an object
Hanging/suspension bridge	A bridge that is suspended from two or more cables and is anchored at the ends	Span (Beam)	The distance between two bridge supports
Suspension	Supported by attachment from above; hanging	Framework	An essential supporting structure of an object
Beam bridge	A rigid, horizontal structure that is resting on two piers – one at each end	Support	A thing that bears the weight of something or keeps it upright
Cantilever bridge	A bridge built using cantilevers	Compression	Shortening somethings length when it is pressed down
Cantilever	Something that sticks out sideways from a support. It is only supported at one end	Tension	The force when something is bein pulled from both ends

There are 4 main types of bridge construction:

Beam bridge – The force of compression manifests itself on the top side of the beam bridge's deck (or roadway). This causes the upper portion of the deck to shorten. The result of the

compression on the upper portion of the deck causes tension in the lower portion of the deck. This tension causes the lower portion of the beam to lengthen.





Cantilever/Truss bridge - a bridge built using cantilevers, structures that project horizontally into space,

supported on only one end. For small footbridges, the cantilevers may be simple beams; however, large cantilever bridges designed to handle road or rail traffic use trusses built from structural steel, or box girders built from prestressed concrete.

Arch bridge - a curved design, which does not push load forces straight down, but instead they are conveyed along the curve of the arch to the supports on each end. These supports (called abutments) carry the load of



entire bridge and are responsible for holding the arch in the precise position unmoving position. Conveying of forces across the arch is done via central keystone on the top of the arch.



Hanging/Suspension bridge suspend the roadway by cables, ropes or chains from two tall towers. These towers support the majority of the weight as compression

pushes down on the suspension bridge's deck and then travels up the cables, ropes or chains to transfer compression to the towers. The towers then dissipate the compression directly into the earth.





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Key DT Vocabulary

Levers	A rigid bar that moves around a pivot	
Rigid	Stiff and not able to move easily	
linkages	A linkage is joined to one or more levers to provide	
	movement	
Pivot	A pin/point at which something turns	
Slider	A mechanism which allows an object to move up and	
	down or left and right	
Slot	A long, narrow cut in the material that enables	
	something to be installed.	
join	To bring together	
Split pins	A thin metal rod divided into two parts that open	
	out in order to fasten parts of a machine	
Design	To make or draw plans for the structure	
Evaluate	To judge the level or value of	

