

Minute Book of the Ladies Committee Managing Hackney Parochial Girls' School – Entries from October 1824 and October 1825
(London Metropolitan Archives P79/JN1/259)

1. What obstacles faced girls who wanted to be educated? Do you think boys had the same problems?
2. How were 'good' girls rewarded?

A Brief Account of the Hackney Free and Parochial Charity Schools; Their General Regulations and Instructions to the Parents of Children Admitted (1843)
(London Metropolitan Archives P79/JN1/464/4)

1. How was the school financed?
2. In what ways did religion feature in the life of the school?

Statistical Account of the Hackney District (1844)
(British Library)

1. Look especially at pages 5, 6, 11 and 12. What do you learn about the social character of Hackney in 1844?
2. Look at pages 7 and 8. What is suggested here about the success – or otherwise – of schools in Hackney in the mid-nineteenth century?

1851 Census of Religious Worship: Hackney District, Returns for St John at Hackney, London Orphan Asylum; New Gravel Pit Chapel; Pembury Grove Chapel + Photo of Chatham Place showing Free and Parochial School and New Gravel Pit Chapel

(National Archives Kew HO 129/11/19, 23, 26, 29 + David Mander, *Strength in the Tower: An Illustrated History of Hackney*, Stroud: Sutton, 1998)

1. Why do you think the Rector of Hackney refused to fill in much of the form?
2. What do you think life was like for children in the London Orphan Asylum?
3. Which places of worship had the fewest empty seats? Why?

Boys School Logbook – Entries for 1884
(London Metropolitan Archives P79/JN1/272)

1. What subjects are mentioned as being taught?
2. What do you think were the main difficulties faced by the teachers in the 1880s?

Charles Booth, *Life and Labour of the People in London: Religious Influences* (1902) Extracts from text + coloured map of Hackney

On the smaller scale map note the key to the various colours; on the larger scale map, note the location of Hackney Free School, in the centre, towards the bottom.

1. How did the social character of Hackney change during the second half of the nineteenth century?
2. What kind of people lived near to the school and to St. John's Church?
3. Which social groups attended church?