

Topic – Public Health 1830 - 1875	All	Most	Some
Background – the effect of the industrial revolution			
People’s living conditions			
Back-to-back houses, rookeries			
The rise of population			
The increasing population in the towns and cities			
The cholera riots			
Theories of disease			
The miasma theory of disease			
The contagionist theory of disease			
God’s punishment			
Patent medicines			
Common diseases: TB, diphtheria, typhus, influenza, scarlet fever, measles, smallpox			
Sanitation: outside lavatories or privies			
Nightsoilmen			
Public health provision before 1848			
Lack of compulsory national legislation			
Vested interests			
Overlapping and conflicting boards and authorities			
Temporary local boards of health			
Temporary ‘Cholera Acts’, 1832			
Local Medical Officers of Health, e.g. William Henry Duncan			
Cholera			
The symptoms of cholera			
Cholera riots, or ‘cholera-phobia’ riots			
1831-2 cholera epidemic			
1848-9 cholera epidemic			
1853-4 cholera epidemic			
1866-7 cholera epidemic			
Edwin Chadwick			
Chadwick’s Report, 1842			
The 1844 Royal Commission report			
The Health of Towns Association			
John Snow’s investigation into cholera			
‘On the mode of communication of cholera’, 1849			
The Broad Street pump, Soho			
Initial reaction to Simon’s findings			
Statistics			
Civil registration of births and deaths			
William Farr			

Reasons for legislation 1848-75			
Public Health Act 1848			
Opposition to the Public Health Act 1848			
Reaction to the Public Health Act 1848			
Implementation of the Public Health Act 1848			
1858 Public Health Act			
Great Stink 1858			
Opposition to legislation			
Vested interests			
1866 Sanitary Act			
1875 Public Health Act			
Understanding of nature and transmission of diseases			
Changing attitudes towards state intervention			
Civil engineering and new technologies in water supply and sewerage systems			
Joseph Bazalgette – civil engineering projects			
Metropolitan Board of Works			
Local public health initiatives and legislation, eg Leeds or Exeter			
Water companies e.g. Lambeth Water Company, Southward Water Company			