

# Origins of Allotments: Worksheet

## Enclosure of Common Land

The box on the right shows the countryside after 'enclosure'. Use the box on the left to draw the shape and layout of common land before enclosure, include areas for planting and grazing.



Common Pasture



After Enclosure

## Allotment Origins: Quiz

Use the information sheet to help you answer the eight questions. This can be a solo exercise or pupils can work in pairs taking it in turns to test each other.

### Question One

What did ordinary people use common land for before enclosure?

### Question Two

What options were available to peasant farmers after enclosure?

### Question Three

What was the biggest change that enclosure had on the way peasants lived, worked and fed themselves?

### Question Four

What were the challenges of being poor in Victorian England?

### Question Five

What happened in the 1880s?

### Question Six

What did farm and factory owners give to their workers to stop them starving?

### Question Seven

Why weren't workers entirely happy about the new arrangement?

### Question Eight

Where were the first allotments in Tolworth?