

DBQ—Document-Based Questions

Steam boilers discharge into it their seething contents, and drains and sewers their fetid impurities; till at length it rolls on—here between tall dingy walls, there under precipices of red sandstone—considerably less a river than a flood of liquid manure.

- Hugh Miller,
The Old Red Sandstone (1841)

1. How were rivers polluted during this period?

2. Imagine that you are a Briton reading this in 1841. How might you react? Explain.
