



National Revival?

- Examine the differences between 1783 and 1793 and see how much related to Pitt himself.
- What problems did Britain face?
- How did the situation change?

Situation in 1783

- In 1783 Britain was in an awful state.
- Huge government debt.
- Inefficiency of government.
- Loss of America.

What was done?

- Improved finances by:
- Reorganising government.
- Reforming tax collection and introducing the Consolidated Fund.
- Improving revenue from taxes.
- Trade treaty with France.
- Sinking fund to pay off debt

To what extent was Pitt responsible for the national revival after 1783?

Pitt himself?

- Were the improvements down to Pitt himself.
- Some of the measures were already in action before he became PM.
- How important were other individuals in Pitt's ministry?

Other aspects

- As national wealth increased, so did government revenue.
- Industrial output and trade rose (Industrial Revolution).
- Was this the result of Pitt's policies?

Inevitable?

- The situation may have improved anyway with Pitt's intervention.
- Yet there was an enormous change between 1883-93.
- How much of this was Pitt's work?

