

A Gruesome Spectacle

Give two reasons why crowds have gathered at St James Park during the history of Newcastle.

How many people gathered there in the 18th and early 19th century?

What was the name of the place through which the prisoners were led to be hanged?

Does this place still exist today?

Give a reason for its name.

How many offences were punishable by death in Georgian times?

Where were the prisoners actually hanged?

Why was it ironic that there were pickpockets mingling in the crowds?

How did traders use these spectacles to make money?

What details might you find in newspaper sold to the watching crowds?

Where could you read about these hangings today?

