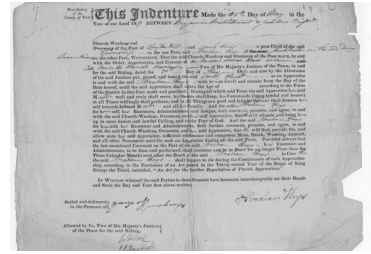


Sarah Hurst – Worksheet 1



Sarah Hurst was a poor child from Clayton West, from 30 May 1817, she was put into the care of Abraham Hays, a linen weaver from Monk Bretton, until she was 21. Using the source, try to answer the following questions:

1. What is the purpose of the document?

Transcription of source: “the said apprentice her said Master well and truly shall serve, his secrets shall keep, his commands (being lawful and honest) at all times willingly shall perform; and in all things as a good and faithful servant, shall demean herself towards her said Master and all his family.”

2. Do you think the document is fair towards Sarah Hurst? Does it differ from a normal contract that someone would sign when they start a new job?

3. Would there be any benefits to Sarah Hurst of being an indentured servant?

4. What are the similarities and differences between slavery and indentured servitude?

Similarities	Differences