## 10 Questions about Rasselstein from Germany

- Describe the political and economical conditions under the counts Friedrich III and Friedrich Alexander, which led to the formation of the Rasselstein company.
- Describe the difficulties the Rasselstein company had due to European competition in the 18<sup>th</sup> century.
- What were the strategies the company developed in order to deal with this problem?
- 4 To what extent was Napoleon's Continental System an advantage for the Rasselstein company?
- 5 Describe the puddle steel procedure and its advantages.
- Why could the Rasselstein company not profit from the construction of the first railway tracks in Germany?
- Describe the measures German companies took against their English competitors in the tinplate market in the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.
- 8 Describe the working conditions in the Rasselstein company in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.
- Why were most Rasselstein workers better off than steel workers in the industries near the rivers Ruhr or Saar?
- How did the company enable its workers to build their own houses during the inflation after the First World War?