

Objects in the River Amstel

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Relevance to modern society

The use of glass or plastic bottles nowadays reveals that human prefer cheaper materials, and value less of the artistry in the bottles



The abundance of stoneware bottles unmask the dark era when the medical system was still immature, and people would largely believe in pseudo-science



Testimony to historical and political changes, from Bronze Age to the formation of the nation, to modern globalisation.

Understand how technological development can influence the material choice

History

The medical development was poor, people doubted the drugs with severe side effects¹

The popularisation of bottled carbonated water started in 18th-century Europe because people treated them as an 'alternative' to taking the medicine⁴



Amstel River, 1880

Style

Ovoid-shaped, narrow necked, painted in light grey with cobalt letters²

In the 18th century, they became more bullet-shaped³

German potters, Krugbacker, produced cylindrical, brown bottles from the 18th to 19th century⁵

At the end of the 19th century, They had straight, vertical sides⁶

When glass became a cheaper option, stoneware bottles were replaced by glass ones⁷

Mineral water bottles



Coins



History

A coin from the late Bronze Age — Roman period

Used in Rokin when ruled by Spain

Used when Amsterdam was under the occupation of Nazi Germany

Pound and Euro coins were found, indicating the prevalence international commercial activities in the 2000s.

Technology

Lower technological level — lower m.p. metal as raw material

The use of alloy, with higher strength and lower costs, shows the advancement of technology