The North is more likely to vote Labour, except North Yorkshire, because farmers. Northerners are more plain spoken, Southerners (they would have us believe) are more sophisticated. This question presupposes that both the North and the South of England are homogenous, whereas there are in fact many Norths and many Souths. It’s a lazy assumption of London politicians that Manchester IS the North (which some people in Manchester also appear to believe).
but there are no obvious connections between Manchester and Tyneside, where I am from. I am a Northerner by birth, a Geordie, but I have spent most of my adult life in first Bristol, then London, then the Isle of Wight, with a couple of short spells in Portsmouth. AR LUCAS: Paper Abstract ‘Views Grim But Splendid’

the relationship between industrial representations and urban realities in Northern England 1840-2000 Northern English industrial towns have a strained relationship with image. In the current effort to redefine themselves away from the dogmatic northern cultural image of industrialism, the built environment is a primary way in which the town’s construct new visual identities. This is not a new process, but rather, the built environment and its representation has been a key area of contestation in the industrial towns throughout their historic