

Exploring Our Local History with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To understand how to investigate local history using primary and secondary sources.

Read the front of each card to test your historical knowledge. Flip to check if you have the correct answer. Ellie the Elephant has provided these facts to help you become a local history detective!

What is a primary source?

A piece of evidence from the time being studied, such as a diary, photograph, or letter.

What is a secondary source?

Information created after the event, such as a textbook, a website, or a biography.

What is an archive?

A place where historical documents and records are kept safe for people to study.

Define the word 'artefact'.

An object made by a human being in the past, often of historical interest, like an old tool or coin.

What is a census?

An official count or survey of a population, recording details like names and jobs at a specific time.

What does 'chronology' mean?

The arrangement of events in the order they happened in time.

Why is a local landmark important for history?

It acts as a physical connection to the past and shows how the area has changed over time.

If you found an old map of your town from 1900, is it a primary or secondary source?

A primary source, because it was created during that time period.

What is an oral history?

Information about the past gathered through recorded interviews with people who lived through those events.

True or False: Local history only includes buildings.

False. It also includes the history of families, jobs, traditions, and how the landscape has changed.