

My Local History Investigation

Learning objective: To research and record the history of my local area using original sources and historical enquiry.

Use this writing frame to help you organize your research. Think about how your area has changed over time. Remember to use your best historical vocabulary and be clear about the evidence you found.

Our local area has a fascinating story to tell, hidden within the streets, buildings, and parks that we see every day.

Word bank: historically · in the past · meanwhile · as a result · significant · evidence · over time · transformation · previously · furthermore

1. Introduction: What is the name of your local area and why is it an interesting place to study? Start by saying: My local area is called... (2 marks)

2. Key Landmarks: Which old buildings or historical sites did you find out about? Describe them by writing: A significant landmark in my area is... (3 marks)

3. The Passage of Time: How has the area changed since it was first built? Use the sentence starter: Many years ago, this place looked very different because... (3 marks)

4. Sources of Information: How did you find your facts? (e.g., library books, old maps, or talking to residents). Start with: I discovered this information by... (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: What is the most surprising thing you learnt about your home town? Write: The most interesting fact I discovered is... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are a reporter from 100 years ago. Write a short diary entry describing what you see on your local high street. How is it different from today?