

My Local Social Studies / History Investigation

Learning objective: To research and record the history of a significant building or landmark in our local area.

Follow the prompts below to structure your historical report. Use the word bank to help connect your ideas and ensure you include specific details about how your chosen location has changed over time.

Hidden in the heart of our town lies a site that tells a story spanning many generations.

Word bank: historically · furthermore · consequently · in the past · due to · significantly · nevertheless · over the decades · evidence suggests

1. Introduction: Name the landmark you have chosen and explain why it is an important part of our local history. Start with: 'The landmark I have chosen to investigate is...' (2 marks)

2. Historical Origins: When was this place first built, and what was its original purpose? Start with: 'Records show that this building was first constructed in...' (3 marks)

3. Changes Over Time: How has this location changed throughout the years? Mention any renovations or shifts in how people used the space. Start with: 'As time progressed, the site underwent several changes, such as...' (3 marks)

4. The Impact of Events: Have any significant local or national historical events affected this place? Start with: 'A notable event that impacted this site was...' (3 marks)

5. Conclusion: Why should we preserve this site for future generations? Start with: 'In conclusion, this landmark remains vital to our community because...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Interview a long-term resident or research the cost of building materials or maintenance in the past versus today. If the building was restored, how much might £500 have bought in building materials back then compared to now?