

My Local Social Studies / History Detective File

Learning objective: To identify and describe changes in the local area by investigating historical features and buildings.

Hello! Ellie the elephant here. I have an amazing memory for stories from the past, and now it is your turn to be a history detective! Use this template to record what you discover about your local area. You can talk to a grown-up, look at old photographs, or take a walk to find clues about how your neighbourhood has changed.

Word bank: old · new · building · street · past · change · history · statue · shop

1. My Local Area: Write the name of your town or village and one thing that makes it special today. (2 marks)

2. An Old Building: Find an old building or landmark nearby. What is it called and what do you think it was used for in the past? (3 marks)

3. Spot the Change: Can you find something that looks different now compared to an old photograph? Describe the change. (3 marks)

4. Interview a Social Studies / History Expert: Ask a grandparent or an older neighbour: 'What was your favourite place to play when you were my age?' (4 marks)

5. My Social Studies / History Treasure: If you could save one thing from your area to show people in 100 years, what would it be and why? (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Create a 'Then and Now' poster. Draw a picture of a street in your area as it looks today, and another picture showing how you think it might have looked 100 years ago!