

My Local History Investigation: A Journey Through Time

Learning objective: To investigate and interpret the history of the local area, identifying how changes in land use, buildings, and community have shaped the present day.

Use this fact-file to conduct your own historical enquiry. You will need to speak to a local resident, visit your local library, or search digital archives to find evidence about how your neighbourhood has evolved over the last century.

Word bank: Chronological · Architecture · Land use · Industry · Heritage · Primary source · Transformation · Infrastructure

1. The Changing Landscape: Describe how the use of land in your local area has altered over time. Provide evidence to support your description. (4 marks)

2. Architectural Analysis: Select one historical building in your area. Explain how its design reflects the period in which it was constructed. (3 marks)

3. Comparing Eras: Contrast the daily life of a child living in your area 100 years ago with your own life today. What are the most significant differences? (4 marks)

4. Economic Impact: Explain why specific industries or businesses were historically important to the development of your town or village. (3 marks)

5. Justifying Perspectives: Why might two different people interpret the history of the same local landmark in different ways? (4 marks)

6. Predicting the Future: Based on the historical trends you have identified, what might happen to your local area in the next 50 years? Justify your prediction. (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Create a 'Then and Now' map of your street. Annotate your map to explain the historical significance of at least three features that have either remained constant or changed dramatically. Present your findings to Ellie the elephant, who loves to remember how places used to look!