

Ellie's Local History Detective Mission

Learning objective: To understand how to investigate the history of our local area by identifying types of historical evidence.

Ellie the elephant needs your help to be a local history detective! Look at the list of items below. Decide if each one is a 'Primary Source' (something from the past, like an old photo) or a 'Modern Resource' (something made recently). Write your answer in the box next to each item.

Word bank: Primary Source · Modern Resource · History · Evidence · Past

1. 1. A black and white photograph of your high street from 100 years ago. (2 marks)

2. 2. A brand new map of the town made on a computer this year. (2 marks)

3. 3. A diary written by a person who lived in your town in 1920. (2 marks)

4. 4. A newspaper clipping from the local paper dated 1955. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw one historical object you might find in your local museum, like an old coin, a piece of pottery, or a dusty old tool.



Extension challenge: Talk to an adult at home. Can they tell you one thing about how your local area has changed since they were a child?