

Local History Detectives with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To identify how our local area has changed over time and understand what historical sources tell us.

Read each question carefully. Choose the best answer or write your answer on the line. Use the word bank if you get stuck. Ellie is here to help you remember the clues!

Answer Key: 1. B, 2. True, 3. Photograph, 4. B, 5. True, 6. Museum, 7. A, 8. False, 9. Timeline, 10. B

Word bank: Map · Museum · Photograph · Timeline · Past · Building

1. 1. What do we call the time that happened before now? A) The Future B) The Past* C) The Present (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Old maps can show us how our town has changed. (1 mark)

3. 3. If you want to see what a street looked like 100 years ago, what should you look for? (One word answer) (1 mark)

4. 4. Where is the best place to visit to see historical objects from your town? A) A park B) A museum* C) A store (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: A town can change a lot over 50 years. (1 mark)

6. 6. Which place keeps old things safe for us to study? (Use the word bank) (1 mark)

7. 7. What can show us the order of events in history? A) A timeline* B) A shopping list C) A recipe (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: History is only about things that happened in other countries. (1 mark)

9. 9. What do you call a drawing that shows where roads and houses are? (Use the word bank) (1 mark)

10. 10. Why do we study local history? A) To learn to cook B) To understand our home* C)
To learn to drive (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of a building in your town. Draw how it looks today on one side, and how you think it might have looked a long time ago on the other side.



Extension challenge: Ask an older person in your family: 'What was your favorite place in this town when you were a child?' Write down one sentence about what they said.