Ellie’s Local History Explorer Quiz

Learning objective: To understand how to investigate the history of our local area using evidence and sources.

Join Ellie the elephant on a journey into the past! Read the questions carefully and use your knowledge of history to pick the best answers. Good luck, budding historians!

Answer Key: 1. A (Primary source); 2. True; 3. Artifact; 4. B (To keep old documents safe); 5. False; 6. Archaeology; 7. C (To see how buildings have changed); 8. True; 9. Timeline; 10. B (People who lived there long ago).

Word bank: Archaeology · Evidence · Timeline · Primary source · Artifact · Archive · Local · History

1. 1. If you find a diary written by someone who lived in your town 100 years ago, what is this called? A) Primary source*, B) A storybook, C) A cartoon, D) A computer game. (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Photographs are a great way to see how your local high street has changed over time. (1 mark)

3. 3. What do we call an object made by a human in the past, such as an old coin or a tool? (One word answer) (1 mark)

4. 4. Why do we visit a local archive? A) To buy lunch, B) To keep old documents safe*, C) To play football, D) To watch a film. (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: History only happens in big cities, not in small villages or towns. (1 mark)

6. 6. What is the study of history by digging up old objects from the ground called? (One word answer) (1 mark)

7. 7. Why might a historian look at old maps of your area? A) To find buried treasure, B) To draw a new picture, C) To see how buildings have changed*, D) To check the weather. (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Talking to older family members about their childhood is a form of oral history. (1 mark)

9. 9. What do we use to put historical events in the correct order from oldest to newest? (One word answer) (1 mark)

10. 10. Who are the most important people to learn about in local history? A) Famous film stars, B) People who lived there long ago*, C) People who live there tomorrow, D) Only kings and queens. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of what your local high street might have looked like 100 years ago. Think about what kind of transport, clothes, and shop signs you might see!

Extension challenge: Ask a family member to tell you one story about where they lived when they were your age. Write down three interesting facts you learned from them.