

Junior Historians

Activity 1 - Local History

Sometimes we can live somewhere for a really long time and not know something really interesting about the place. For example, that a famous person came from the area. Why not use this time to find out about your local area or a person who has lived there?

Helpful tips:

If you're researching an area, start with the street you live on, look on a map or search when the street was built. Was your house always on a road with other houses or was it actually a field until only recently? Are there any interesting facts about the area? Or perhaps find out about a person from your town. This could be someone famous or just someone whose life interests you!

You could put the information together as an information leaflet, PowerPoint or even a play or short film!

Things you might include could be;

- A map of the area
- Dates, dates, dates! Don't forget to include a time line of events
- Photographs or diagrams
- Facts about the person or place

Activity 2 - Family history

Sometimes talking to a family member can reveal all sorts of interesting information. Why not interview a family member or family friend?

Create a list of questions before you start to help you. Here are some to inspire you!

- What is your full name? Did you have any nicknames growing up?
- Where were you born?
- How did your parents come to be in that area?
- What was your house like growing up? How many rooms did it have?
- What is your earliest memory?
- What is your favourite childhood memory?
- What games did you play growing up?
- What toys did you play with growing up?
- What was your school like? How did you get to school?
- Were you ever mentioned in the newspaper?
- How were special occasions, such as Christmas, celebrated?
- What were your favourite books/music/films growing up?
- What do you know about your family surname?
- Is there a naming tradition in your family, such as always giving the firstborn son the name of his paternal grandfather?
- What stories have come down to you about your parents? Grandparents? Older generations?