

Undertaking a local history study

The sorts of questions/ingredients to put into a medium term plan are:

What is this 'place'?

Where is this place? What questions do we want to ask about this place? E.g.

- When was it built/made/developed etc?
- Who lived/worshipped/shopped/worked/attended/played etc. here?
- How has it changed over time?

HOW WILL WE FIND OUT?

WHAT CLUES ARE THERE?

How does this place fit into the locality? To London?

What do we think is interesting about this place?

Skills

Surveying

Observational drawing/photographs

Making notes

Researching written and visual sources e.g. maps, books (sec. Sources), documents, archival material (e.g. directories, census returns, log book, pictures/photos/film)

Asking questions and seeking answers

Selecting information

Speculating/infering

Collating and presenting findings.

Depending on what the site is, there will always be historical and geographical aspects of content/knowledge.