

Multimedia Activity: Picture maps



Who's it for?

KS1 & KS2 (11 yrs and under)

What's it about?

Key words & themes in this activity include: exploring the rich history and cultural fabric of Britain/ thinking about personal histories, cultures and traditions/ celebrating diversity/ sharing and celebrating different perspectives and journeys/ learning through the arts/ promoting better understanding & community cohesion/ communication and media/ social media/ digital media/ multimedia

You will need:

1. Paper/ pencils/ pens/ camera/ video camera (optional: projector and screen; display board)

Take a walk through your neighbourhood, street, village or town and create a picture map of your local community (streets, parks, personal/ special places, buildings, people, etc).

You could make drawings of these places of interest - or have a look at the artists on Traces too and think about how you could use photography or film to present your local area.

How do you want to present your local environment? Is it the people or the places that interest you? Do you want to add the people that live around you to your map? How will you do this?

Have a good look at all the details around you - what is the history of these people and places? How much of your area could you claim to be 100% British? What do you think it means to be 100% British? Are you 100% British? Why/ why not?

Think of this as mapping your personal journey(s) around your home. What do you think your local area would be like if you didn't have the different people and places contributing to it? Why?

What would the UK be like without these different people and places?

Take It Further: Take the Refugee Contributions Quiz, Simple Act #4

Simple Acts and Refugee Week have prepared a quick and fun (if we do say so ourselves) quiz which uncovers some surprising facts about refugees and the contributions they have made to our history and culture.

It really does prove that refugees have been contributing to the UK sincewell, for years and years and years... before we give anything else away have a go for yourself [here!](#)

And remember that you have now completed a Simple Act! Let everyone know and join the Simple Activists movement to celebrate refugee contributions and support refugees and migrants in the UK! [Share your contributions & achievements here!](#)

You can also tell us how you got on via [Traces Tumblr](#) and on social media (remember to use hashtags #tracesproject #RefugeeWeek #SimpleActs #RefugeesContribute)

Multimedia Activity: Share your story of how refugees contribute



Who's it for?

KS3 & KS4 (12yrs +)

What's it about?

Key words & themes in this activity include: personal stories/ contributions BIG and small/ celebrating diversity/ celebrating refugees in the UK/ recognising different perspectives and journeys/ learning through the arts/ film/ multimedia / social media

You will need:

Paper/ pencils/ pens/ card for photo banners/ camera or smartphone/ computer (optional: projector and screen; display board; social media; [Traces Tumblr](#))

There are zillions of ways a refugee might have made a difference to you, your community or to Britain.

Perhaps a refugee doctor helped a loved one recover from an illness. Perhaps a fellow refugee helped you find your feet when you first arrived in the UK. Or maybe you don't know anyone who is a refugee - but it just so happens your favourite book was written by one.

Whatever your story, here's how you can share it in two simple steps:

Step 1: Find your story:

**Think about people in your family, street, school or workplace who have helped you in some way*

**Map your local area in your head. Ask around to find out where refugees are making a difference*

**Visit your local museum to find out about refugee contributions in your area*

**Go to [Traces](#) and discover a film, song, book or work of art by a refugee*

REMEMBER:

- If you are using someone's full name or photo you must get permission from them first
 - If you're not sure whether someone is a refugee, it's better not to ask as they may feel singled out. Instead, think about someone you know is a refugee, or pick someone from [Traces](#)
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Step 2: Tell the world:

**Write down your story in a few words and take a photo of you holding it*

**Use a photo and caption to make your very own [meme](#) (it only takes a second)*

**Tell your story in a short video or audio message, or get creative with [Vine](#) or [Instagram](#)*

** Make your own comic strip, then scan it or take a photo*

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