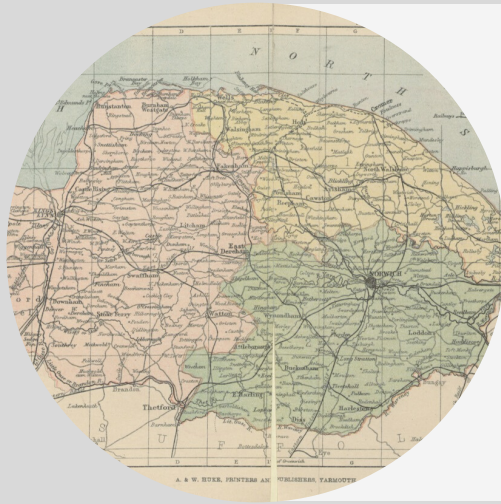


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ADMIRAL HORATIO NELSON Sailor 	Burnham Thorpe	<p>Nelson was a famous sailor whose tactics led to several victories for the Royal Navy. He was famously killed during his victory at the Battle of Trafalgar. Norfolk has a long tradition of naval and maritime history. Nelson had links to the port of Great Yarmouth as he docked and set sail from here several times. They built a monument there which predates the one in Trafalgar Square in London. Time and Tide Museum is also a very good source of information on the history of Yarmouth and can be contacted to help develop a local study on Nelson or the maritime history of the town.</p> <p>Nelson was unfortunately also a supporter of the slave trade. One enquiry idea would be for the children to research and discuss his support of the slave trade and compare this with how he is remembered as a national hero. There is a lot of scope for discussion and debate with this issue. Should he be remembered as a hero?</p> <p>Why was Nelson remembered by the town of Great Yarmouth? What was life like on board the HMS Victory? How did Nelson rise through the ranks? Why was it important for Britain to have a navy?</p>	Georgian	Royal Museums Greenwich Norfolk Record Office
QUEEN ANNE BOLEYN 	Blickling Hall	<p>Second wife of Henry VIII and executed in 1536. The mother of the future Queen Elizabeth I, her time as Queen was marred by accusations of heresy and accusations of being a traitor to her King. It is said that her ghost haunts Blickling Hall.</p> <p>A local study could include: What was life like at Blickling? Or a comparison of the life of Anne with our Queen Elizabeth, or a comparison of all six wives of Henry VIII.</p>	Tudor	National Trust Historic Royal Palaces

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BOUDICCA Queen of the Iceni 	Venta Icenorum Caistor St Edmund Norfolk	<p>Warrior Queen of the Iceni tribe in Norfolk. After the death of her husband, King Prasutagus, and the mistreatment of her daughters by the Romans, Boudicca would lead the united Celtic tribes in a campaign that would see the sacking of Colchester, St Albans and London. They were finally defeated at the Battle of Watling Street.</p> <p>A local study could compare the time of Boudicca with another period of Norfolk history. Where did the Iceni live? What was life like in Iceni Norfolk? Why did the Iceni revolt against the Romans? Children could also compare Boudicca with Queen Elizabeth II.</p>	Iron Age	BBC History History Extra Norfolk Archaeological Trust
THOMAS PAINE Writer/Philosopher 	Thetford	<p>Writer, activist, philosopher, theorist and revolutionary. Born in Thetford, he was at first a maker of corsets before becoming a privateer. His writings greatly influenced the American and French Revolutions.</p> <p>A study using primary sources from the records office about local trades in and around Thetford or Norfolk as a whole, and the later Victorian period, would highlight trades in the high street. How does this compare with shops, trades etc in the high street today? A study of the life of Thomas Paine could include enquiries about his life and career. How did he inspire other people to revolt in France and America?</p>	Georgian	History.com USHistory.org
POCAHONTAS Chieftan's Daughter 	Heacham	<p>Native American made famous for bringing together Native Americans and English settlers. Also made famous by the Disney cartoon.</p> <p>For a time, Pocahontas lived in Heacham. What was life like in Stuart Norfolk? Who is the real Pocahontas? What were the differences between her life in America and in England?</p>	Stuart	History.com National Park Service

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HOWARD CARTER Archaeologist 	Swaffham	<p>Archaeologist who discovered the tomb of Tutankhamun in Egypt. Employed by Lord Carnarvon to explore, map and excavate the Valley of the Kings in Egypt. Carter employed modern methods of archaeology by improving methods of cataloguing, site preservation and how sites were searched.</p> <p>In Key Stage 2 a study of Ancient Egypt as an ancient civilisation can be aided by visiting Norwich Castle Museum which has an Ancient Egyptian exhibit. Carter's involvement as a man from Norfolk gives children a way in to an enquiry. They could become archaeologists and plan their journey and expedition to aid Carter in his dig of the tomb. How would they get there? What would they need? What was it like?</p>	Ancient Egypt	History Extra BBC Bitesize
ROBERT KETT Landowner/Rebel 	Wymondham	<p>A local farmer who led the rebellion of 1549 to fight for the rights of agricultural workers and against the policy of enclosure. Hanged from Norwich Castle.</p> <p>A local study could focus on how the lives of the poor were different to those of the rich in Tudor Norfolk. Other questions to consider include: Why did enclosure happen? How did enclosure affect the poor? How was the rebellion put down?</p>	Tudor	Spartacus Educational
EDITH CAVELL Nurse 	Swardeston	<p>A nurse who, while working in Belgium in WW1, helped both allied and enemy wounded. Executed by the Germans.</p> <p>Norfolk was greatly affected by WW1. It was shelled by German ships, attacked and bombed by the Zeppelins, saw minor sea battles off its coast, lost thousands of men and was the birthplace of Edith Cavell. An enquiry could focus on how It was affected by WW1. How and why did Cavell save people? How important was her faith? A comparison of Edith as a significant local individual could be made with Mary Seacole/Florence Nightingale.</p>	Early 20th Century	Imperial War Museum

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PABLO FANQUE Performer/Circus Owner 	Norwich	<p>Born in Norwich, William Darby (Pablo Fanque) was a horse performer and circus owner. He was the first black circus owner in Britain where his circus toured the country during the 'Golden Age' of circus in Victorian Britain. His name is referenced in The Beatles' song "Being for the benefit of Mr Kite".</p> <p>What was it like for Fanque living in Victorian Norwich/Britain? Compare a visit to the circus to what the children can research about Pablo Fanques' circus. Links to changes in living memory.</p>	Victorian	Norfolk Record Office
ELIZABETH FRY Reformer 	Norwich	<p>Social reformer who helped improve conditions for women prisoners. She was instrumental in pushing for a change in laws that would help prisons become more humane and safer.</p> <p>An overarching enquiry could be: What was crime and punishment like in Victorian Norfolk? Who is Elizabeth Fry and why is she remembered? Why was there crime at this time? Using local sources, research Norwich prisons. What were they like? A visit to the Norwich Castle Museum would help children's understanding. You can also link to reform and later Suffragette movement.</p>	Georgian/ Victorian	BBC Bitesize Norfolk Record Office
JULIAN OF NORWICH Mystic/Hermit 	Norwich	<p>Mystic and hermit, Julian of Norwich was the first woman known to write a book in any form of English, "Sixteen Revelations of Divine Love", in circa 1393 after she had a vision.</p> <p>Who was Julian of Norwich and why is she remembered? What was language like in medieval England? How difficult do you think it was for her to write a book at this time?</p>	Medieval (Post 1066)	Friends of Julian of Norwich British Library