Sample lesson plan

Topic: Margate then and now - exploring local history

resources in the library.

Year Group: Year 5

Length of session: One hour

Duration	Session breakdown
8 mins	Welcome, health & safety & introduction to the library.
	Setting the scene for this session and sharing local history resources eg, photographs, old newspapers, street directories, advertising & maps. These can be left on display for viewing & further study by children for the duration of the session.
	Divide children into 3 groups.
	45 minutes for all group activities led by the librarian and supported by teaching staff. Divided up as follows:
15 mins	Group 1: Using a selection of photographs from the library's collection – look at old Margate buildings & what they are now. Small group work. Questionnaire.
	Group 2: Using images and other resources from the library's collection - investigate transport then and now, with questions to complete (group work & table discussion)
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7 mins	Gather back together, recap learning, talk through next steps (eg library joining)

NB: If children want to borrow books as part of this visit, this can be done either after the end of the session, or in small groups of 4-5 during the activities.





Supporting Resources

Appendix A:

Local Studies Material from the Library Collection

This could include:

- Old newspapers in hard copy and / or on microfiche / microfilm, or digital both local and national
- Local street directories through the years
- Local photographs from 19th, 20th and 21st centuries
- Posters and advertising from different periods
- Postcards from the collection
- Census returns
- Historic playbills
- Maps through the ages
- Digital resources

Appendix B

Books featured could include:

Title	Author	Type of book
Margate then and now	Alan and Ian Kay	Adult non-fiction
Positively last performance (set in Margate)	Geraldine McCaughrean	Children's fiction
VICTORIANS	Ann Kramer	Children's non-fiction

Vile Victorians Horrible Histories	Terry Deary	Children's non-fiction
Victorian Life: Transport	Nicola Barber	Children's non-fiction
The Victorians	Peter Hicks	Children's non-fiction
School Life School Life	Peter Hicks	Children's non-fiction
Scary schools and horrid homework	John Townsend	Children's non-fiction

Victorian Seaside Holidays Seaside Holidays	Mandy Ross	Children's non-fiction
At The Seaside At the seaside	Louise Spilsbury	Children's non-fiction
Dreamland remembered: 140 years of seaside fun in Margate Dreamland Remembered: 140 years	Nick Evans	Adult non-fiction
Dreamland Revived: the story of Margate's famous amusement park Dreamland Revived Dreamland Revived	Nick Evans	Adult non-fiction
Margate Through Time	Anthony Lee, John Robinson, Janet Robinson	Adult non-fiction

The Kent Coast: Gravesend to Margate through time	Anthony Lane	Adult non-fiction
The Margate Tales	Stephen Channing	Adult non-fiction
Margate's Seaside heritage	Nigel Barker	Adult non-fiction
Margate & Ramsgate tramways Margate & Ramsgate tramways Margate & Ramsgate tramways Margate & Ramsgate tramways	Robert J Harley	Adult non-fiction
Isle of Thanet: through time	Anthony Lane	Adult non-fiction