



CROSSING BRIDGES
ACTIVITY PACK

CROSSING BRIDGES: QUESTION SHEET

As you walk along this trail you might meet people with stories to tell about their lives in Kings Norton over the last thousand years! Here are some questions to help you find out more along the way...

FEMALE SLAVE (1086)

QUESTION: How did King's Norton get its name?

ANSWER:

MERCHANT (1660)

QUESTION: If we were servants in 1660, how much would we be paid?

ANSWER:

SECRETARY (1914)

QUESTION: What happens to the factory if war breaks out?

ANSWER:

SUFFRAGETTE (1913)

QUESTION: What happened at the Grammar School in 1913?

ANSWER:

PARENT (1920)

QUESTION: How many people from Birmingham died during the Great War?

ANSWER:



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CROSSING BRIDGES WORDSEARCH

E E T L R L J Y F T S F W T I
T T S E E R T E L R Q V O C S
D T A N B N A N U V Y R I W N
F E V K O J E I J A D N X I I
D G U E S R A R D Q E Q X P O
N A H E H C T S U M F E S I C
W R E M E Z E U A X C E U K B
W F R G L M S B N A C C V S C
M F Q O O H P D E D Q F Z A G
X U O D S Z O P A X E M X P X
K S J W I N R W D Q S H Y D R
I S R T E W T A L C G T M V N
S K E Z A Q S F Y B Y G C O C
M R T P C V N X R X H P Q I P
O R X C R J Y T L I B R A R Y

AXE
DOMESDAY
NORTUN
SPORTS

CINEMA
LIBRARY
PEACE
SUFFRAGETTE

COINS
MOP
SKATE
TREES



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RIDDLES

Around the park you will find one of these symbols on each of the boards. When you find the symbol on this sheet and the board with which it matches, use the riddle listed alongside it as a clue to find what has been hidden nearby. All of the hiding places can be seen from the board, but you may need to explore to find the object they contain. Good luck!



FIVE STAND IN A LINE. AS IF ON THE SECOND STEP OF THE PODIUM. BEHIND THESE IS ONE BIGGER THAT MIGHT BE THE WINNER BECAUSE IT IS WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR.



OF TREES: WHEN GIVEN A CHOICE BETWEEN A WHOLE, A HALF AND WHAT USED TO BE. CHOOSE THE LAST OF THESE.



ON YOUR PATH. YOU WILL FIND THOSE WHICH GROW DIFFERENTLY BECAUSE THEY WILL MAKE A SPACE FOR YOU TO STAND CLOSE AND BE SHELTERED.



IF YOU GO BEYOND SITTING DOWN. LOOK FOR WHAT IS MISSING SOMETHING WORSE THAN ITS BITE.



IF YOU STAND CLOSEST TO PILLARS OF BRICK AND ARE STILL TALLER. YOU'LL GET WHAT IT SOUNDS LIKE TO CONQUER.



OF ALL THE ROADS DIVERGING. TAKE THE ONE LESS PAVED. THAT DOESN'T REALLY GO ANYWHERE.



IF YOU COME FROM A PLACE OF CIVILITY. YOU'LL LOOK RIGHT AND SEE ONE ALONE IS ENOUGH.



IN SUMMER IT'S EASY TO SEE THIS AS THE ODD ONE OUT: AT ANY OTHER TIME JUST LOOK FOR THE THINNEST OF THE TRUNKS IN A LINE.



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MIXED-UP MEMORIES

THIS POEM FROM THE BOARD HAS BEEN MADE BY JUMBLING UP ALL OF THE MEMORIES OF THE KINGS NORTON FROM THE PEOPLE WE TALKED TO IN THE CROSSING BRIDGES PROJECT. CAN YOU UNJUMBLE THEM AGAIN IN THE SPACE BELOW?

Kings Norton is magical I heard people run into one another in the place where I start my commute going back to the present not with anger not with fear but with love which floats so near a story around a river bank where I fell in summers with my nan reading gravestones full of kind people playing spies we like playing rainbows waiting for the clocks to go ding dong ding startling those who inhabit there anything to make you warm chilling with my mates on the weekend they flicker and dance in the twilight and even the teachers give in to child's play I fell asleep in one maths lesson animals scuttered and run around mice eat berries instead of cheese my duck got dirty in the duck race jumping in the river it went in my mouth I can already taste the flavour on my lips it is long and pointy something still lurks on maybe it is because of the things they saw there was once a cinema on the green to observe its beauty, peace and grace no past allowed we're all proud of our town where I pick blackberries every summer to make blackberry jelly swings slide stiff spinny thing makes my heart lurch as it begins to get dark I leave this sweet little park as a community we are not mean and a community means it's not just people who run into one another and community means Kings Norton is magical do you agree?



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THE SOUNDS OF SPORT

An onomatopoeia is a word which mimics the sound of the thing it describes; e.g. An owl *'hoots'* a flying object *'wooshes'*. Onomatopoeia is a great tool in creative writing because it helps the reader to better imagine what is going on.

This poem uses a lot of onomatopoeia to describes the sound of different sports in the park- we have taken the sounds out. Can you imagine what they would be or make some of your own to compete the poem?

**THE OF A NEAR MISS.
AND SPECTATORS AS THE BALL REMAINS IN PLAY.
THE OF TWENTY TWO STUDED BOOTS.
NOT SLOWING DOWN AS EVERYTHING IS AT STAKE.**

**THE POP. AND ROLL.
IS THE RESULT OF COUNTLESS WEEKENDS.
OF FAILED TRICKS AND DEDICATION.
OF BEING SPOTTED BY FRIENDS.**

**THE ON THE COURT.
SUMMER AFTERNOONS. IT'S FORTY LOVE.
FAMILIES GATHERED WATCHING. WITH AN UNOFFICIAL UMPIRE.
PROTESTING DOUBLES THAT THEY ARE UNSYMPATHETIC OF.**

**A ANIMATING THE NATURE FROM A SADDLE.
GLIDING THROUGH THE SERENITY.
GATHERING SPEED AND THE SPOKES ARE BLURRING.
UNTIL A GENTLE STOP UNDERNEATH OUR FAVOURITE TREE.**

**THE AS A GAME IS DONE.
A FINAL POINT DISALLOWED.
A THOUSAND VICTORIES BEEN WON.
TEARS SHED AND LAUGHTER**

**..... AMONGST THIS SPACE.
ARE GENERATIONS OF FOLK.
VICTORIES FIND THEIR ROOTS IN THIS VERY SOIL.
FROM THE SLIVER BIRCH. TO THE CHESTNUT OAK.**











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FIND THE SYNONYM

Synonyms are words which are different but have the same or very similar meanings; for example, 'joy', 'happiness' and 'glee' are all very similar, but one may sound better in the line of the poem or story you are writing. A good way of finding interesting synonyms is to use a thesaurus, which is a book which lists lots of synonyms for every word.

Below is a list of words which each have a synonym in one of the poems on the boards around the park. Can you track down which word you think has the same meaning in the poem and then try and think of a synonym of your own? The first is done for you as an example.

	SYNONYM	WORD IN POEM	YOUR WORD
	POWER	STRENGTH	TOUGHNESS
	WRITE DOWN		
	SCRUFFY		
	PECULIAR		
	PEACE		
	FOCUS		
	INTELLIGENCE		
	SURPRISING		

