

25 YEARS OF ICONIC LONDON

Creative Pod Plan for teachers

POD PLAN/TEACHER SCRIPT

Students arrive at the pod entrance – safely get into the pod (2 mins)

WELCOME TO THE LONDON EYE!

The London Eye was built for the Millenium and made its first rotation in the year 2000. Since then, it has carried over 8 million people in its pods. Now it's your turn!

STARTER: 5 MINS

As you begin to look out over London, prompt students to imagine all the small moments of life taking place in the city below them - the meetings, conversations, celebrations, joys, challenges and journeys of millions of people. What stories might be unfolding in this very moment? Students to choose one person they can see below and imagine what they are doing. Where might they be going? What might they be saying or thinking? Students share their ideas with a partner. Think of all the small moments of life the London Eye has witnessed during the past 25 years!

ACTIVITY: 10 MINS

As well as millions of individual stories, the London Eye has witnessed many nationally and internationally significant events and celebrations over the past 25 years. What significant events can they remember?

It's time for them to see if they can spot where these events took place!

Point students to **resource 1**. Can they see any of the locations where significant events of the last 25 years took place and record their position on the compass?

ACTIVITY: 8 MINS

So much has happened in the London Eye's first 25 years! But what about the next 25 years? How do you think the view from the London Eye might look different in 2050? Students to use **resource 2** to capture their thoughts and ideas. For each of the three categories in the table (transport, nature, buildings and landmarks) they record what they can see now and what they think they they might be able to see in 25 years' time!

PLENARY: 2 MINS

Reflect on the following questions: What did you enjoy most about your trip? What has surprised you?

END OF POD JOURNEY

Please take care when you leave the pod. Take your work with you and don't forget how you've been inspired by the London skyline today! Students carry the work they've done out of the pod so that they can discuss it in the classroom. Leave pod.



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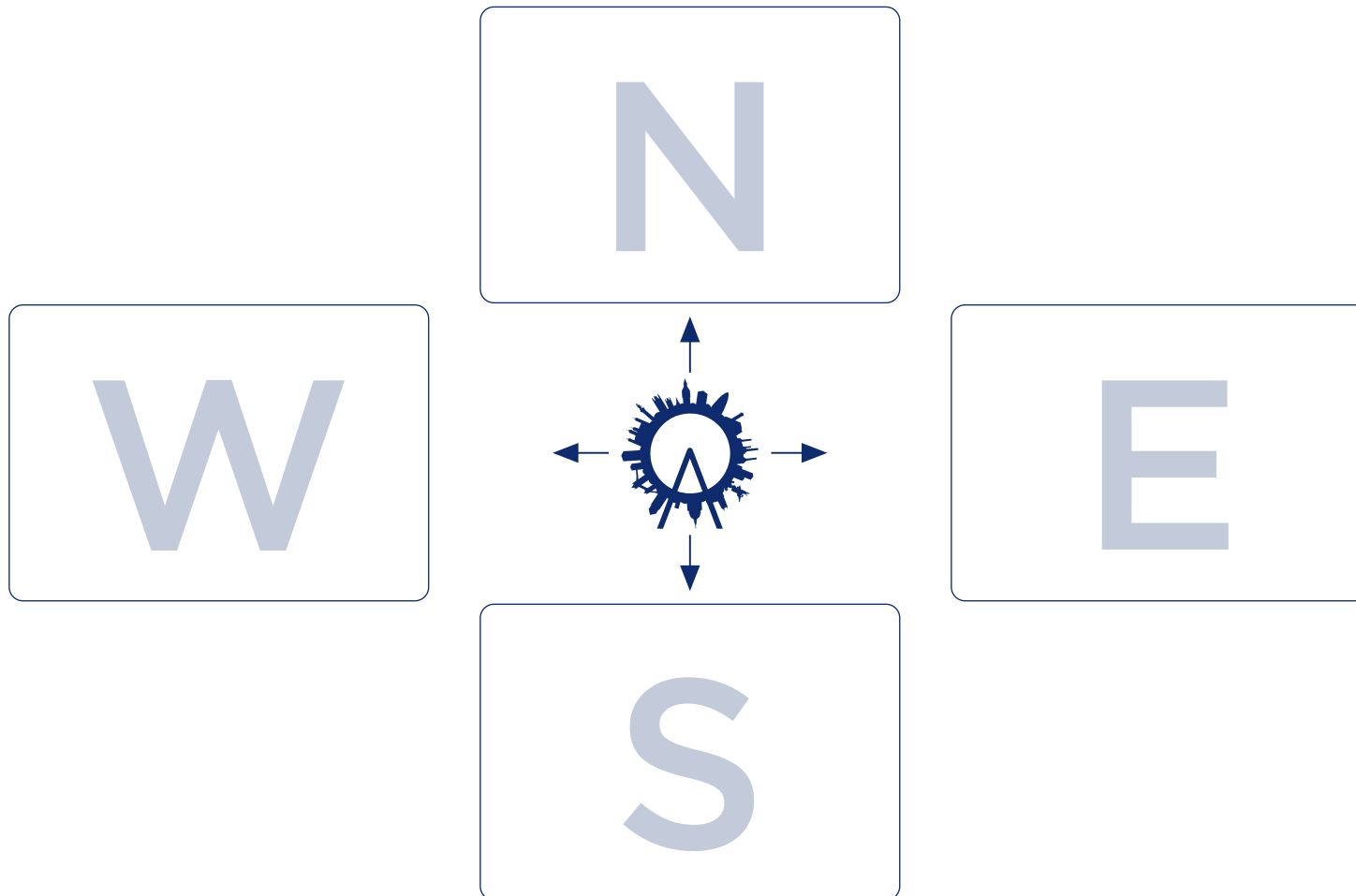
LEARNING OBJECTIVES	BACK IN THE CLASSROOM
<ul style="list-style-type: none">☀ To CELEBRATE 25 years of the iconic London.☀ To IDENTIFY locations where significant events of the last 25 years have taken place.☀ To be INSPIRED by London.☀ To feel CONNECTED to London.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">☀ Students could develop their ideas from the starter activity. As a class, you could choose a location you saw on your trip such as a London bus, Westminster Bridge or the Southbank and each write a monologue from the point of view of a different character in this location at a particular time.☀ Challenge students to use their experience on the London Eye to consider how the city of London inspires people. Can they think about how the following people might feel inspired by London: an artist, historian, fashion designer, chef, engineer? How do they feel inspired by London?☀ Students could extend their ideas about how London might change in the next 25 years. They could consider any changes they would like to see in London over the next quarter of a century, perhaps writing a description of the London they want to see.☀ Building on this, students could think about their own connections to London and how they could help shape the next 25 years of London life. What could they do to help create the change that they want to see in London?
RESOURCES	
<p>You will need to print these resources and bring pens and clipboards to complete the activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">☀ VIEW FROM THE LONDON EYE GUIDE - <u>one copy</u> for the teacher.☀ RESOURCE 1: Compass with images of different London landmarks - one per child.☀ RESOURCE 2: Looking to the Future - one per child.	
KEY TERMINOLOGY/LANGUAGE	
<p>London, City, Skyline, Architecture, Culture, Society, Development, Change, Inspiration, Local, National, International.</p>	



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Resource 1: Compass

The London Eye has witnessed many important and exciting events since it was built in the year 2000. On the following page, you will find pictures of the locations where some of these events took place. Can you spot or work out the direction of these locations as you look out over London? Write each location and the event that took place there in the correct position on the compass below.



LIST OF LOCATIONS

Waterloo Bridge

Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park

Wembley Stadium

Trafalgar Square

St Thomas' Hospital

Old City Hall (near the Shard)

Westminster Abbey

Buckingham Palace

Whitehall



The
London Eye

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Resource 1: Compass

WATERLOO BRIDGE

This was the location of one of the first sightings of a whale in the Thames in 2006.



TRAFALGAR SQUARE

In 2020, the first Black Lives Matter protest was held here.



WESTMINSTER ABBEY

The wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton in 2011, and the Coronation of King Charles III in 2023, were held here.



ST THOMAS' HOSPITAL

During the Covid pandemic, many patients were cared for at this hospital including the Prime Minister at the time, Boris Johnson.



THE OLD CITY HALL

On the first national Windrush Day in 2018, the mayor of London attended a special 'Arrival' event here. (You may not be able to see the Old City Hall from the Eye but it is very close to the Shard so look out for the Shard to help you work out its location!)



WEMBLEY STADIUM

The England women's team won the UEFA Euro final here in 2022!



QUEEN ELIZABETH OLYMPIC PARK

The London Olympics and Paralympics were held here in 2012! (can you point to the direction you think this would be in on the skyline?)



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

After both the Royal wedding in 2011 and the King's Coronation in 2023, members of the Royal family waved at crowds from the balcony here.



WHITEHALL

This was the final destination of the 50th Anniversary London Pride March in 2022.

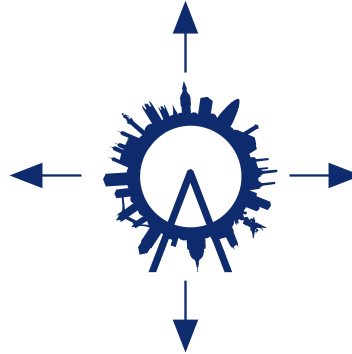


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Teacher Answer Sheet

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Waterloo Bridge -
Whale spotted in Thames

W
Wembley Stadium - UEFA Euro
final
Trafalgar Square - Black Lives
Matter protest
Buckingham Palace - Royal
wedding and Coronation wave
Whitehall - End of Pride march



E
Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park
The Old City Hall -
Windrush Day event

S
Westminster Abbey -
Royal wedding and King's
Coronation
St Thomas' Hospital - Covid
patients cared for



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Resource 2: The Future

How do you think the view from the London Eye might look different in 2050? For each category in the table below, write or draw what you can see now and what you think you might be able to see in 2050!

	NOW	2050
TRANSPORT		
NATURE		
LANDMARKS AND BUILDINGS		

