

# 25 YEARS OF ICONIC LONDON

## Student Instructions

### STARTER QUESTIONS

- ☀ London is often described as an 'iconic' city. What does the word 'iconic' mean? What do you think makes London iconic?
- ☀ What famous landmarks come to mind when you think of London?

### ACTIVITY 1

The London Eye is one of London's most popular landmarks. Since the year 2000, the London Eye has stood tall on the banks of the Thames, overlooking the iconic city of London. What an incredible view! Imagine everything the London Eye has seen in this time.

On the left-hand side of **resource 1.1** are nine significant events the London Eye has witnessed since it was built in the year 2000. Can you draw a line to match each event with the correct facts?

#### Discuss with your class:

- ☀ Do you remember any of these events (perhaps you heard about them on the news, learnt about them at school or know someone who attended)?
- ☀ Did any of the facts surprise you?
- ☀ If you could travel back in time and attend one of these events, which one would you like to attend and why?

### ACTIVITY 2

Create your own 'memory map' of London. On **resource 1.2**, you will find a blank map of London plus information about the location of nine events that have taken place in London since the year 2000. Your task is to mark the location of each event on your map.

First, draw a symbol to represent each event in your map's 'key'. Then, use online or paper maps of London to help you find each location. Mark each symbol on the map in the location where the event took place.

#### Discuss with your class:

- ☀ Which event took place closest to the London Eye and which was furthest away?
- ☀ Have you visited any of the places marked on your map? Which would you like to visit?



## REFLECTION

In a small group or with your whole class, reflect upon the social and historical significance of the events you've learnt about today using the discussion cards below/on **resource 1.3**.

- ☀ Which of the events do you think people living abroad would have heard of?
- ☀ Which of these events do you think will be remembered in 25 years' time and why? Which events do you think might be remembered in 100 years' time? Might any of them be remembered in 1000 years' time?
- ☀ Which of these events do you think created change? What changes did it create?
- ☀ Choose an event which you think shows community. Why have you chosen this one?
- ☀ Choose an event which you think shows compassion. Can you explain your reasons?
- ☀ Choose an event that you think shows power. Do you all agree? Discuss your reasons.
- ☀ Which of these events do you think shows creativity? Why?
- ☀ What do you think these events tell us about the city of London?

## OPTIONAL EXTENSION ACTIVITY

Choose the event which most interests you and make it your mission to find out more about it. You could carry out research using books, children's news sites and encyclopedias and maybe even old copies of children's newspapers. Why not become an oral historian and interview someone who remembers the event? Perhaps a teacher, family member or friend watched the event or even attended? Share any interesting findings with your class!

## DID YOU KNOW?

The London Eye lit up blue in support of Clap for Carers in 2020 but this is not the only time it's lit up for a special occasion! In 2024, the London Eye lit up in red in support of the charity 'Show Racism the Red Card'. It has also glowed green to celebrate Eid and displayed a multicolored light show for Diwali. The London Eye has even been illuminated in red, silver, and black for Star Wars and turned bright pink to celebrate the release of the Barbie movie! If you could choose an event or celebration for the London Eye to light up for, what would it be? What colors would you choose?



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## Resource 1.1: Fact Sheet

What do you know about each of these events?  
Draw a line to match up each event with the correct facts.

### EVENTS

1. London Olympics and Paralympics, 2012

2. Clap for Carers, 2020

3. The Coronation of King Charles III, 2023

4. UEFA Women's Euro Final, 2022

5. The first Black Lives Matter protest in London, 2020

6. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary London Pride March, 2022

7. The first ever Windrush Day, 2018

8. Wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton, 2011

9. Bottlenose whale spotted in the Thames, 2006

### FACTS

3 million people lined the streets to watch a royal procession through London. Guests from 203 countries attended a service in Westminster Abbey. **A**

People carried rainbow-coloured flags to represent diversity. They marched from Hyde Park Corner to Whitehall Place. **B**

204 countries took part. 70,000 volunteers helped out. Approximately 900 million people watched on TV. **C**

During the first Covid lockdown, many people stood outside their homes at 8pm on Thursday evenings. They clapped and banged saucepans to show appreciation for key workers. The London Eye lit up blue. **D**

A charity called British Divers Marine Life Rescue provided assistance. Journalists gathered to tell the story. **E**

Street parties were held across the country. Eight trees were brought into Westminster Abbey for the ceremony. The Abbey bells rang for 3 hours. **F**

87,192 spectators attended this event in Wembley Stadium. It started at 5pm. **G**

Thousands of people gathered to celebrate the contribution Caribbean migrants and their families have made to the UK. The Mayor of London attended a special 'Arrival' event at the Old City Hall. **H**

People gathered peacefully in Trafalgar Square. They held placards and signs to protest against racism. Many 'took the knee' as a symbolic gesture against racism. **I**



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## Resource 1.2: Memory Map

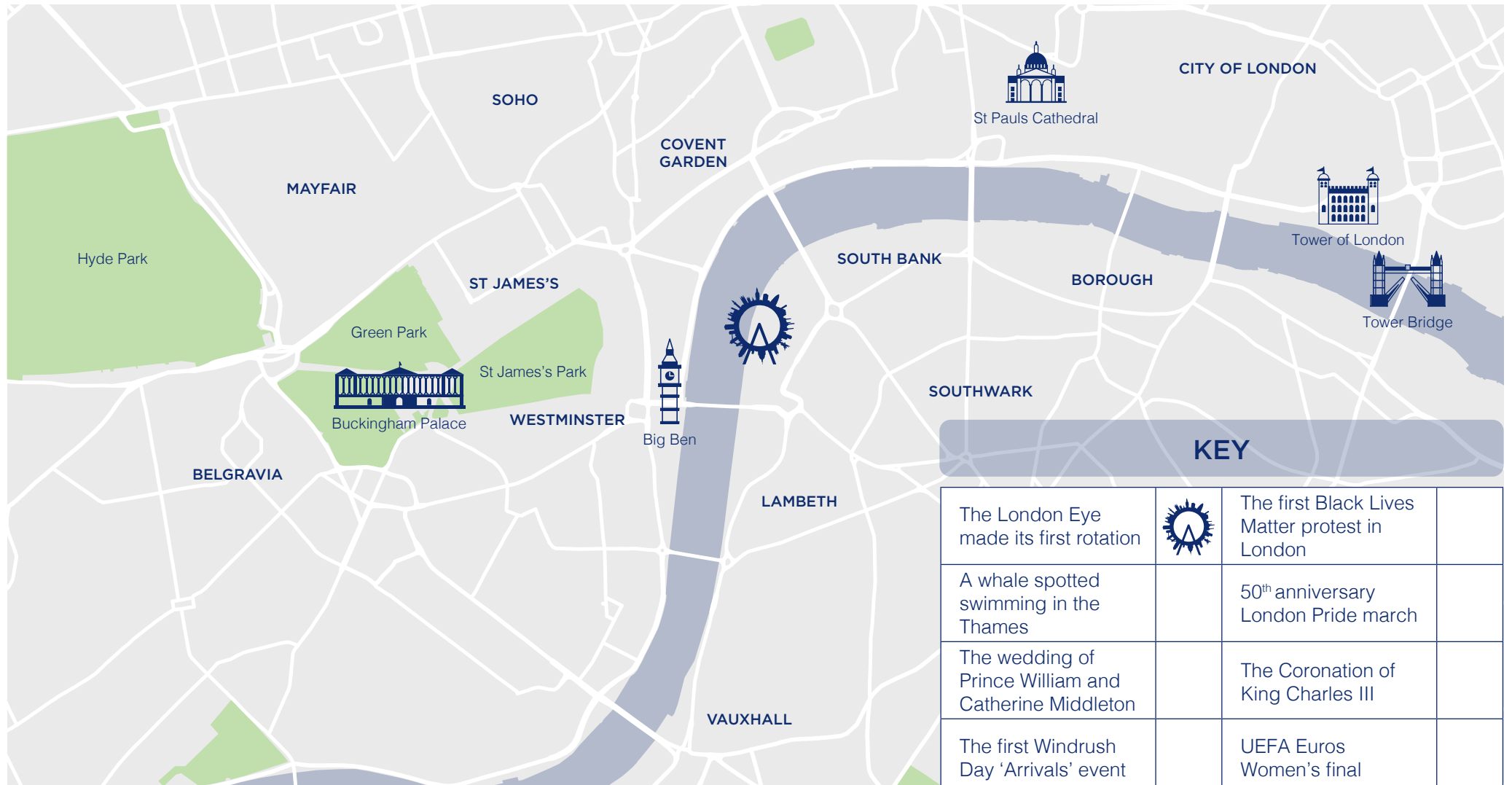
In the table below are ten significant events that have taken place in London since the year 2000 and the location where they happened. Create your own 'Memory Map' of 21<sup>st</sup> Century London using the map on the following page! First, draw a small symbol to represent each of the events in your map's 'key'. Now, use online or paper maps of London to help you find where each location is on your map. Mark each symbol on the map in the location where the event took place.

EVENT	LOCATION
The London Eye made its first rotation	Southbank
A whale spotted swimming in the Thames	The Thames near Waterloo Bridge
The wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton	Westminster Abbey
The first Windrush Day 'Arrivals' event	Old City Hall, Southwark
Care for Covid patients	St Thomas' Hospital
The first Black Lives Matter protest in London	Trafalgar Square
50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary London Pride march	Hyde Park Corner to Whitehall Place
The Coronation of King Charles III	Westminster Abbey
UEFA Euros Women's Final	Wembley Stadium*
London Olympics and Paralympics	Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park*

\*The Olympic Park and Wembley Stadium are too far out to be shown on your map. Instead, can you draw an arrow to show the direction you would need to travel from the London Eye to get to each of these locations?

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## Resource 1.2: Memory Map



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## Resource 1.3: Discussion Cards

In a small group or with your whole class, reflect upon the social and historical significance of the events you've learnt about today using the discussion cards below.

Which of the events do you think people **living abroad** would have heard of?

Which of these events do you think will be remembered in **25 years' time** and why?

Which of these events do you think created **change**? What changes did it create?

Choose an event which you think shows **community**. Why have you chosen this one?

Choose an event which you think shows **compassion**. Can you explain your reasons?

Choose an event that you think shows **power**. Do you all agree? Discuss your reasons.

Which of these events do you think shows **creativity**? Why?

What do you think these events tell us about the **city of London**?



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## Teacher Answer Sheet

### RESOURCE 1.1

1. C
2. D
3. A
4. G
5. I
6. B
7. H
8. F
9. E

### RESOURCE 1.2

