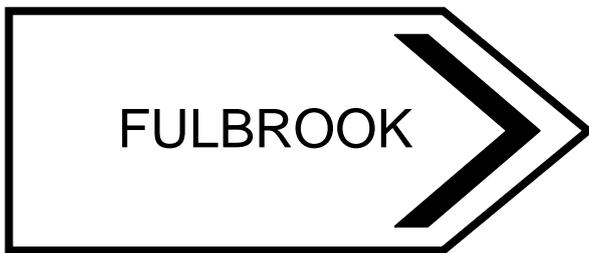
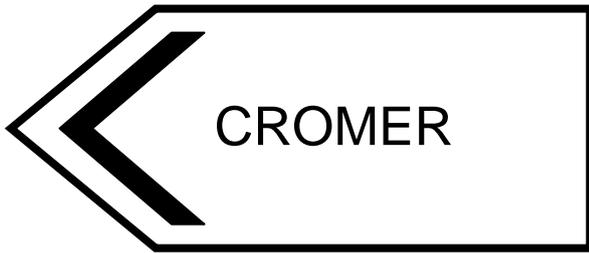


“Who do we think we are?”

What's in a name?



Place names are an important element in our every-day lives, but we usually take them for granted. We live, work and travel around them all the time. What if we stopped and thought about where these often strange and obscure place names come from?

Place names are as much a part of our cultural heritage as our language and the landscape around us. Most have an older meaning rooted in their modern form, and they can tell us a lot about how our history has influenced what we see today.

Your task

You are going to use the OS map of your local area to identify place names, research their origin and consider how history has influenced the area in which you live.

AIMS

1. Practice your map skills
2. Be able to identify Place names and conduct independent research
3. Make links between the origin of place names and our history / heritage



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Instructions

You must read and follow these instructions carefully, and complete all of the activities.

Along with this activity sheet, you have been given an information sheet which gives you some information about place names, their origins and how different groups of people influenced our history. Your first job is to **read through this information sheet.**

Once you have done that, you can read through the instructions below, and complete everything you are asked to do.

1. Use your OS map to identify **at least 15** place names from your area, which you will be able to investigate their origins. Write these names into table 1
2. To practice your map skills, you must also fill in the following information into the right place in the table...
 - a. The 6 figure grid reference of the place
 - b. The County the place is in
 - c. A short description of where the place is in England (use words like north, south, east west, midlands, close to...)
3. Research the origin of each place name (e.g. Celtic), and it's meaning, and write this information into the table. To do this, you should use the information on the sheet provided (which you should have already read!). However, this is not exhaustive, and the following websites can be used to conduct your own independent research...

Research – useful websites

- <http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/redschi/historydocs/Romans%20KS3/Celtic%20and%20Saxon%20placenames.doc>
- http://tre.ngfl.gov.uk/uploads/materials/14691/Etymology_Of_British_Place.doc
- <http://www.domesdaybook.co.uk/places.html>
- <http://www.countrylovers.co.uk/places/placnams.htm>
- <http://www.englishplacenames.co.uk/>
- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_generic_forms_in_British_place_names



