

Bracknell (Local Study) vs North America

Green spaces or skyscrapers? Where would you prefer to live?

Discussion Topics and Enquiry Questions

- 1 Where is Bracknell in the UK?
- 2 How has Bracknell change over time?
- 3 Who came to settle in Bracknell? When did it become a New Town?
- 4 Why do we use map symbols and lines of latitude and longitude?
- 5 Who has settled in America in the past?
- 6 Can you identify human and physical features in North America?
- 7 How does Bracknell differ to North America?

Key Vocabulary

Bracknell	Berkshire
South East	County
Village	Town
City	Longitude
Human features	Physical features
Local area	Northern, Southern Hemisphere
Latitude	Totem poles
Landmark	Equator
country	Native American



Core knowledge and skills

Geography: recognise the difference between a settlement, a town, city and country. Understand how settlements change and become towns and cities. Understand what are the physical and human features in their local area. Understand how human features change in the local area. Be able to produce simple sketch maps. Comparing Bracknell to North America looking at both of their human and physical features.

Art/D&T: Learn to sketch from observation. Use line and shade to produce 3D effects in their drawing. Draw buildings and roads in perspective. Design symbols and plans using correct scale. Learning about a famous American artist and using their techniques.

Recommended Activities

- Walk around their local area taking note of the types of houses and amenities available.
- Visit parks of the town they have never been to before and compare to local area.
- Visit green areas in the town and see how they can be used by the people who visit them.
- Walk to the Look Out and visit the Iron Fort. Think about its location and decide why it was a good spot for an Iron age fort.
- Visit a town near Bracknell and compare them.

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Sticky Knowledge

Recognise why Bracknell has changed over the years to become a modern town.
Understand the chronology involved in these changes.
Understand the effect of these changes in the physical features of the area.
Understand how humans can affect the area they live in and introduce features in their local environment.
Recognise the influence of the different cultures in England and how they reflect in their local area.
Understand that Bracknell was a new town and that brought a big influx of Londoners to live in this part of Berkshire.
Understand that economic development has changed Bracknell.
Understand that a local area can be represented by a sketch map and it can include physical, human features.
Understand how keys make map reading clear.
Understand the meaning of Landmark and recognise a range of Landmarks in the USA., both natural and man-made.
Recognise that the Americas were explored by different groups of people, including the Vikings, the English and the Spanish.



Oracy Skills

Social

To consider the impact of their words on others when giving feedback

Cognitive

To be able to give supporting evidence e.g. citing a text or previous example or historical event.

Linguistic

To carefully consider words and phrases they use to express their ideas and how this supports the

Physical

To consider movement when addressing an audience

Sentence Stems

"I would like to start by saying..."

"Building on X's idea..." "I agree and would like to add..."

"I disagree because..." "To challenge you X, I think..."

"Our discussion focused on..." "So far we have talked about..."

"Why do you think..." "Can you provide an example..."

Recommended Reads

American Authors — The boy who lost his face by L. Sachar.
Bracknell Town Council information about history of Bracknell
<https://www.bracknelltowncouncil.gov.uk/our-community/town-history/>