Bluecoat and Your Community

Writing your report

When you have finished your research, you can write up your findings into a report. Here are some tips.

Introduction

In the introduction of your report you should explain what the question is you are trying to answer and how you are going to do this.

For example,

I was trying to find out what buildings were lost during the War and to do this I spoke to the local librarian who showed me some old photographs of my local community.

Findings

In this section, you should explain what the findings of your research are and what evidence you found to prove this. Remember to use any pictures that you find, or draw your own pictures to help show your findings. For example,

During my research, I found out what is now the Bistro at Bluecoat was heavily bombed during the second World War. I discovered this by looking at photographs showing the room filled with rubble, and the roof missing.

In this section, you could also talk about how the community might have changed because of the War. You could talk about how the use of buildings has changed, or if there are any community groups or memorials that were built to commemorate the war. For example, When I went for a walk in my local park I noticed there was a war memorial with the names of young men who died during the War. This shows that the War really affected my community because many families lost someone they loved, and there might not be as many people living in the area.

Conclusion

In this section, do a quick summary of everything you learnt during your research and what you think that this tells us. Think about all the work you have done and all the photographs, pictures or areas of your community that you have seen.

In this section, you can also write about how you imagine the War impacted on your community and made it the place it is today. For example,

When Bluecoat was bombed the main area damaged was the Concert Hall. This room has changed a lot since then and now is somewhere where people meet or eat and drink. It is interesting to think how the building has changed since it was damaged during the War and what it was used for in the past.