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CELEBRATE
100 YEARS OF
LEEDS UNITED

Your local history
Your local team

A History Activity for schools

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1919 1929 1939 1949 1959 1969 1979 1980 1999 2009 2019

Notes for teachers:

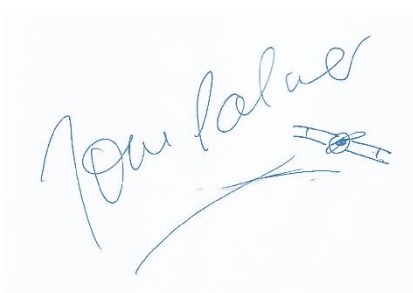
This resource has been developed to help pupils develop an understanding of the past, the world before they were born that belonged to the parents and grandparents. I've enjoyed looking at Leeds's history and I hope you will too.

By gaining an understanding of the timeline of important national and international events they can also see the role a football team played in the lives of local people. And for those who are new to Leeds this will help give an understanding of a shared history.

You can try a free chapter or find out more about my history fiction – Armistice Runner, D-Day Dog, Over the Line, Defenders and Wings series on my website, <https://tompalmer.co.uk/historical-fiction/>. My history books are set from Iron Age Celtic Britain to the Second World War and are available from Leeds Schools Library Service.

Finally, please do email me if any of your pupils have read all three Defenders of Wings books as I can send you a signed certificate to present to them.

Best wishes



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Suggested Guidelines

Further Resources

Pupils text boxes (without dates) to cut out

Timelines – could be enlarged to A3

Teacher's text boxes (with dates)

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Suggested guidelines:

1. Introduce the topic by showing pupils the timeline and ask them to identify in which decade is today and when they were born. Teacher could suggest when they were born or ask pupils if they know when parents / grandparents were born.
2. Discuss vocabulary relating to other groupings of time days, years, decades, centuries, Millennia and ensure understanding.
3. Ask pupils to cut out the text boxes and work together to rearrange them in the correct order of decades going forward in time.
4. Teachers' versions have exact dates to assist with prompting if pupils need clues.
5. Ask pupils to rearrange them in the correct order of decades going backward in time.
6. Extension work – pupils could research ...
 - population change in Leeds
 - historic local photographs of Leeds
 - clothing worn
 - architectural / town planning changes

Further resources:

Use Leodis <http://www.leodis.net/>

Leeds United/Elland Road images eg

http://www.leodis.net/display.aspx?resourceIdentifier=20081229_168149



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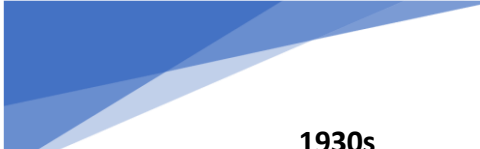
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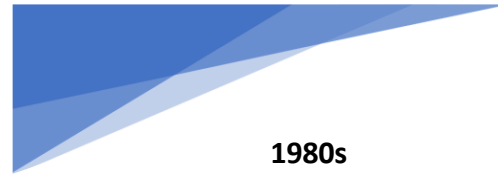
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