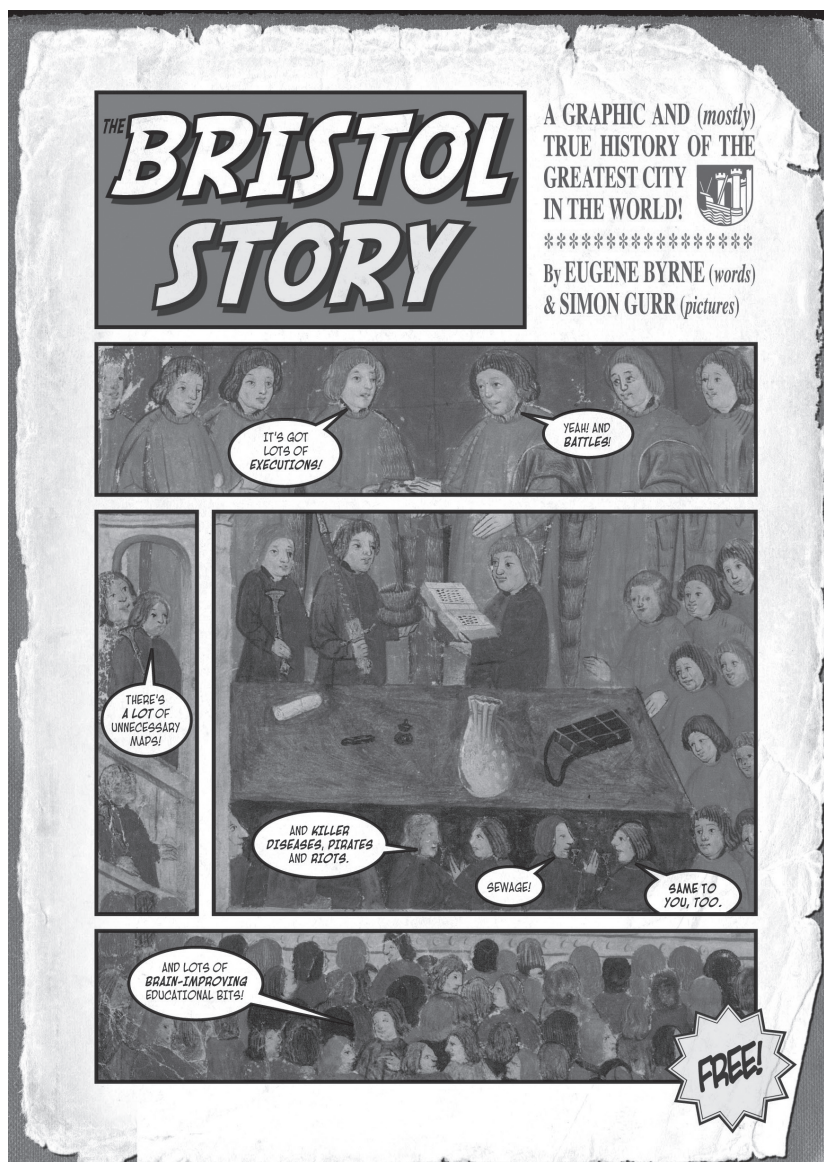


THE BRISTOL STORY ACTIVITIES



The following sheets have been devised to use alongside *The Bristol Story: a graphic and (mostly) true history of the greatest city in the world*. They are a mixture of quizzes, comprehension tests, puzzles and suggestions for artwork and writing that should be suitable for Key Stage 2 and up.

There is a separate activity pack about maps.

Activities for younger children and less confident readers are contained within the simplified version of the book and a separate set of sheets.

KEY

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| C | ? | Q | W | P |
| CREATIVE WORK | TRUE or FALSE | QUICK QUIZ | WORD GAME | PUZZLE |

INTRODUCTION

W

Fill the gaps in these sentences, using words from the list below.

Vincent and Goram were _____. They both fell in love with _____ who came from _____. She could not _____ which of the brothers she wanted to _____ and so she challenged them to _____ a huge _____. They decided to dig a _____ to the river _____. This is now called the _____. _____ was built on the drained land. When Avona _____ Vincent, some say that Goram _____ himself into the Bristol Channel and _____.

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| GORGE | SEVERN | CHANNEL | GIANTS | AVONA |
| LAKE | DROWNED | AVON | DRAIN | BRISTOL |
| DECIDE | WILTSHIRE | MARRY | THREW | CHOSE |

C

The story of Vincent and Goram is a legend about the making of Bristol.

What type of story is 'a legend'?

What other legends do you know? (there are some more mentioned in *The Bristol Story*).

Make up your own legend about how the part of Bristol you live in was created.

Write this as a short story or turn it into a comic script.

CHAPTER ONE

Q

Quick quiz

What is the name of Bristol's dinosaur?

When were its fossilised remains found?

How long ago did it live?

Visit www.bristoldinosaur.com/resources-teaching.html for more activities about the Bristol dinosaur.

P

Decide whether these sentences are **true** or **false**.

There have only been photographs for 50 years.

TRUE / FALSE

Pieces of flint tools have been found that are 60,000 years old.

TRUE / FALSE

The Ice Age ended about 1,000 years ago.

TRUE / FALSE

The skeleton of Cheddar Man was found in a cave in 1903.

TRUE / FALSE

The Celts only lived in Britain.

TRUE / FALSE

The Dobunni built hill forts around the Bristol area.

TRUE / FALSE

Remains of a Roman villa were found in Kings Weston.

TRUE / FALSE

The Dark Ages refers to a time when there was no light.

TRUE / FALSE

Jordan is a traditional Bristol boy's name.

TRUE / FALSE

The Anglo-Saxons called Bristol 'Brycgstow'.

TRUE / FALSE

Q

Quick quiz

Why did Bristol become a rich and powerful city?

Why did merchants prefer to transport goods by water?

What sort of goods were the merchants likely to have been buying and selling?

CHAPTER TWO

W

Make six sentences about Bristol Castle.

Each sentence has one phrase each from columns 1, 2 and 3.

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
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| Bristol was important | of the castle's foundations | to reinforce their rule. |
| The Normans built | the people of Bristol must | in the castle. |
| The remains | had their headquarters | pay for the castle's upkeep. |
| The Earl of Gloucester | because it was | are in Castle Park. |
| Matilda and the Earl | Bristol Castle | completely in stone. |
| King John said that | rebuilt the castle | the gateway to the West. |

CHAPTER THREE

C

The Bristol Story refers to some famous prisoners kept in Bristol Castle. These included Llewelyn and Owain, the young sons of the last ruler of Wales, and Eleanor "the fair maid of Brittany".

Imagine how you would have felt being imprisoned in the castle. You might have been like poor Owain, locked up in a cage each night. He must have been cold, cramped, miserable and afraid. Or you might have been like Eleanor, who lived quite comfortably but was imprisoned in the castle for nearly 20 years. She was probably bored, lonely and frustrated.

Write a poem about being a castle prisoner. Draw a picture to illustrate your poem.

Q

Quick quiz

What is a whittawer?

Why was William Worcester imprisoned?

Why was the butcher climbing the Avon Gorge?

CHAPTER FIVE

W

Fill the gaps in the sentences. The words are all hidden in the Wordsearch box below.

The Black Death was a terrible _____ that started in _____ in the 1340s and _____ across Europe. The doctors' medicines, which were mainly based on _____, did not work. Once someone _____ ill, they usually _____ in a few days. Some people gave up _____, some got _____, some tried to _____. The dead were buried in big _____.

S P R E A D
D I E D S I
R T F A I S
U S L E A E
N F E L L A
K H E R B S
F W O R K E

CHAPTER SIX

Q*Quick quiz*

What happens during the process known as 'carding'?
 Why did weaving have to take place on the ground floor?
 What colours did woad make?

CHAPTER SEVEN

P

Complete the puzzle using the clues below. Make your own clue for the secret word that will be revealed in the grey-shaded column.

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- Shakespeare changed the name of Bussy, the knight who supported the Earl of Wiltshire, to _____.
- Sir Baldwin Fulford was executed at Bristol's High _____.
- Bolingbroke's first name was _____.
- King Edward IV had been the _____ of York.
- Black _____ knocked Thomas Talbot from his horse with an arrow.
- Thomas Talbot's official title was Viscount _____.
- Bristol men fought at the Battle of _____ in Yorkshire.

CHAPTER EIGHT

W

Fill the gaps in the sentences about Sturmy's voyages to the Mediterranean using words from the list below.

In 1446, _____ Sturmy sent a ship to trade at _____ in Italy and take some _____ to Jaffa. The ship was _____ in a storm on the way home, but the _____ showed that it was now _____ to reach the Mediterranean from Bristol. In 1457-58, Sturmy sent _____ more ships into the Mediterranean. He traded with the Turks and got 152 tons of _____. The _____ wanted to stop Bristolians trading there. The pirate _____ Gattiulusio attacked the Bristol ships near _____. The ships, cargo and over 100 _____ were lost.

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 PISA EXPEDITION GIULANO ROBERT GENOESE THREE

C

Imagine the Bristol *Evening Post* had been published in 1458.

Design an eye-catching front page spread announcing the news of the disaster in the Mediterranean with a headline, a picture and some key points from the story.

CHAPTER NINE

Q*Quick quiz*

Who was St Brendan the Navigator?

What was his boat made from?

Where was there a shrine to St Brendan in Bristol?

P

Complete the puzzle about John Cabot using the clues below. Make your own clue for the secret word that will be revealed in the grey-shaded column.

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1. John Cabot's sons were called Sebastiano, Sancio and _____.

2. His wife was called _____.

3. Explorers were looking for a route to Asia across the _____.

4. The *Matthew* made landfall on the feast of St John the _____.

5. Cabot brought back a painted _____.

6. The sailors ate _____ beans and peas.

C

Read the description in *The Bristol Story* of the voyage of the *Matthew* in 1497.

Imagine you are one of the sailors on board - one of the few who can read and write.

Write an imaginary letter home, describing crossing the Atlantic and the things you saw when you explored the American coast.

CHAPTER TEN

P

Decide whether these sentences are **true** or **false**.

None of the Redcliffe weavers were Lollards.

TRUE / FALSE

The Reformation was led by people called Protestants.

TRUE / FALSE

William Tyndale translated the Bible into Latin.

TRUE / FALSE

William Hubberdyne died when his pulpit collapsed.

TRUE / FALSE

The Pope was head of the Anglican Church.

TRUE / FALSE

William Saxton was burnt at the stake.

TRUE / FALSE

CHAPTER ELEVEN

Q*Quick quiz*

Where did the three Inuit that Martin Frobisher brought to Bristol come from?

What was the name of the sailor who first brought turkeys to Bristol?

What happened to the Fool's Gold Frobisher brought to Plymouth?

W

Fill in the gaps in these sentences about the North West Passage. The words are all hidden in the Wordsearch box below.

The Bristol merchants wanted to find a route to _____ that headed northwards across the Atlantic into the _____. Thomas _____ led an expedition in 1631 on the ship Henrietta _____. They explored _____ Bay. They spent the terrible winter on Charlton _____. They _____ the ship so it would not be destroyed by _____ and made a shelter that was their _____ from _____ to July. There were _____ and blizzards. In the spring there came _____ of flies. They could not find the North West Passage but the _____ they brought back were useful for other explorers.

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Can you imagine it being so cold that your eyelashes freeze together? Can you imagine your bed-clothes covered in frost and icicles hanging from the ceiling?

Write a poem about being very, very cold and far from home.

CHAPTER TWELVE

Q*Quick quiz*

What did Charles I do that annoyed the Bristol soap merchants?

Which school was founded by soap merchant John Carr?

Where did the soap makers get their olive oil from?

W

Fill in the gaps in these sentences about the Civil War using words from the list below.

In 1642, when the Roundhead _____ reached the _____ of Bristol, the _____ let them in. There was a _____ to help the Cavaliers take the city but the house where the conspirators were meeting was _____ and around 100 men were _____. On _____ 22 1643, the Cavaliers had the city surrounded and broke through a gap in the _____. The Roundheads surrendered. On September 10 1645, a huge _____ on Ashley Down was lit as the _____ for another attack on Bristol by the Roundheads. This time the Cavaliers surrendered.

RAIDED
GATESWALLS
TROOPSCORPORATION
BONFIREARRESTED
PLOTSIGNAL
JULY

CHAPTER FOURTEEN



Decide whether these sentences are **true** or **false**.

There used to be a pirate kingdom on Lundy Island.

TRUE / FALSE

The Barbary pirates only enslaved Muslims.

TRUE / FALSE

The Barbary pirates were popular in Bristol.

TRUE / FALSE

Privateering was a legal form of piracy.

TRUE / FALSE

William Dampier sailed with Woodes Rogers.

TRUE / FALSE

The pirate Edward Teach was known as Redbeard.

TRUE / FALSE

Long John Silver was a character in *Treasure Island*.

TRUE / FALSE

**The pirate code**

Although pirates were fierce and wild, they still lived by a code of behaviour or set of rules. Everyone on a pirate ship had to obey the rules or they might be killed, marooned, beaten or have their noses slit open. There were rules about how the booty should be shared out, when lights could be lit, where pirates could drink, when the musicians on board could have a day off and much more.

The pirates had to sign or make their mark on a document, and to swear an oath, promising to keep the rules. Sometimes they also had to do some kind of action as they swore their oath, like putting their hand on a human skull or kissing the chief's ring.

If you were a pirate chief, what rules would you have on your ship? What kind of oath would you make your pirates swear?

Write out your own pirate code.

CHAPTER FIFTEEN

**Quick quiz**

What were the names of the European islands where the Spanish and Portuguese grew sugar?

Which island became Britain's main sugar-growing colony after it was captured by William Penn?

Why did the plantations start using enslaved Africans to produce sugar?



Fill the gaps in the sentences about the slave trade, using the words in the list below.

Those enslaved Africans who survived the terrible _____ across the _____ Passage and reached the _____ Indies were sold to _____ owners. The merchants' _____ were then _____ with goods produced by _____ labour. This was mainly _____. There was also _____, an _____ drink that was popular with _____. The ships that went to America brought back _____. Sometimes the merchants bought _____ when they were in Africa. Only a few slaves came to Bristol. One of these was called _____ Africanus and he is buried in _____.

RUM

VOYAGE

ALCOHOLIC

TOBACCO

MIDDLE

PLANTATION

LOADED

SCPIO

SLAVE

SUGAR

WEST

HENBURY

SAILORS

IVORY

SHIPS

There are more activities about the slave trade in the Refugee Boy and Amazing Grace packs you can download from the archived Small Island Read website.

See www.bristolreads.com for details.

CHAPTER SIXTEEN



Decide whether these sentences are **true** or **false**.

Cigarettes were made in Bristol in the 1700s.

TRUE / FALSE

Bristol glassmakers used sand from Redcliffe caves.

TRUE / FALSE

Brass is no good for ships because it gets rusty.

TRUE / FALSE

William Champion used a steam engine at Warmley.

TRUE / FALSE

Coal was needed for sugar refining.

TRUE / FALSE

Some people in Bristol live over coal shafts.

TRUE / FALSE

Most of Bristol's coal came from Keynsham.

TRUE / FALSE



Quick quiz

Who invited John Wesley to preach in Bristol?

Where in Bristol was The New Room?

How long were the Saturday night prayer meetings in Kingswood?

CHAPTER EIGHTEEN



Decide whether these sentences are **true** or **false**.

The Feeder Canal kept Bristol's harbour full of water.

TRUE / FALSE

The Floating Harbour has changed a lot in 200 years.

TRUE / FALSE

Big ships can go easily down the River Avon.

TRUE / FALSE

The Great West Road was one of the best roads in Europe.

TRUE / FALSE

Brunel was the first person to cross the Clifton Suspension Bridge.

TRUE / FALSE

The ss *Great Britain* was used to store coal and wood.

TRUE / FALSE

George Pocock invented an automatic caning machine.

TRUE / FALSE

CHAPTER NINETEEN



Fill in the gaps in these sentences about the Bristol riots, using the words from the list below.

The Bristol riots were partly a _____ against the Mayor and Corporation.

_____ took over the city centre, including _____ Square. Several

_____ were burned down, including the _____ House. The _____

merchants' homes were _____ and the _____ released from gaol. People

were killed when the _____ charged. Hundreds of people were _____.

ARRESTED

MANSION

RIOTERS

PROTEST

CAVALRY

PRISONERS

HOUSES

LOOTED

QUEEN

WEALTHY

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- ## CHAPTER TWENTY ONE

Q

What were the names of the first two women to fly in an aeroplane?
What did Bristol's trams do before any others in the country?
What was the name of the world's first holiday caravan?

C

Write a short piece about your favourite method of travelling.

CHAPTER TWENTY TWO

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| Douglas made 300 motorcycles a week at Kingswood during the war. | TRUE / FALSE |
| The best warplane on the Allied side was the Bristol Boxkite. | TRUE / FALSE |
| Isaac Rosenberg died of old age. | TRUE / FALSE |
| There used to be a mustard gas factory in Avonmouth. | TRUE / FALSE |
| Ten per cent of the men who went to war did not come back. | TRUE / FALSE |
| A E J Collins was still at school when the war started. | TRUE / FALSE |

C

Write two imaginary diary entries: the first by someone about to go to war, expecting to be a hero. The other 12 months later, after they have experienced the realities of life at the front.

CHAPTER TWENTY THREE

Q

Quick quiz

How long did the bombing raid on Filton on 25 September 1940 last?
What happened when Winston Churchill visited Bedminster the day after the Good Friday raid?
Where were people buried in mass graves?

C

Imagine you were an American GI stationed in Bristol in World War Two.

Write a letter home describing the fighting in Park Street in 1944, saying why you think the fight broke out and what it was like to be there.

Bear in mind that if you imagine yourself to be a white GI from one of the southern states of America your point of view is likely to be very different than if you imagine yourself to be an African-American.

CHAPTER TWENTY FOUR

C

Vincent and Avona end *The Bristol Story* with their song about the city.

Write the lyrics of your own song about Bristol - or the part of it you know best. Try to use some local words and expressions and include references to local landmarks and events.

There's a BIG QUIZ about *The Bristol Story* in the Activities and Resources section of the Great Reading Adventure website www.bristolreads.com

FURTHER ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSION POINTS

Having read *The Bristol Story*, if you could go back in time, which period in Bristol's past would you most like to visit? Why?

Draw a short comic strip about what you think might happen during your visit.

Of all the Dead Interesting Bristolians mentioned in the book, which one would you most like to have met? Why?

Write your own "Professor Goram's Dead Interesting Bristolians" piece about some one who does not feature in the book. It could be someone in your family, one of your friends, a neighbour, your teacher, a famous celebrity, you... anyone, living or dead, who is linked to Bristol and who you think is interesting. Draw a picture or take a photograph to go with what you write.

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KEY MOMENTS IN BRISTOL'S HISTORY

| Date | The event | Why it happened | Who took part | The effect it had |
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Carry out your own research into the history of the area of Bristol in which you live, using books, the internet, old newspapers and photographs, and personal stories. Create a time chart, using the following headings.

EVENTS IN MY PART OF BRISTOL

| Year of event | What happened | What happened this year elsewhere in Bristol | What happened this year elsewhere in the world |
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Simon Gurr, who illustrated the book, said that he particularly enjoyed drawing the villains - and that there were lots of villains in Bristol's history. Who do you think were the most villainous of the villains mentioned? Who were the most heroic people?

What do you think we can learn by studying the past - other than a lot of dates and events? How important do you think it is to know about the history of the place we live in? To what extent do you think your attitude to Bristol has been changed by reading *The Bristol Story*? Why?

If someone from another planet came to Bristol and asked you what it meant to be a Bristolian, based on your own experience and what you have read in *The Bristol Story*, what would your reply be?

STUDENT FEEDBACK

We hope you have enjoyed reading *The Bristol Story*.

We would like to hear what you thought of this book and the project. Please fill in this form and either return it to the person who has led the class or group you have attended, or post it to:

Bristol Cultural Development Partnership, Leigh Court, Abbots Leigh, Bristol BS8 3RA

You can also fill it in online via the Great Reading Adventure website at: www.bristolreads.com

Would you recommend *The Bristol Story* to other readers?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Please give the reason for your answer:

Did you do any of the activities linked to the book in the activity packs or on the website?

Yes ☐ No ☐ If you replied "Yes", please give details of what these were.

Do you think you have learnt something about Bristol's history by joining in this project?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Please give the reason for your answer:

Do you think you have learnt something about life in Bristol today by joining in this project?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Please give the reason for your answer:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.