

Read the text below carefully. You have questions to answer about the text after reading it. This links to one of the topics we did in school, thinking about Europe and some of the famous landmarks and places you can visit. Remember to read the text a few times if you need to, to help you to understand what you are reading and be more equipped to answer the questions.

European Landmarks

Europe is one of the seven continents. The other six are North America, South America, Africa, Asia, Australasia and Antarctica. Some of the countries in Europe are the United Kingdom, France, Holland and Greece. Throughout Europe, you can find a variety of famous landmarks that bring millions of tourists to the continent every year. Here are three famous human landmarks.



Terrific Tower

The Eiffel Tower can be found in Paris, France. It was completed on 31st March 1889 and took two years, two months and five days to build. Since then, it has had many renovations and has even had a temporary garden and an ice rink. Until 1930, it was the tallest building in the world, being 324 metres tall.

Seven million tourists visit every year, making it the most-visited paid monument in the world. There are even smaller copies of the tower in Las Vegas, USA and Prague, Czech Republic.



Mysterious Stones

The mysterious Stonehenge can be found in the English countryside in Wiltshire. People believe that the stones were erected around 5,000 years ago, but nobody is sure why. Many historians believe it was once a burial ground.

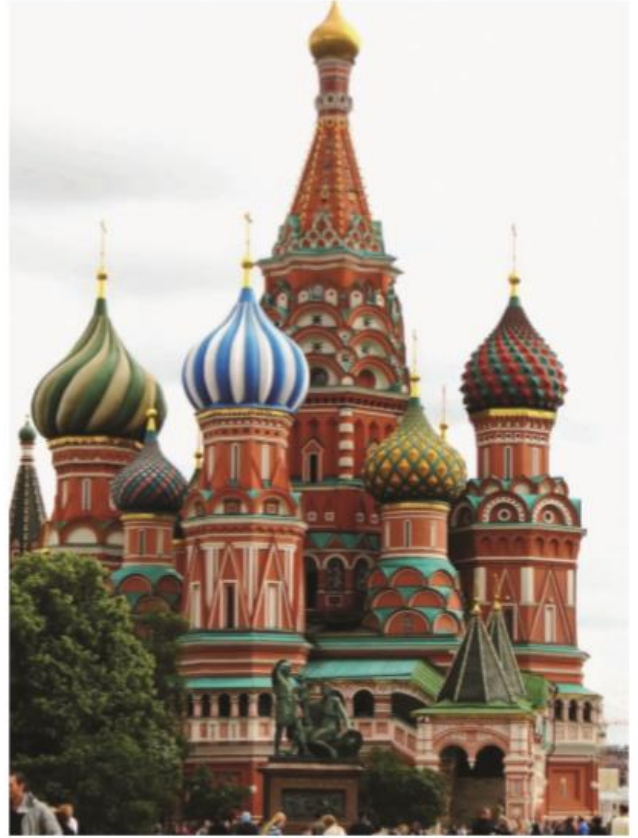
How the stones got there is still a mystery to this day. Many believe that the smaller bluestones were brought to Wiltshire from the Preseli Hills, in Wales - over 200 miles away. Without modern technology, and with the blue stones weighing up to 4 tons, how were the builders able to move them so far?

The mystery of the stones brings almost a million visitors every year, with its busiest day on 21st June for the Summer Solstice.



Colourful Cathedral

St. Basil's Cathedral can be found in Moscow, Russia. It was ordered to be built by Ivan the Terrible to celebrate his victory over the Kazan Khanate. It was built from 1555-61. Known for its bright colours and distinct shaped domes, St. Basil's is the only cathedral of its kind; which is why so many people flock to the famous landmark every year. Inside is just as colourful – it has nine rooms inside, all decorated differently and dedicated to different saints. The cathedral's design and colours are often mistaken for the Kremlin, the home of the Russian president.



Glossary

Continent - A group of countries.

Landmark - An object that is well known and easily remembered.

Monument - A statue or building to remember an important person or time.

Erect - To put something together or build.

Please read the questions below carefully and answer the questions in full sentences in as much detail as possible.

Monday

As usual, read through the text and identify words that you are unsure of. Remember to look at the small glossary at the bottom of the page and read back through the text now that you know the meanings of these words. For those other words you are unsure of, try and read around the word to work out its meaning and write these words down to refer to, as these might be useful in your questions later in the week.

Tuesday

The following retrieval questions require you to find the answers in the text. Make sure you read carefully, identify key words and look at all possible answers to help you to find the BEST POSSIBLE answer.

1. Where can you find smaller versions of the Eiffel Tower? Choose two.
a) Montana, USA b) Wilshire, England c) Prague, Czech Republic d) Las Vegas, USA
2. Where are the Stonehenge bluestones thought to be from? Pick one.
a) Wales b) Scotland c) London d) Ireland
3. Who wanted St. Basil's Cathedral to be built?

4. What is the Kremlin? Choose one.
 - a) The place the bluestones came from
 - b) The site of the Eiffel tower
 - c) Another name for St Basil's Cathedral
 - d) The home of the Russian president

5. When was Stonehenge built?
 - a) 4 years ago b) 1555 c) 5,000 years ago d) 1889

Wednesday

Today you have some questions to answer about the words in the text. Remember, if the question asks you to find and copy, you must only write the word or the phrase found in the text as your answer. It is there somewhere, you just need to look for it and copy it directly.

6. What does the word *tourist* mean?

7. Find and **copy** the word that tells you the ice rink and garden are not always part of the Eiffel Tower.

8. Which of the following is closest in meaning to the word '*dedicated*' in the sentence '*all decorated differently and dedicated to different saints*'?

9. What does the word *renovations* mean? (**Terrific Tower** paragraph)

10. Find and **copy** the word which tells you that the cathedral was built because Ivan won a battle?

Thursday

Thinking Thursday. Today I have included some questions which have answers that cannot be taken directly from the text, they require you to think more. This could be because you need to include your own opinion in your answer, but you may also get some ideas and evidence from the text.

11. Why do you think the author has described Stonehenge as '*mysterious*'?

12. Why would Ivan build a Cathedral to celebrate?

13. Why do you think each of these places are popular and famous landmarks?

14. Why do you think the author has used the adjectives 'Terrific', 'Mysterious' and 'Colourful' as subheadings?

15. Which of the landmarks would you most like to visit and why?

Friday

Today I would like you to login to Epic and read a story of your choice. Once you have read it, you could choose to write a review about the book to say whether you enjoyed it or not.

As always, if you have any problems, send me an email at CPSClass11@corporationroad.darlington.sch.uk



Class Sign In Instructions

Laptop or Chromebook

Have your students open their web browser and

1. Go to www.getepic.com/students
2. Sign in with your class code
3. Select their name and they're in!

iOS/Android

Have your students open the Epic! app and

1. Click on "Have an account? Sign In" then click on "Students & Educators"
2. Sign in with your class code
3. Select their name and they're in!

Name of the book	Author	Genre
What is the plot of the story?		
Favourite words/phrases?		
Would you recommend this book? Why/why not?		
Write a description of one of the characters.		

Here are some examples of templates you could use to create your book review.

You do not need to print this, unless you want to, it is simply here to give you an idea of what you could include in your book review and what they often look like.

It would be a good idea to complete one of these after each book that you read so that you can remember what you thought of the book the first time you read it. These are also useful for other people as it allows you to recommend or inform people whether they should/should not read the book.

Hopefully you have fun doing this!

Book Review

Book review by: _____

Title: | _____

Author: _____

Non fiction Fiction

Would you/would you not recommend the book? Why?

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

What is the book about?

Who would this book be suitable for? Age/interests

Book Illustration
