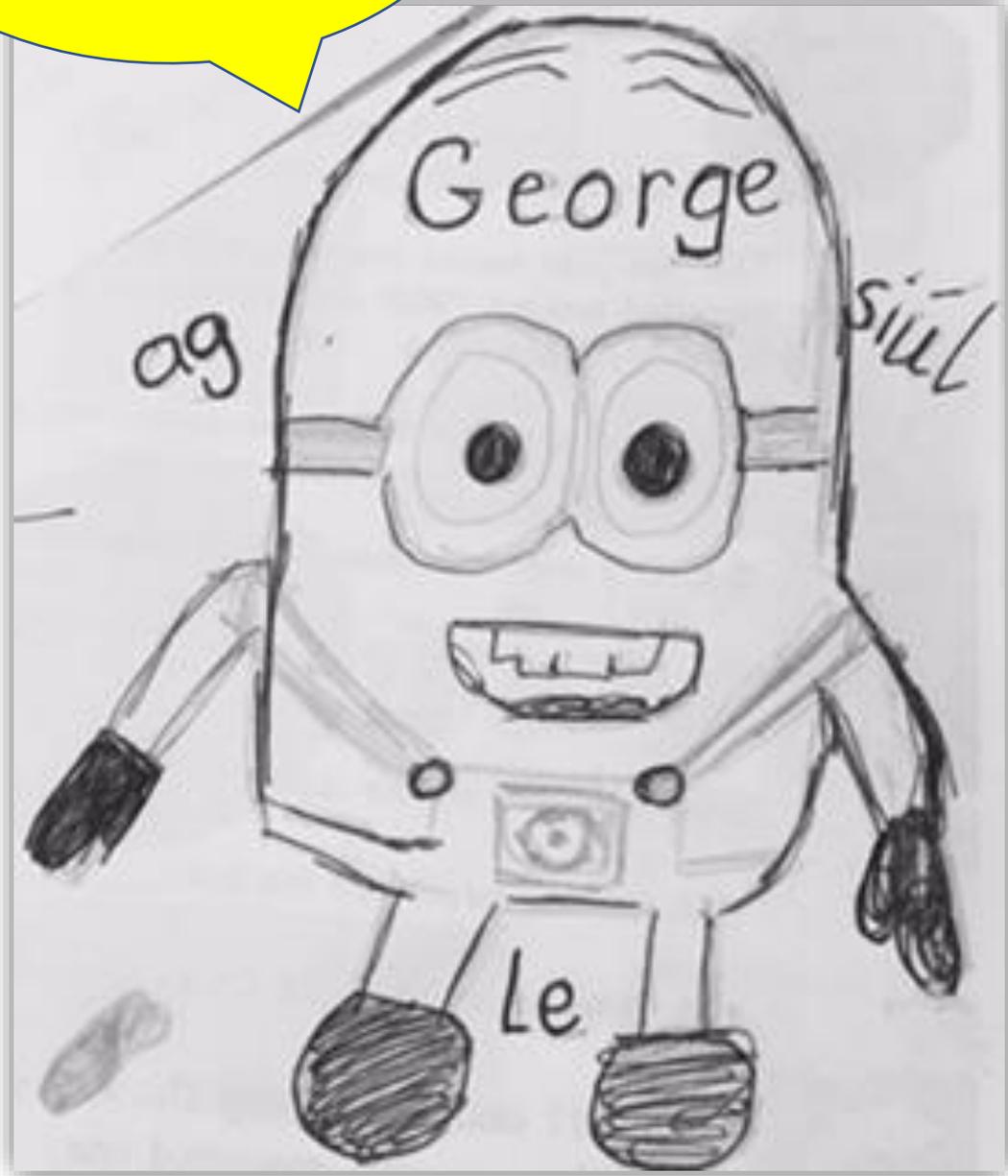


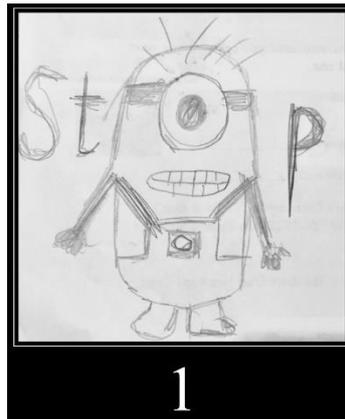
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George's Street, Dun Laoghaire

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#1 St. Michael's Church



Did you Know?

St. Michael's church was originally built in 1824 by John L. Robinson. The church was rebuilt in 1965 after a fire. The church was extended down the street to make way for the new church and spire.

Questions:

1. When was the church first built?
2. Why was the church rebuilt?
 - a) Fire
 - b) Water Damage
 - c) War
3. The numbers on the street start at number 2. Explain ?

Activity:

Draw a sketch of the plaque above the door to the church.



Equipment:

Paper, pencil, compass

Next Stop:

Use the compass to find SW. Walk as far as the junction of Marine Road and George's Street. (Stop at the traffic lights)

#2 Junction



Did you Know?

Lord de Vesci and Longford, landlords of Dun Laoghaire, built this planned town. All the streets are in straight lines and all corner buildings are at 90 degree angles.

There are many large buildings on these streets and each had a garden at the back. In these gardens, the poorest people lived in tiny huts. Some gardens held more people than others, one was recorded to hold 24 families. These were called courts and only accessible through secret doors and alleys. These houses were known as "Invisible Dun Laoghaire". These houses were an embarrassment to the people of Dun Laoghaire so they were all destroyed.

Over time the residents of the courts were moved to other houses on the condition they had a job to pay the rent. In 1893, the *Housing of the Working Class Act* allowed this to happen.

Questions:

1. What were the names of the two Landlords?
2. Why were the poorer people not living in the bigger houses?
 - a) They didn't have enough money
 - b) They were unemployed
3. How did the living conditions of the poorer change?

Activity:

Identify and name three corner buildings you can see from here

Equipment:

Compass, paper, pencil



Next Stop:

Stay where you are and look eastwards.

#3 Junction (George's Street and Marine Road)



Look at this photograph from 1898.



This was a Wine Merchants. What business is there now? _____

Did you know?

Ulster Bank took over this building in 1903.

How many years has Ulster Bank been at this location?

Activity:



Now look at this photograph from 1973.



Draw the logo of Ulster Bank.

Observe the buildings, roads and footpaths. Can you spot three changes?

- _____
- _____
- _____

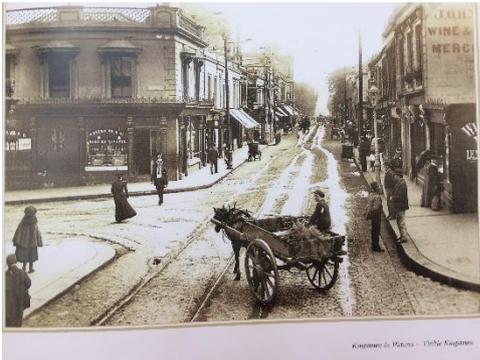
Next Stop: Locate SW on the compass. Cross the road and find Patrick Street. Locate the silver streetlight

#4 Tram Pole



Original tram poles can be identified by the ornate design. These poles held the cables for the trams and are now used to power street lighting around Dún Laoghaire. These original poles form part of the street furniture today.

Questions:



1. What shapes can you see on the pole?
2. How are the street lights powered now?
a) Electricity b) Hydro Power c) Oil
3. Why were trams important at the time?

Activity: Use the paper and crayons to do a rubbing of the ornate design on the pole



Equipment:

Compass, paper, crayons

Next Stop:

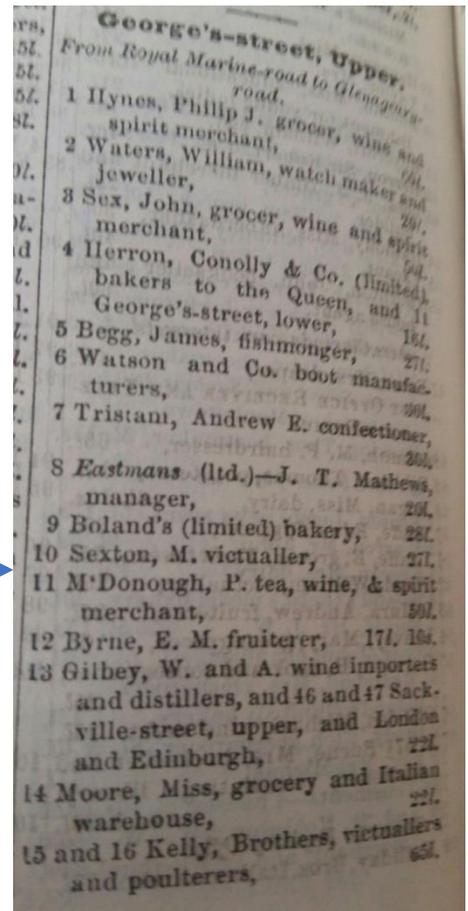
Walk eastwards past the Shopping Centre and stop at the entrance on George's Street.

#5 Shopping centre



Look hereto see a list of some of the shops that would have been here in 1891. In 1974, all the buildings were demolished along here to make way for the Shopping Centre.

Stop outside the AIB ATM machines



Look up. What material are most of the buildings made from?

Did you know?
In the 1900's, many of these buildings were considered unattractive. To renew their lease, shops had to rebuild in a red brick style.

Did you know?
In the past, this building was a department store called Edward Lee and Co. The workers lived above the shop until 1914. After 1916, it became the Avenue Hotel because a lot of hotels had been destroyed in Dublin City at this time.

Activity:
Look across the road at above Dunnes Stores. Draw the crest and letters that you see.

What event do you think may have led to the destruction of so many hotels at this time? _____

Next Stop:

Walk down the lane beside the AIB ATM through the archway.

#6 Alley



Did you know?

This is Stable Lane. It leads to the Royal Marine Hotel.

Why do you think this is called Stable Lane?

Close your eyes and listen to the sounds around you. List three things you can hear.

- _____
- _____
- _____

List three sounds you might have heard in the past.

- _____
- _____
- _____

Walk a little further in the lane to get a good view of the arch. Draw what you see.

Well Done,
you're
finished!

Return to
Stop 1