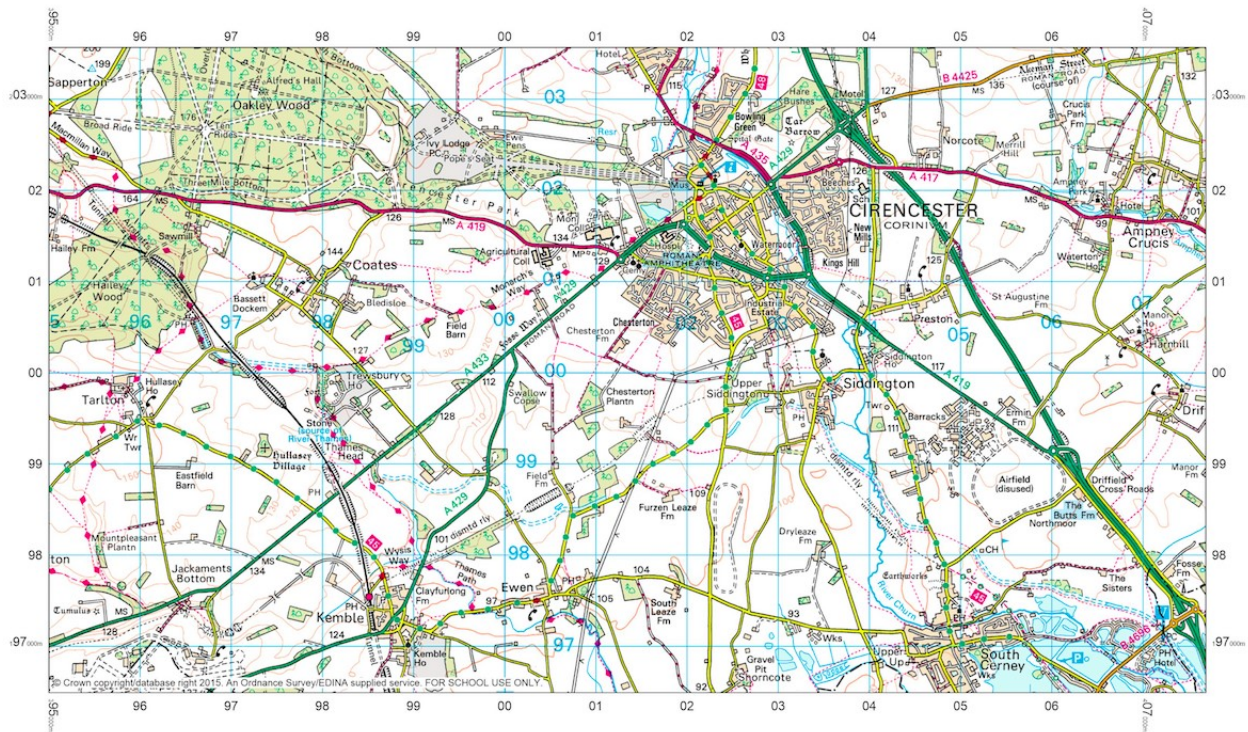


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Using a dictionary, look up and write a full definition of all of the following words:

- Source \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Mouth \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Meander \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Bank \_\_\_\_\_  
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The source of the River Thames is at Kemble. Can you place an X on Kemble on the map.





Put an X where you see a meander in the River Thames



Put an X where you see the Mouth of the River Thames:



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## Lesson 2 – Worksheet – Thames Watermen

In 1514 Henry VIII granted a license to watermen to carry passengers on the River Thames.  
A waterman is a river worker who transfers passengers across and along the river.

This is their coat of arms:



Can you translate their motto at the top of the coat of arms?

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What does it tell you about what they do?

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### The Meaning of Colours

- Silver / White – Truth, sincerity, peace, purity.
- Gold – Wisdom, generosity, faith.
- Black – Wisdom, grief, caution.
- Green – Joy, hope, loyalty.
- Blue – Truth, strength and faith.
- Red – Strength, warrior, martyr.
- Purple – Royalty, justice, majesty.
- Orange – Ambition.

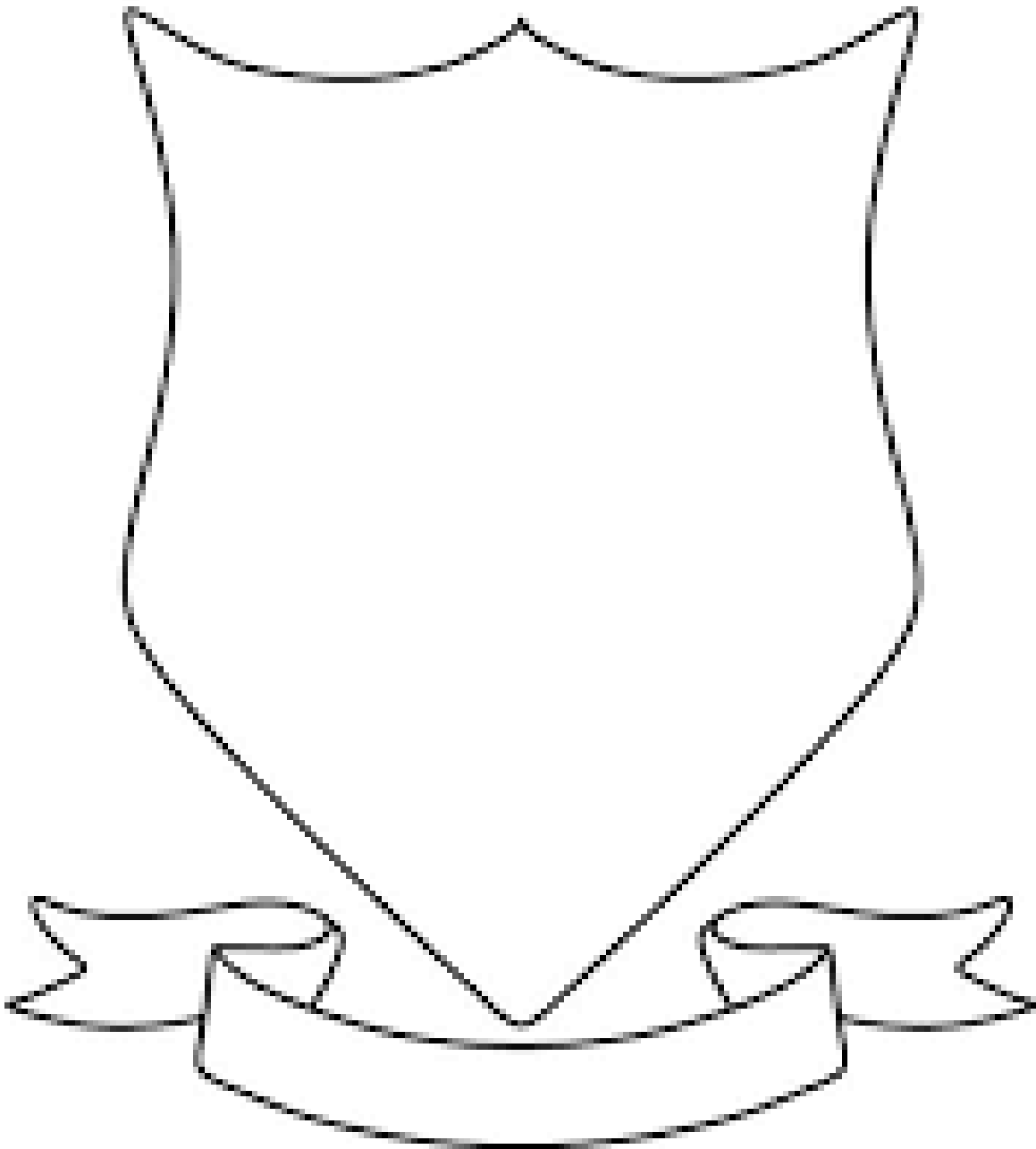
Design your own coat of arms.

Research your nationality and show it in your coat of arms.

Research your country of origin and show it in your coat of arms.

Research your family connections and show them in your coat of arms.

Use the colours to show information about you.



## KS2 – PRE VISIT – LESSON 3 – THRILLING STORIES

### STORY STARTERS

The prisoner was chained to the boat, face-to-face with the Waterman as he stroked the oars going backwards. The Tower of London loomed in the distance.

A disgusting stink of sewage rose from the river, as people emptied their toilet bowls into the slow-moving water. A rat appeared, sniffing and scratching in the dirt.

The sound of laughter and music playing rang across the river as people ice-skated over the frozen River Thames. A slight crack appeared as a man bounded towards London Bridge.

A tall ship moored along the Thames filled with spices and fruits from far-away places swayed gently on the waves. A small boy rose his head from behind the crates, his eyes wide with excitement – his first time in a city.

The ripples that the Watermen were so used to had stilled. A horse neighed in the distance.

In the darkness, the periscope of a submarine appeared, breaking the surface of the river. It turned left and right, and then sank back down into the murky depths.

A young boy was fishing in the calm waters of the River Thames. His mother was tending to the crops on the bank whilst his father was tying up the wooden boat, full of delicious treats he had bought downstream at the market. A bright light appeared in the sky, metallic and not from this world.

Either side of the river, the tall buildings snaked along its course. Suddenly, all their lights went out.

A very large fin splashed in the water of the River Thames. This type of fish had never been seen in this part of the world before. It was more commonly found in the warm waters of the Caribbean.

The two teams were ready to start the race. The oars were in place, the boat prepared, the rowers tense. The starter's gun was poised, ready to be fired. Bang!



Choose one of these story starters, or make up your own.

## LESSON 3 – FUN FACTS ABOUT THE RIVER THAMES

Facts:

1. There are over 80 islands in the River Thames.
2. There are 60,000 bees that live on the roof of the National Theatre, on the banks of the River Thames.
3. The River Thames is home to 115 species of fish including sea horses and a northern bottle nosed whale which was seen near Chelsea.
4. Twice a day the River Thames is flooded with sea water.
5. The River Thames is 3 meters deeper than it was 300 years ago.
6. The first River Thames tunnel is 366 metres long and was dug by hand for people to walk underneath the river. On its first day, 50,000 walked through the tunnel for 1 penny.
7. The River Thames used to be a big sewer and in 1858, there was the “Big Stink”.
8. Women built the Waterloo bridge during World War 2. It is known as *The Ladies Bridge* by Thames Watermen.
9. The Lions along the water’s edge act as a flood warning and if water touches their mouths, then there will be a flood. A rhyme helps Rivermen to remember to keep watch on the lions - “When the lions drink, London will sink.”
10. A drop of rain that joins the Thames at its source in the Cotswolds will go through the bodies of 8 people as drinking water before it reaches the sea.

Choose one or two facts and build a story around them:

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| What facts have you chosen? |
| Why                         |

Choose:

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| Genre            |
| Characters Types |

Use the writing frame to help you plan your story



## City Cruises KS2 – Pre-Visit Writing Frame

**Paragraph 1 – Opening Paragraph** – Introduces the character, sets the scene. Includes a description of the choice of fun fact about the River Thames as a theme at the beginning of the story

**Paragraph 2 – Build Up** – Introduce the action or tension, including the atmosphere as something is about to happen.

**Paragraph 3 – The Problem** – Detailed description including the feelings of your main character. The problem seems to have no solution.

**Paragraph 4 – Resolution** – At last, your character can find a solution to the problem.

**Paragraph 5 – Ending** – Bring all the elements of your story together. You could include a cliff-hanger or a twist to your ending.