

Manchester's DNA – follow-up activities

Questions discussion after the lecture:

What examples were given about how DNA changes our understanding of the past?

What did you think about the 'First Brit'?

What do you know about your family history or the history of your community?

What is the 'DNA' of you and your area?

What are the 'building blocks' of your life?

Creative activities:

1. Your story about you:
 - Write down a story about your family or friends or just yourself that involves your local area somehow (5-6 sentences at least)
 - What 5 specific words would you use to describe yourself?
2. Your description of place:
 - Write down the 5 most important places in your area (to you)
 - Write down 5 words that you think of when you think of your local area
 - How would you describe the area to a stranger? Write this down
3. Your description of people:
 - Who are the most important people in your family?
 - Why are they so important?
 - What do you know about them, and how?

Collect the words you've created

With all these words, make a verse of between 5 and 10 lines, with anything from 1 to 4 words in each line

It doesn't have to rhyme, but arrange the words in the order that makes sense to you or seems right

If you want, you can add pictures

Then read it out loud. Does it capture you and the area?