

# Urban Pioneers



These activities are for you to do at home with an adult. You can do all of them or choose the ones that you find most interesting.

## Activities

1. With an adult, search online for striking urban buildings, such as The Shard in London or the Flatiron Building in New York. Print images and make a collection of amazing buildings in a scrapbook. Write some sentences about each building, explaining why you like it.
2. Use an Ordnance Survey map of your local area. Make a list of all of the different types of buildings on the map, using the key to help you. Identify any special structures and write a sentence or two to explain how they are used.
3. What makes a great city? Is it the parks and water features, the friendly people, or the clean, tidy streets? Decide what is important to you in a city. Use your ideas to design an imaginary city. Make a map to show how it is planned out and what features it has. Don't forget to include a key.
4. Imagine that you are about to entertain a visitor from another country. You want to impress them with your nearest town or city. Where would you take them for a day trip? Plan an itinerary to show them the best features of your local urban area.
5. The world has many amazing cities. Choose a city in another part of Europe to compare to your own nearest city. Record your findings in a table.
6. Graffiti is often found in urban areas. What is your opinion of it? Decide whether you think it is art or vandalism and write a paragraph to explain your thoughts.

7. Public art, such as statues, murals and sculptures, often tell us about the history of a place. Find out where these examples can be found and write a short paragraph about each piece to explain what it tells you about the history of the place where it is located.



Angel of the North – Sir Antony Gormley



Cloud Gate – Anish Kapoor



First Generation – Chong Fah Cheong



Pumpkin – Yayoi Kusama



Gilt of Cain – Michael Vissochi



Freedom Park – Mongane Wally Serote

8. Finish your home learning by writing a summary of the topic, explaining what you have learned about urban areas and features.

### Useful websites

BBC Bitesize – Cities, towns and villages

Ordnance Survey – Mapzone

Tate – Street art game

Let's Explore – New York: Brooklyn Street Art with Kids!

### Good reads

Title	Author	ISBN
Scribbleboy	Philip Ridley	9780140368949
Maybe Something Beautiful – How Art Transformed a Neighbourhood	F Isabel Campoy	9780544357693
The Cities Book	Lonely Planet Kids	9781786577580
Collins Junior Atlas (Collins Primary Atlases)	Collins Kids	9780008319458
See Inside Great Cities	Usborne	9781409519041