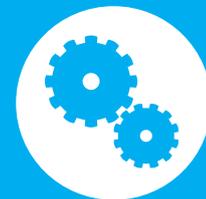


Turn them blue



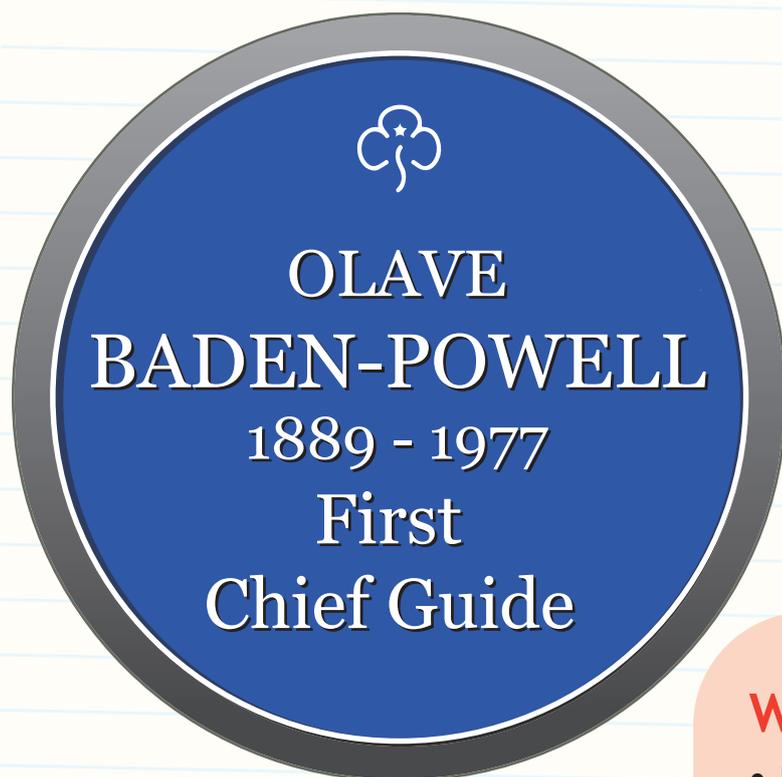
Time
travellers



30 mins



Give it a go



What you'll need

- Large circles of card, 1 per girl
- Colouring pencils
- Sticky tack (optional)
- Examples of blue plaques (optional)

Note to leader

If the Rainbow chooses herself in step 2, make sure she doesn't include any identifiable personal details on her card.

Why not print off examples of commemorative plaques, stick them around your space, and hold a sightseeing tour before this activity?

Aim of activity

How do we remember people from history? Some are written about in books, other have statues and some get a very special plaque...

What you'll get out of it

- Discover how we remember people from history.
- Explore who or what you want to be remembered in history.

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If you're out and about, you might spot special plaques on buildings. They remember people or events that changed history, and show where they worked, lived or took place. There are over 950 in London alone! The first London blue plaque was put up in 1867 and they are looked after by the charity English Heritage.

What to do

1 Have you ever seen a plaque that helps us remember someone? It may not have been a blue plaque as other places across the world have different types. They can be on houses, benches, statues or even schools. How do you think people get chosen to have a special plaque?

Blue Plaque scheme in London

Anyone can suggest someone to get a plaque in London. English Heritage works really hard to find out all about the person and decide if they should get one. They look at what the person did, and what building it could go on (it needs to be the actual one the person lived or worked in, or was well known for). There are lots of plaques outside London too. Your local council will be able to tell you more about this, and whether you can suggest a plaque to go up in their area.

Lots of people suggest plaques to English Heritage. If you have an idea, they would love to hear it.

2 Everyone grab a circle of card and some colouring pencils. You're going to make your own plaque. It could be about a historical person, someone you know, or an event. You could even create one about yourself! What would you want to be remembered for? Maybe being the first person on Mars, or a famous painter...

3 Ready? Start designing! Use the illustration on the front of this card to help you.

Top tip

Include the person's name, when they lived, and most importantly what they're remembered for! You could add drawings too.

4 Once you've finished, lay them out on the floor or stick them up using sticky tack, and show each other your designs.

Take it further

Use your new plaques to create your own commemorative walk in your meeting space. Show your parents or guardians what you want to be remembered in history and why.