

THE HILLS & THEIR STORIES

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. HISTORICAL RESEARCH
2. CREATIVE WRITING EXERCISE
3. MAKE A PALIMPSEST

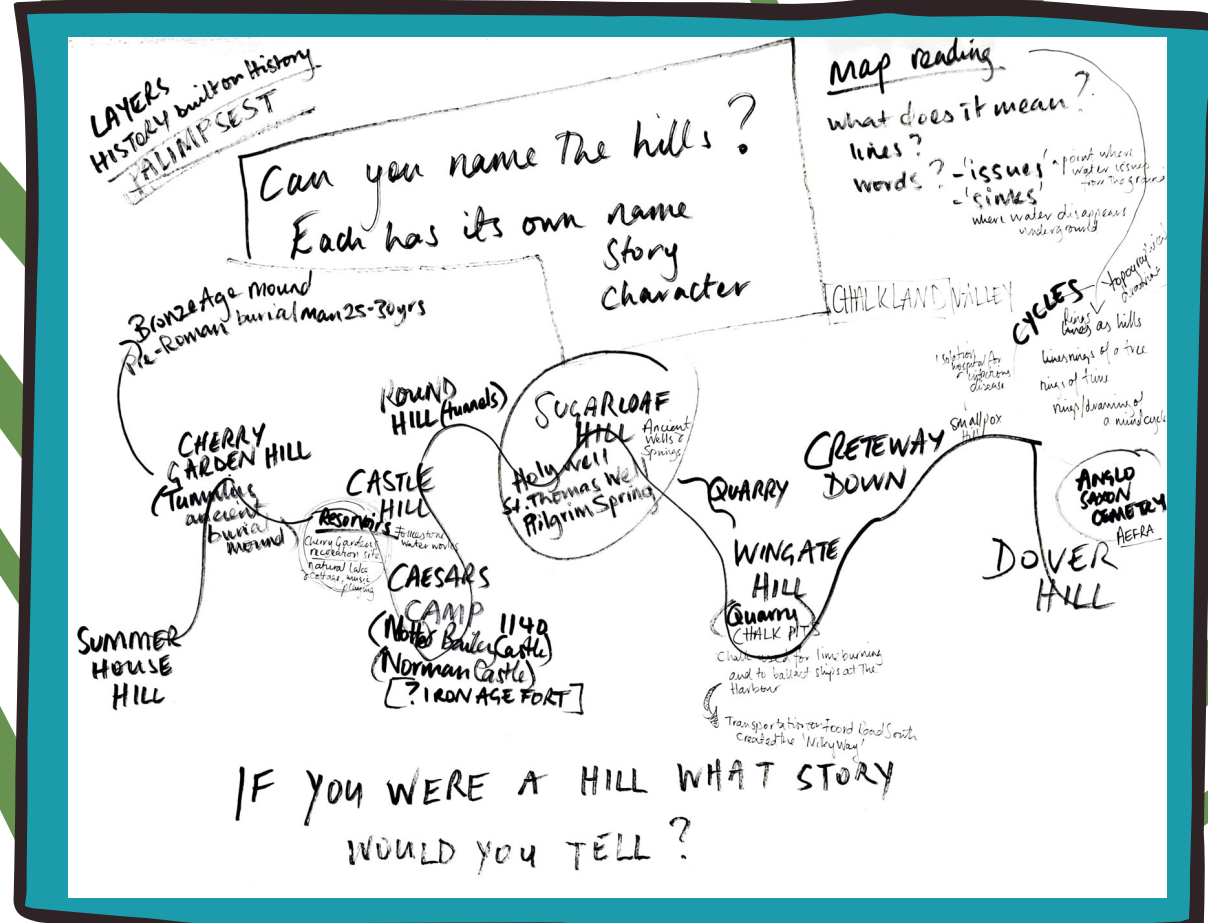
YOU WILL NEED:

- PEN/PAPER
- ACCESS TO LIBRARY OR INTERNET

STORIES TO TELL

AS WELL AS GEOLOGY AND BIOLOGY, THE GROUND UNDER OUR FEET IS FULL OF HISTORY. THE EARTH HAS WITNESSED, INFLUENCED AND BEEN SHAPED BY HISTORICAL EVENTS AND THE GROUND IS LAYERED WITH HISTORICAL REMAINS. IF ONLY IT COULD SPEAK TO US AND TELL THE STORIES IT HOLDS...

ARCHAEOLOGY IS THE STUDY OF HUMAN HISTORY AND PREHISTORY THROUGH THE EXCAVATION OF SITES AND ARTEFACTS IN THE GROUND. ARCHAEOLOGISTS HELP TO UNEARTH THESE BURIED STORIES.



ACTIVITY

THE CHALK HILLS OF THE FOLKESTONE DOWNS AND THE ESCARPMENT STRETCHING ACROSS TO ETCHINGHILL, ARE RICH WITH HISTORICAL STORIES. FROM ABOUT 4000BC WITH EVIDENCE OF THE STONE AGE PEOPLE, THROUGH BRONZE AGE, IRON AGE, ROMAN, ANGLO-SAXON, NORMAN AND MODERN HISTORY, TRACES CAN BE FOUND IN THESE HILLS.

IF YOU WERE ONE OF THESE HILLS, WHAT STORY WOULD YOU TELL?

HAVE A GO AT RESEARCHING SOME OF THE HISTORY AND TELL A SHORT STORY FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE HILL. YOU COULD FOCUS ON ONE EVENT OR PERIOD, OR STRETCH YOUR STORY ACROSS TIME.

PALIMPSEST

A PALIMPSEST IS A PIECE OF MATERIAL THAT HAS BEEN WRITTEN ON, AND LATER, FURTHER WRITING ADDED ON TOP, OFTEN IN A DIFFERENT DIRECTION, BUT LEAVING VISIBLE TRACES OF THE EARLIER MARKS.

THE LANDSCAPE IS A LOT LIKE A PALIMPSEST, LAYERED WITH HISTORY.

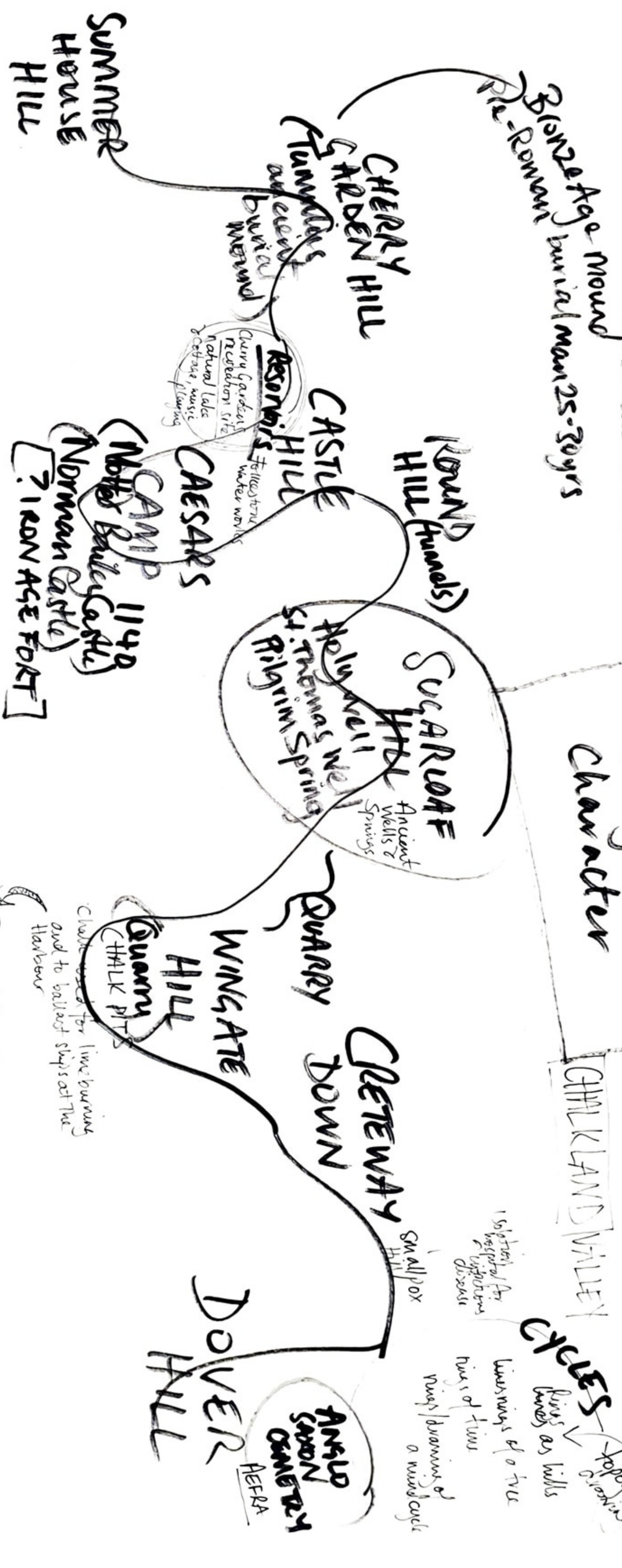
ONCE YOU HAVE WRITTEN YOUR SHORT STORY, WHY NOT TRY MAKING YOUR OWN PALIMPSEST ARTWORK, BY LAYERING WRITING AND DRAWINGS TO REPRESENT YOUR HILL AND ITS STORIES.

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LAYERS HISTORY built on history
HALIMPSEST

Can you name the hills?
 Each has its own name
 Story
 Character

Map reading
 What does it mean?
 lines?
 words?
 - ISSUES
 - SIMES
 'point where water issues from no grass where water disappears underground'
 'lines as hills' - lines of hills
 'lines of furrows' - lines of furrows
 'map drawing of a road cuts' - map drawing of a road cuts
 'small pox hill' - small pox hill
 'hospital for typhoid disease' - hospital for typhoid disease
 'topographical' - topographical



IF YOU WERE A HILL WHAT STORY WOULD YOU TELL?