

# Shell Stories

Make a zine inspired by Southampton  
and *Seaside Photographed* at John Hansard Gallery

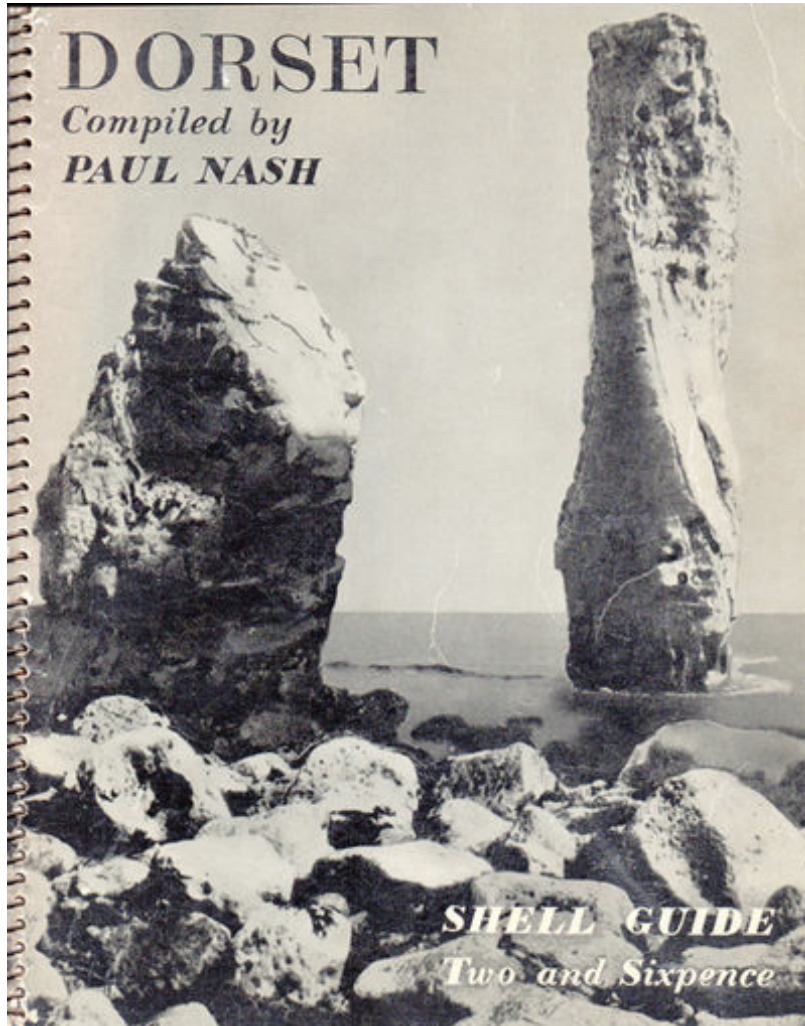


Image: Shell Guide, 1930

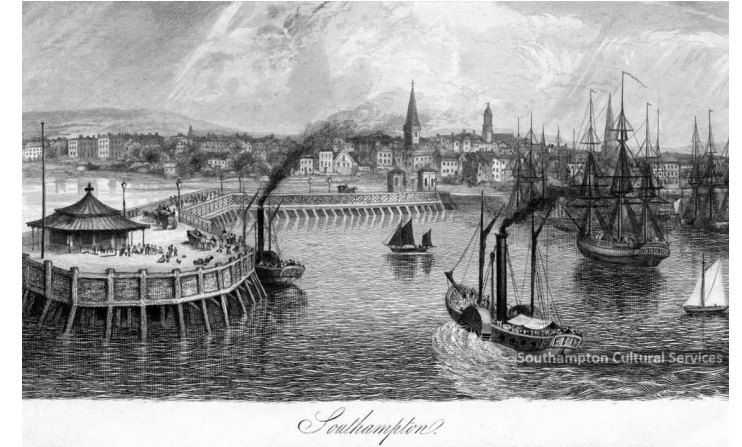
## Exhibition focus

*Shell Guides*, commissioned by Shell from the 1930's to the 1980's, encouraged people to explore Britain by car.

The first guides created by poet John Betjemen and artist John Piper became iconic documents of their time.

Shell Guides shaped places in the imaginations of British people, even if they never visited.

Curriculum focus  
Geography & Local History  
Key Stage 2 & 3



Create your own Shell Guide using images and writing to explore Southampton.

How would you encourage someone to visit Southampton or tell a story about its past?

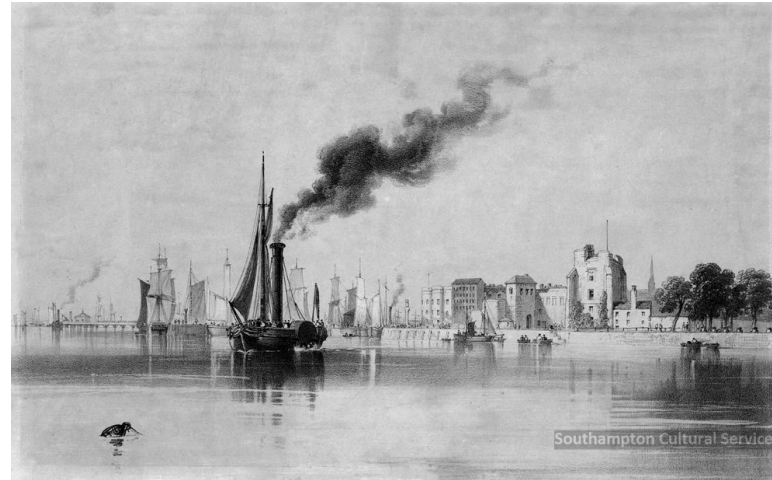
Think about how you could capture the mood and character of the place through pictures and language.

We have a 'how to fold a zine' you tube to help you create your mini guide book. You can use the historic images on page 2 selected specially by Southampton Cultural Services for inspiration.

Image: The Royal Pier, about 1840s. Long-distance travel moved to the docks when they opened in 1842, leaving only trips to the Isle of Wight or excursion services departing from the pier. Passengers could walk along the pier or ride in horse-drawn carriages to the steamers at the pier head.



1817 view of God's House Tower and Southampton Water.



This picture, by Hart, shows a paddle steamer setting off from Southampton in 1840, with God's House Tower in the background.



This print by Philip Brannon from around 1850 shows the floating bridge taking on passengers on the Woolston side.



The opening of the Royal Pier in July 1833. It was opened by the Duchess of Kent accompanied by her daughter Victoria (later Queen Victoria).



An aerial view showing how the bay between Southampton and Millbrook was filled in to create the Western Docks, late 1920s.



View from what is today Central Station Bridge towards the construction work, about 1930.

You could include some of these historic drawings and photographs that explore the history of Southampton and it's changing waters edge.

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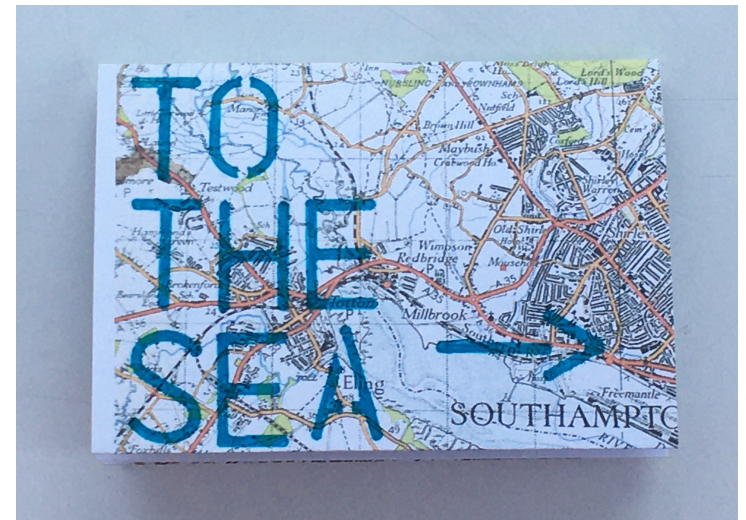
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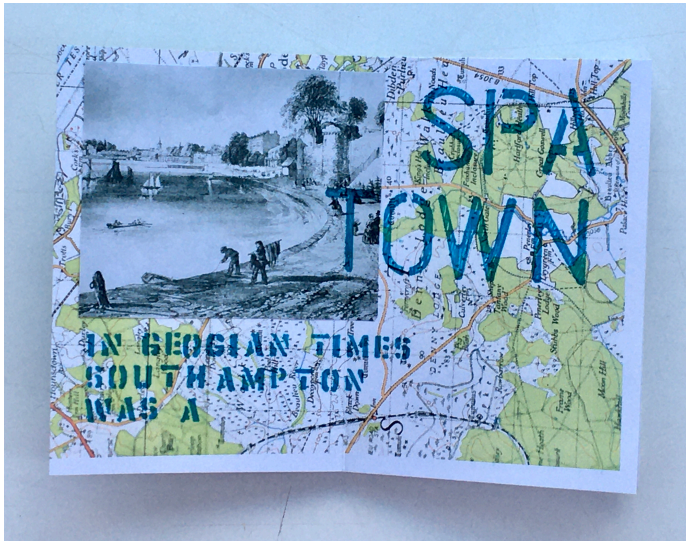
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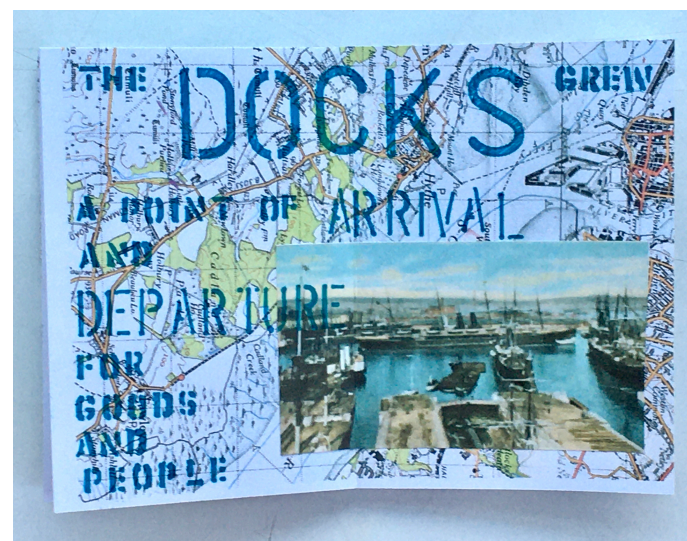
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Go to [JHG You Tube](#) for our short 'how to' film



Research some key historic facts.



Stick in pictures or draw some.



Arrange images and text on the page.