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Migration: London's East End walking tour

For those studying any of the GCSE History Thematic Environments which focus on Migration in Britain over the past 1000 years, Anglia has created a bespoke tour which provides a broad understanding of the context of migration over time, using London's East End as a lens. This tour encompasses the experience of the Huguenot, Irish, Jewish, German and Asian migrants into this area, in particular experiences which may be set against further Case Study demands across the unit.

'The Arrival' Kindertransport memorial, Hope Square

An overview of migration into London over the centuries. Why were successive migrant groups drawn to the East End? Change and continuity in reasons for migration and patterns of settlement. Facing similar challenges, finding similar successes.

13 Sandy's Row

The origins of East London's Bengali Community. Lascars in Seventeenth Century London- the impact of the British Empire & the role of the East India Company.

Fournier Street / Princelet Street / 115 Brick Lane

The experience of Huguenots in Seventeenth Century England. What impact did the Huguenots have on culture, trade, and industry in Britain? The development of the Huguenot Community in the East End.

Angel Alley

Irish migrant experience. Juxtaposition between those who had arrived and done well with those here who were in a very difficult situation. Reports of lawlessness.

Sandy's Row Synagogue

When did a Jewish community first develop in the London & the East End? Setting down roots: language, education, worship. The relationships both between the Jewish & non-Jewish communities, and within the Jewish community itself

Bell Lane / Brune Street

The experience of Jewish migrants in the East End of London in late Nineteenth Century. Relationships with the existing Jewish population, the authorities, and the wider community. Israel Zangwill's depiction of Ghetto life. What opportunities were there for Jewish migrants in the East End? Examples of enrichment and success

Brick Lane

Change and continuity in the East End. Changing social structures & the impact of migrants on the urban environment. The Jamme Masjid Brick Lane Mosque once L'Eglise de l'hôpital, Huguenot Church then the Machzike Hadath, Spitalfields Great Synagogue

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Leman Street

Poor Jews' Shelter. How were migrants portrayed in the media during the Nineteenth and early Twentieth centuries? The use of the media to deter migration.

Cable Street / Dock Street

The changing relationship with the authorities and existing population. The development of legislation on immigration, the Aliens Act, 1905. Populism & the development of anti-immigration movements. From the British Brothers' League to the British Union of Fascists. Jewish resistance to the growth of anti-Semitism. The Battle of Cable Street. Reference Ben Tillett's Irish heritage

Altab Ali Park

Britain after the Second World War. Connections to the British Empire and Commonwealth Bengali Language Martyrs memorial. Memorialisation and changing attitudes in the latter part of the Twentieth century. Links to the present day.

Alie Street

The growth of the German community during the Nineteenth and early Twentieth centuries. The reasons for migration & their impact on culture, industry, and the urban environment of the East End. Sugar Houses & St George's Lutheran Church. Public reaction to the German community in the build up to the First World War.

Fieldgate Street

Side by side. Grand Synagogue for Jewish migrant community alongside East London Mosque.