

Why is the history of my locality significant?



Thomas Gainsborough
An English portrait and landscape painter who was born in Sudbury, Suffolk.
1727 - 1788

The Hay Wain painted by John Constable



John Constable
1776 - 1837

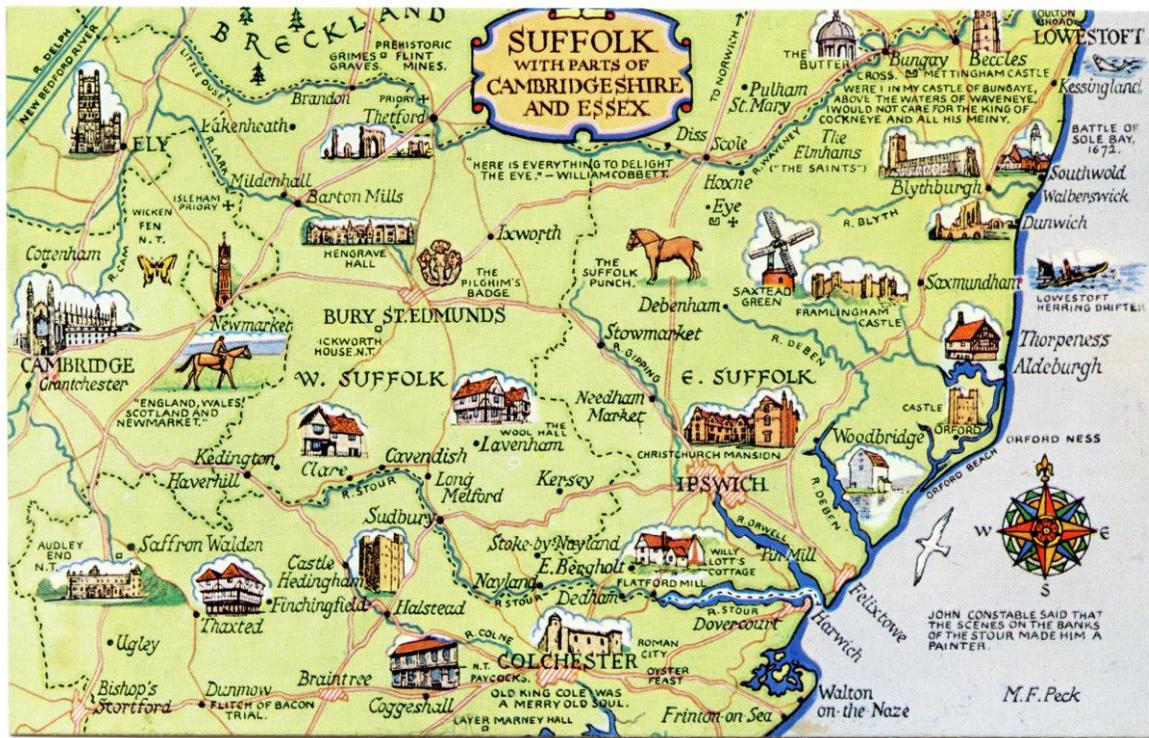


Facts:

- * Constable was born in East Bergholt in Suffolk.
- * After he left school, for 7 years, he helped to look after his father's windmill.
- * Constable is the first painter of his time to use clumpy brush marks and build up layers of colour, leaving some in the background to shine. Painting at the time was very neat and tidy. Monet and the Impressionists followed his example.
- * You can see 'The Hay Wain' at the National Gallery in London. It is very big - over 1m by nearly 2m.
- * In 2012, one of Constable's paintings (The Lock) sold for £22.4 million making it one of the most expensive British paintings ever sold.

Constable often painted outside using an easel and oil paints. He loved to paint nature, especially trees, the sky and clouds.





Flatford is where 'Willy Lott's Cottage' is found, next to the river Stour and the mill that was owned by Constable's family.

You can go there today and still see Willy Lott's Cottage and the mill.

Willy Lott was a farmer who lived in the cottage for all of his life. Farming was very different to today.

The River was very important for transport, before the invention of the railways.

A scythe -
which was used to cut hay.



Key Vocabulary	
artist	A person who draws or paints for a job or a hobby.
compare	To think about how things are different and how they are similar.
easel	A wooden frame to hold an artist's work while they are painting.
hay wain	A large open vehicle, drawn by horses, used to carry loads of hay.
landscape	A painting which shows a scene in the countryside.
mill	A building in which grain is crushed to make flour.
oil paints	A slow drying, thick paint made from a mixture of powder and oil.
portrait	A painting of a person, showing their face and maybe shoulders.
old	Something that has existed for a long time.
past	What has already happened.
present	What is happening now.

