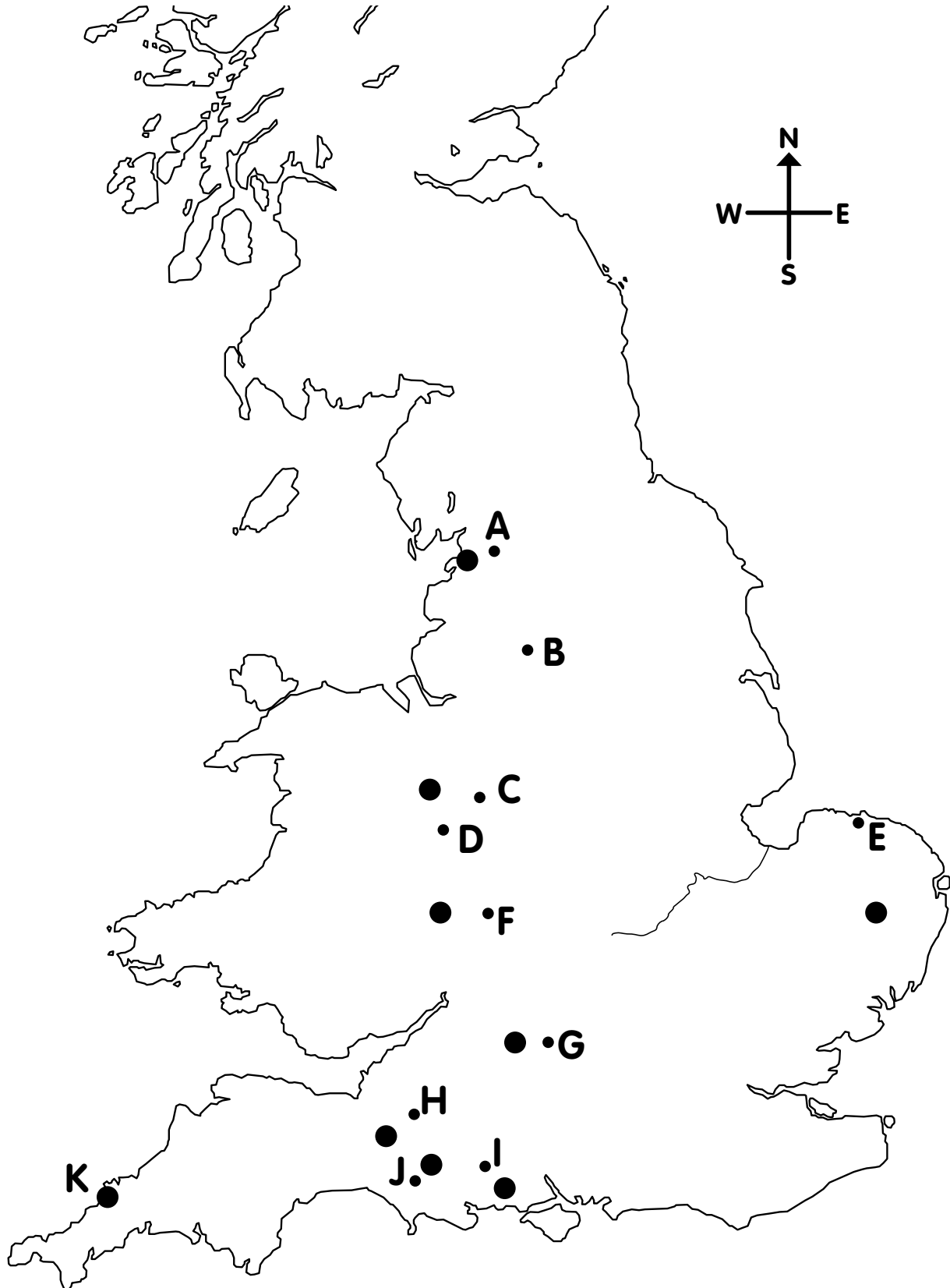


Map of hillforts



Hillfort locations

A Ingleborough hillfort

Location: north East of Lancaster
<http://www.dales-castles.org.uk/ingleborough.cfm>

B Castercliffe hillfort

Location: south east of Lancaster
<http://www.brigantesnation.com/SiteResearch/Iron%20Age/Castercliff/Castercliff.htm>

C The Wrekin

Location: east of Shrewsbury
 For maps and pictures
<http://www.wrekinfriends.com/articles/hillFort>
 For panoramic view from where a hillfort was built.
http://www.bbc.co.uk/shropshire/content/panoramas/wrekin_panorama_360.shtml

D Caer Caradoc hillfort

Location: south of Shrewsbury
http://www.themodernantiquarian.com/site/5016/caer_caradoc.html
 A view of a high hill on which the fort was built.

E Warham Camp

Location: north of Norwich
<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/conMediaFile.3951>

F Herefordshire Beacon

Location: east of Hereford
http://www.bbc.co.uk/herefordandworcester/features/360/malverns_20.shtml
 For panoramic view from the hillfort

G Uffington Castle

Location: east of Swindon
http://www.berkshirehistory.com/castles/uffington_castle_hillfort.html

H Cadbury Castle

Location: north east of Yeovil
<http://www.geocities.com/EnchantedForest/Cottage/4304/arthurrealm/cadbury.html>

I Bradbury Rings hillfort

Location: north west of Bournemouth
<http://easyweb.easynet.co.uk/aburnham/eng/badbry.htm>

J Maiden Castle

Location: south of Dorchester
<http://www.maidencastle.com/>

K Cliff Castle

Location: Newquay
<http://www.cornwall-calling.co.uk/castles/cliff-castle-newquay.htm>

Hillfort locations

Objectives

- To learn how to locate hillfort sites using a map and compass directions.
- To use the internet to find out more information about hillforts.

Cross-curricular links

History

- 41 Find out about people from an appropriate range of sources of information including ICT based resources.

Geography

- 2c Use maps at a range of scales.

ICT

- 1a How they can find and use information.
5a Working with a range of information to consider its characteristics and purposes.

English

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- 1c Choose material that is relevant to the topic and their listeners.
1d Show clear shape and organisation with an introduction and an ending.
1e Speak audibly and clearly using spoken standard English in formal contexts.
2b Ask relevant questions to clarify, extend or follow up ideas.
2e Respond to others appropriately, taking into account what they say.

Resources

This activity specifically looks at a few sites in England but this is only to serve as an example of how locations can be found. You may like to select your own favourite sites from other parts of the British Isles and present them in a similar way using your own versions of worksheets 15A and 15B.

You will need to examine the website of Cockley Cley

<http://www.icenivillage.com/images/Postcards%20019.jpg>

It shows a gateway reconstruction of this Iron Age settlement with replica heads of enemies mounted on poles (see plenary).

Each child or group will need a copy of worksheets 15A and 15B and a map or a number of maps of England showing major towns.

Starter

Remind the children of their work on making a model hillfort and tell them that they are now going to investigate some real sites.

Main activities

1. Issue worksheets 15A and 15B and the maps. Tell the children that on worksheet 15A the large dots represent the towns or cities they have to find and the small dots represent the locations of the hillforts. You may like to spend some time talking about different parts of the country and guide the children through their maps to locate the towns and cities. The time spent here will depend on their previous experience of maps.
2. Let the children find the location of each hillfort in turn using the city or town reference and then label the hillfort on the map or write its letter.
3. Let the children find out about the hillforts by looking at their web sites. The children could be set tasks to find out about different forts and prepare their information for the plenary.

Plenary

Each child or group could make a presentation or short talk about the fort they have been studying. You may like to remind the children that hillforts were built to protect the tribes of Celts but a tribe may also go and raid the lands of another tribe. If they were successful they returned home with the heads of their enemies and they displayed them over the gateways to their forts. Show them point X on the map and then show them the picture of the gateway at Cockley Cley on the whiteboard.

Outcomes

The children can:

- Use maps to find locations of Iron Age sites.
- Use the internet to find information.
- Prepare a presentation and deliver it.