









Childern will be able to:

- list the historical places in Tamil Nadu.
- recognise the picture and name the place in Tamil Nadu.
- understand that every historical place has a history (story).





Chandru, a school boy goes to stationery shop to buy picture charts and sketch pens for his project.



Let us see the conversation he had with the shop keeper.





Shopkeeper: These are the places where buildings, idols and arts were made long ago. The government keeps them safe. So that we can learn about them.







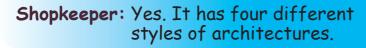
Chandru points to a picture on the chart.







Chandru: I have gone to Mahabalipuram with my parents. It is near Chennai.







Chandru: Is it? Who built it?

Shopkeeper: Yes. It was built by Pallavas.





Chandru: My mother told me that most of the monuments were made out of just one stone.

Shopkeeper: Yes correct.





Drawling





Shopkeeper: Do you know something? Why the Shore temple is called so?





Chandru: No.



Shopkeeper: The Sea Shore Temple is so named because it overlooks the shore of the Bay of Bengal.





Chandru: Oh! Is it! great.



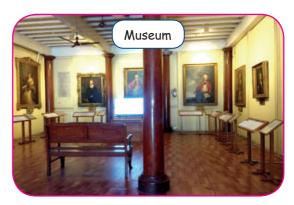
Temples at Mahabalipuram were built by three generations of the Pallava Kings and it took nearly 200 years to plan and create the site.





Chandru points to another picture on the chart.







Chandru: Where is fort St. George?

Shopkeeper: It is also in Chennai. It is the first English fort in India.





Chandru: What else is there inside the fort?

Shopkeeper: The fort has a museum and a church.
The Secretariat of Tamil Nadu is also inside the fort.





Chandru: I like to go to museums. I am surely going to visit the fort.

Shopkeeper: Yes you should.





Shopkeeper points to another picture on the chart





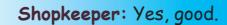


Shopkeeper: Look at this picture. Do you know whose statue is this?





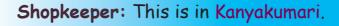
Chandru: Of course. He is Thiruvalluvar who wrote the famous
Thirukunal







Chandru: Where is this statue?







Chandru: The statue is so tall.

Shopkeeper: Yes, it is 133 feet tall. Does 133 remind you of anything?





Chandru: Thirukural has 133 adhikarams or chapters.



Shopkeeper: Well done. That statue's height denotes the number of chapters in Thirukural.





Chandru: What is the name of the sea that surrounds the statue?

Shopkeeper: The statue is built on the rock which is surrounded by Arabian Sea, Indian Ocean and Bay of Bengal.





Chandru: Wow! The statue looks majestic.





Have you seen the monuments with names and drawings scribbled by people? Do you think is it correct to do this? Write your views.









Chandru: What is the name of this temple?

Shopkeeper: This is the very famous Thanjavur PeriyaKovil also known as Brihadeeshwara Temple.





Chandru: Who built it?

Shopkeeper: It was built by Raja Raja Cholan. Do you know that the Nandi inside the temple was built using a single stone?





Chandru: Is it?

Shopkeeper: Yes. Another interesting fact about the temple is that the shadow of the main temple does not fall on the ground.





Chandru: How wonderful! It is so interesting to see them. I would like to go there.



Shopkeeper: Yes, you must visit. I have gone there when I was a child and I would like to go there again.













Chandru: This is the last picture on the chart and it looks like a fort.

Shopkeeper: Yes, you are correct. This is Gingee fort in Villupuram district.





Chandru: Wow! is it?

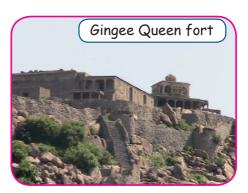
Shopkeeper: Yes, this is one of the oldest forts in Tamil Nadu.





Chandru: I can also see hills. I would like to see the Gingee fort.

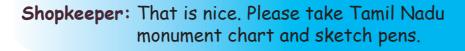




Shopkeeper: All of us must visit these places as they have so much history behind and we must take pride in them.











Chandru: Yes, I will hang it in my house and talk about it to all my friends. Thank you, Uncle!



Glossary

Architecture: The art of making buildings is called

Architecture

Monuments: A building, structure or site that is of

historical importance.

Museum: Place of exhibition.



Recap

- There is a history (story) behind every monument.
- Monuments in Mahabalipuram were built by Pallavas.
- Fort St. George is the first English fort in India.
- Thiruvalluvar statue is situated in Kanyakumari.
- Thanjavur Periya Kovil was built by Raja Raja Cholan.
- Gingee fort in Villupuram district.





I. Choose the correct answer.

- 1. Sea shore temple is at _____.
 - a) Mahabalipuram b) Trichy c) Madurai
- 2. Fort St. George is at _____.
 - a) Kanchipuram b) Chennai c) Trichy
- 3. There are ____ styles of architectures at Mahabalipuram.
 - a) six
- b) three
- c) four
- 4. Thiruvalluvar wrote _____.
 - a) Thirukkural b) Nanneri c) Athichudi
- 5. Nandhi in Thanjavur Periya Kovil was built with _____
 - a) multiple stones b) two stones c) single stone

II. Match the following.

| 1 | Vivekananda rock | - | St. George fort |
|---|------------------|---|-----------------|
| 2 | Museum | - | Villupuram |
| 3 | Gingee fort | - | Pallavas |
| 4 | Mahabalipuram | - | Cholas |
| 5 | Periya kovil | - | Kanyakumari |





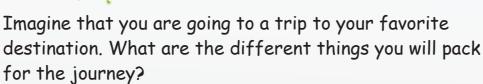
III. Answer the following.

- 1. What are inside the fort St. George?
- 2. Write a short note on Thiruvalluvar statue.
- 3. Name the three water bodies which are surrounded the Thiruvalluvar statue.
- 4. Who built Thanjavur Periya kovil? Write any special feature of the temple.
- 5. Describe the Gingee fort.





PROJECT:



| Name of the place | List of things |
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Learning Objectives

Childern will be able to:

- name different sanctuaries and where they are situated in India.
- define the sanctuaries.
- understand the importance of biosphere reserves.







A small girl named
Anu is at home with
her grandfather. Anu
is reading a book and
her grandfather is
reading a newspaper.







Grandfather: Sanctuary is a place where animals and birds are protected from hunting and other human activities.

Anu: Are there any other places like sanctuaries that protects animals and birds?





Grandfather: Yes, Anu. National Parks are places where wild animals are protected. In Biosphere Reserves animals, birds and plants are protected.

Anu: Interesting.









Grandfather: I will tell you about some of the most popular sanctuaries and reserves in India.

Anu: Sure. I would love to know about them.





Grandfather: Corbett National Park is the oldest park. It is in Uttarakhand.

Anu: Which animals are protected there?





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Grandfather: The majestic Bengal Tigers are protected there.







Grandfather: Yes, there is. Sunderbans National Park in West Bengal.

BENGAL TIGERS







Due to the successful conservation efforts of **Project Tiger**, the number of tigers have been increased in India.











1. Write the differences between the following.

| Sanctuary | National park | Biosphere reserve |
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2. If you want to see the Bengal tigers, which National Park will you visit? Write the name of the park and its location.