

# Ideas for Today's Resources

The work that you may have done back in Airport week links to this work really well. An integrated transport system sounds really boring but how much easier is it when you visit a new place to get around really easily and efficiently. The Mayor has put a lot of time and effort into supporting the revamping of the train station at Darlington. A large part of the work will allow the lines to be changed over so that the slow local train doesn't have to 'cross' the main line which causes delays and a limited number of trains per hour. But the station itself needs to create a great impression to new visitors as one of the main gateways into the area. And from our point of view, we want a fantastic station when we are travelling elsewhere. So plans are in place, but a final design isn't settled on yet. Closely linked to this plan is a similar upgrading of Middlesbrough station, which could be the focus of today's task if you prefer alongside new stations, one possibly at Coulby Newham and the other at Teesside Park. If you visit London you can jump on a train every few minutes from anywhere to anywhere. Our area will probably never be like that but it can certainly be improved a lot!

## Using the task

The video provides the stimulus to design a new station:

### Discussion points:

- What would different passengers need while waiting? Families? Business people? Old people?
- How can the history be reflected in the design?

## Community

Creating a sense of community around this work will improve authenticity and motivation for the children. I have provided a google folder at the bottom of the webpage for images of work to be uploaded to. Please don't put full names on, first name is fine and possibly the town where you are. Experience shows that this really develops self confidence and improved outcomes for further work. Equally you can email work to me.

## Tasks and outcomes

This activity again focusses children on thinking about audience whilst being creative. What will different passengers need or want?

### Task suggestions include:

- Create a design for the station with labelled features
- Build a design out of materials that are available
- Research stations around the world for ideas (links on the Spark page)
- Create a drawing of different features in your design and use as a backdrop for a documentary (voice over or picture in picture)
- Design a poster advertising the new station including key features for the specific audience
- Minecraft is ideal for creating new designs like this



Needs updating?