

Engaging Plenary Ideas



Quick suggestions for use as discussion questions or as purposeful plenaries at the end of a lesson to review learning and reflection.

Create a tagline for the life of John Laing.

If you could be 'a fly on the wall' in one part of John Laing's life – what part of his life would it be?

If John Laing (1879 - 1978) was alive today, what do you think would surprise him?

Come up with a name for a board game based on John Laing's life.

If you could spend a day with John Laing (Laing's built Coventry cathedral) or Basil Spence (Spence was the architect of Coventry cathedral), which would you choose and why?

You have visited Coventry cathedral. Write a short postcard to a friend about your visit.

If John Laing had a social media account, what do you think he would post about?

What advice do you think John Laing would give you about your life?

What life lesson have you learnt from the story of John Laing?

Sizewell B Power Station and Coventry Cathedral were both built by Laings. They are sometimes known as 'the power and the glory'. If you could visit only one of these Laing buildings, which would you choose? Give a reason for your choice.

You are going to write a book about John Laing's life. Think of an imaginative title for your book.

You are going to do an interview with Sir John Laing. Prepare some questions to ask him.



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