

Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will have a deeper understanding of the Royal Oak Inn in Gillamoor, its historical significance, and its connection to English culture. They will also enhance their English, history, and math skills through engaging activities that integrate these subjects.

Materials and Prep

- Notebook and pen for taking notes
- Access to a computer or device for research
- Calculator for math activities
- Map of Yorkshire, England (printed or digital)
- Access to historical texts or articles about Gillamoor and the Royal Oak Inn

Before the lesson, ensure the student is familiar with basic research methods and knows how to use a calculator. It would be helpful if they have a general understanding of English history, particularly the role of inns and taverns.

Activities

- **Research Project:**

The student will research the Royal Oak Inn, focusing on its history, architecture, and role in the local community. They will create a short presentation (2-3 minutes) summarizing their findings.

- **Creative Writing:**

Encourage the student to write a short story or diary entry from the perspective of a traveler staying at the Royal Oak Inn during the 1800s. This will help them practice their creative writing and historical imagination.

- **Math Connection:**

Have the student calculate the distance from their home to Gillamoor using a map and discuss the average speed it would take to travel there. This activity will help them practice their math skills in a real-world context.

- **Discussion and Reflection:**

After completing the activities, hold a discussion about what they learned. Ask them to reflect on the importance of inns in historical travel and hospitality.

Talking Points

- "The Royal Oak Inn has been a part of Gillamoor for many years. Can you imagine the stories it could tell?"
- "Inns like the Royal Oak served as safe havens for travelers. Why do you think they were important in history?"
- "What architectural features do you think make the Royal Oak Inn unique?"
- "How do you think the role of inns has changed from the 1800s to today?"
- "Can you find any interesting historical events that took place in or around Gillamoor?"
- "What would you include in your story about staying at the Royal Oak Inn?"
- "How does understanding the history of places like the Royal Oak Inn help us understand our

own culture?"

- "What math skills did you use when calculating distances and travel times?"
- "How can we relate the history of this inn to broader themes in English history?"
- "What did you find most surprising about the Royal Oak Inn's history?"
- "How do you think the local community views the Royal Oak Inn today?"
- "Can you think of any modern inns or hotels that serve a similar purpose?"
- "Why is it important to preserve historical sites like the Royal Oak Inn?"
- "What role do you think hospitality plays in culture?"
- "How can we use our creative writing to express historical perspectives?"
- "What did you learn about the geography of Yorkshire through this lesson?"