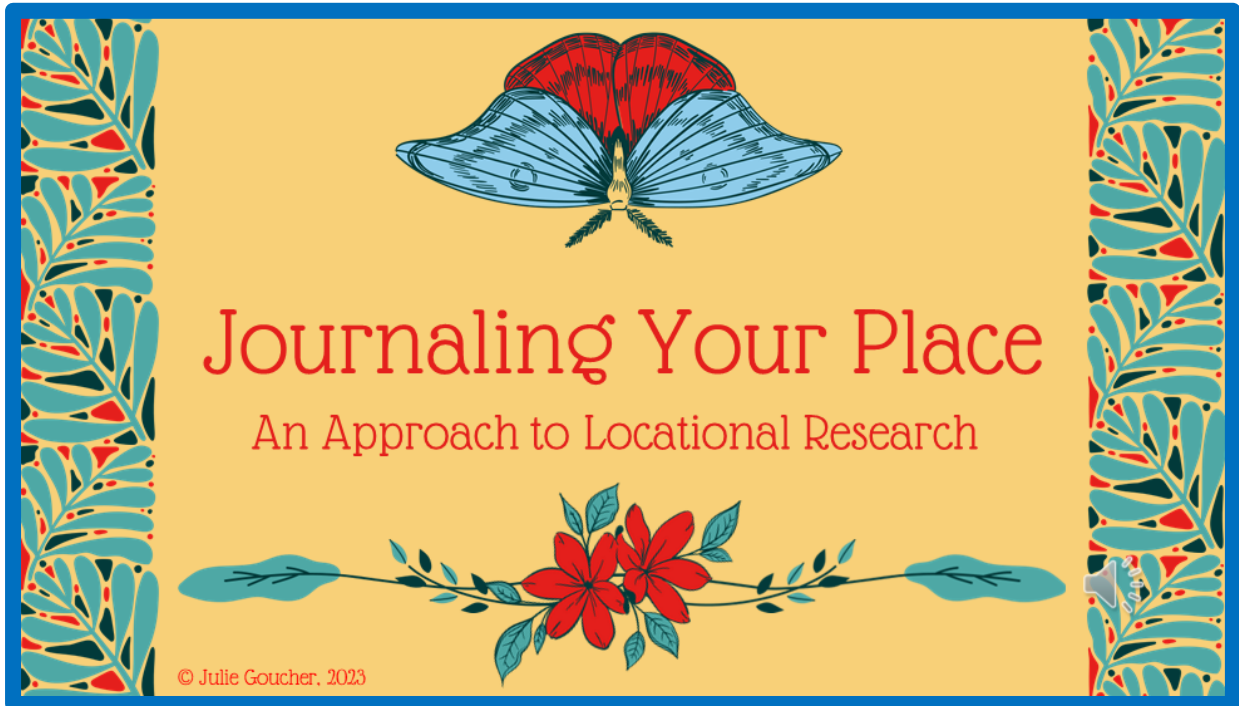


JOURNALING YOUR PLACE

AN APPROACH TO LOCATIONAL RESEARCH



Using ten key elements we can explore our places of interest. How you document that journey is dependant on your preferred method, or perhaps you might choose a multi-faceted approach. There is no right or wrong way. You might live many miles from your place, and you can use this as a way of prepping for a trip. You can use Google Maps to help you.

You can use a variety of methods:

- Blog
- Website
- Scrapbook
- Journal
- Facebook Group
- Vision Board

You can include photographs, readings from books, pamphlets and other items that can illustrate your place.

I have created a list of key elements and included a few examples for each. You can expand and include other things. You might also find that some examples can appear in more than one of the key elements.

I have been asked if I would be prepared to run a workshop building onto some of the themes here. If you would be interested, please use the [Contact Page](#) on my website.

Key Elements:

- **Geography**
 - How do you get to your place?
 - What places do you pass through along the way?
 - When do you go?
 - Visit in different seasons.
 - What is the temperature?
 - Describe the weather.

- **Topographical**
 - Land surface
 - Farms
 - Rural or Urban
 - Trees

- **Cartography**
 - Landmarks
 - Maps
 - Drawing of what you see
 - Drawing your favourite places

- **Human Geography**
 - Ethnic Customs
 - Culture
 - Traditions
 - Clubs and Societies
 - Population
 - Local Foods
 - Religion

- **Architecture**
 - Design of buildings
 - Windows
 - Pavilions
 - Bandstands
 - Other landmarks

- **History and Archaeology**
 - Historical sites
 - Artifacts
 - Exotic Facts

- **Artwork**
 - Paintings
 - Decorations
 - Music
 - Folklore
 - Sculpture
 - Statues
 - Blue Plaques and History Markers

- **Natural History**
 - Animals
 - Birds
 - Plants
 - Shells
 - Things that you can see that are different to usual.

- **Travel Guides and Books**
 - Accommodation
 - Pubs
 - Restaurants
 - Transport
 - Accessibility

- **Travel Memoir**
 - Thoughts
 - Feelings
 - Special Moments
 - Self-Reflection

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