

## From the 'Cradle to the Grave': would Lower 5 survive the Twentieth Century?



The Lower 5 historians have been studying healthcare in the twentieth and twenty first centuries, as part of their GCSE course, Britain: Health and the People. We are particularly focusing on factors that enabled public health to improve, specifically the role of governments.

The pupils played the board game 'From Cradle to Grave', encountering numerous threats to health and recording their date and reason for death on the whiteboard. They discovered that it was very difficult to make it past 1914, with three-quarters of the group either dying as a young child or being killed in the First World War. They learned that infant mortality was extremely high as a consequence of bad housing conditions or illnesses that are preventable today, and that the creation of the NHS in 1948 was a huge turning point in public health.

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