

CRAFTSMEN & ARTISTS



The engraved and sculpted headstones are a form of art. On your journey, take time to study and note the different shapes and styles. You will also discover various symbols that have different meanings.

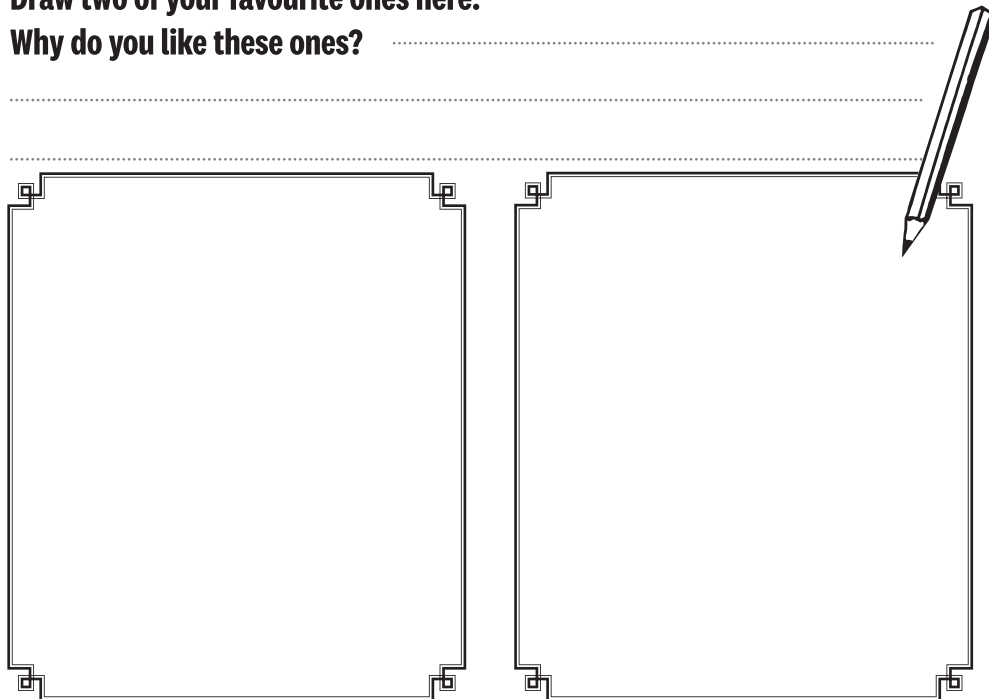
Draw two of your favourite ones here:

Why do you like these ones?

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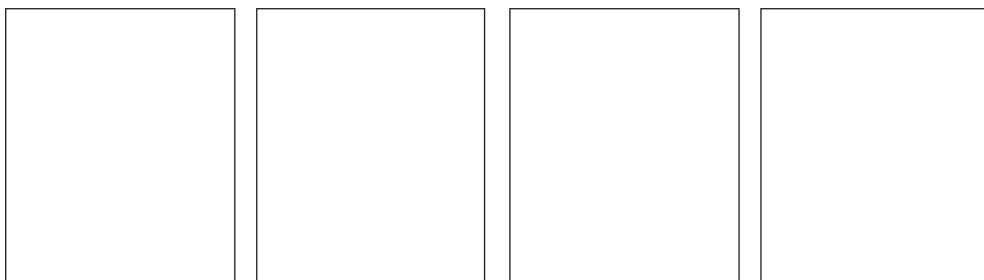
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Plant emblems

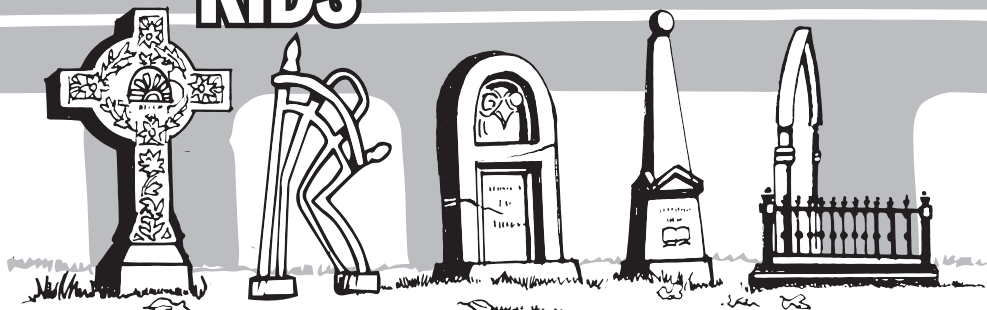
Draw the plant emblems or symbols that you see on the headstones and monuments. Name them.



Symonds Street Cemetery

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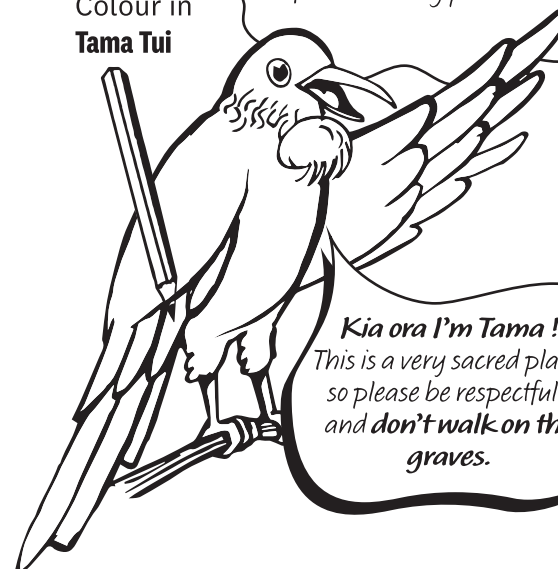
(The Anglican and Wesleyan sections)



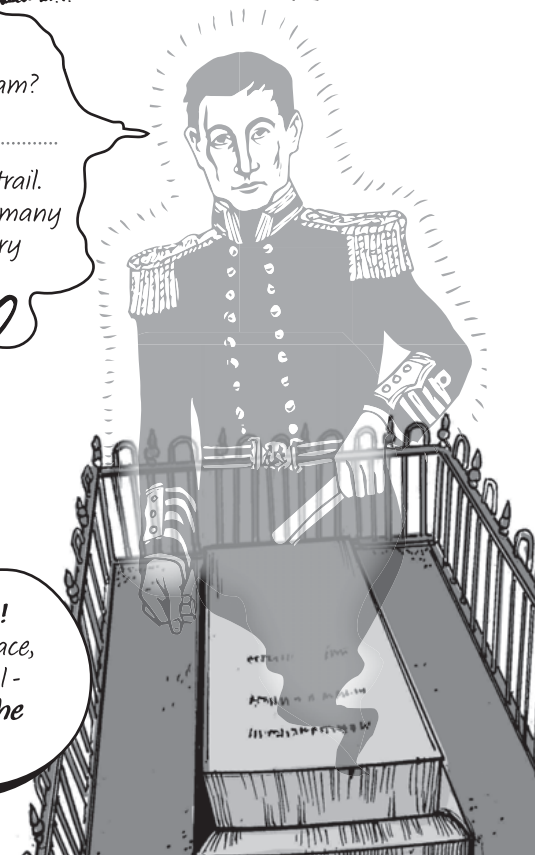
Hello kids! Do you know who I am?

*You will find me at the end of the trail.
Use this Fun Trail Guide to find out many
interesting facts about the history
of this amazing place!*

Colour in
Tama Tui



*Kia ora I'm Tama!
This is a very sacred place,
so please be respectful -
and don't walk on the
graves.*

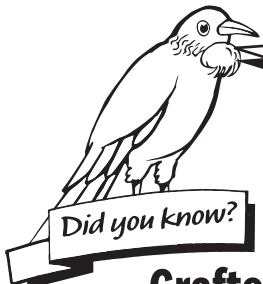


Scan this QR code to find more fascinating stories about this cemetery. Learn about the people buried here, the trees, the buildings and the best walks.

Nau mai ki tēnei wāhi tapu

Welcome to this sacred space

This "Fun Guide" is for you to learn and discover some facts and secrets!



As you go on your exploring adventure, list some of the plants and trees that you see on the way...

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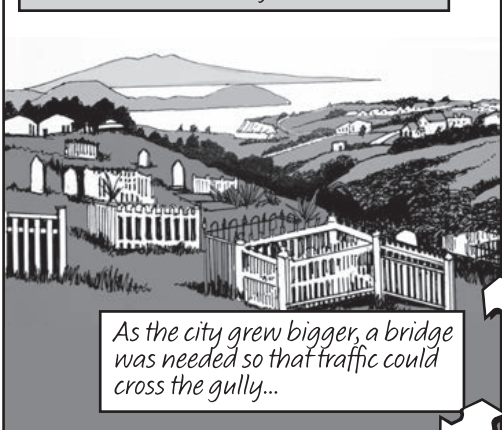
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Did you know?

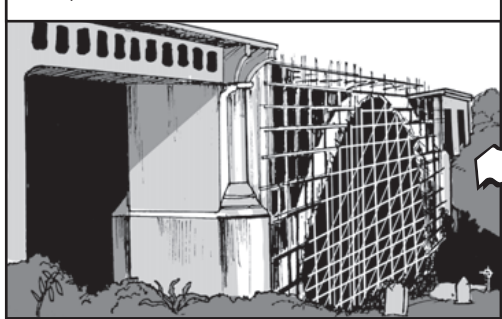
Grafton Bridge - An amazing history

In 1869 Grafton Gully looked like this...



As the city grew bigger, a bridge was needed so that traffic could cross the gully...

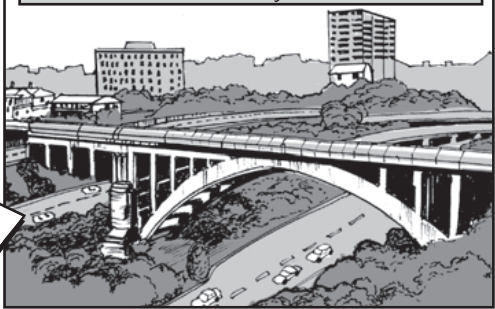
Construction started in 1908. When built, the bridge had the largest single-span reinforced concrete structure in the world.



8 graves were re-interred so that work could begin on the bridge...



In 2022 Grafton Gully looks like this...



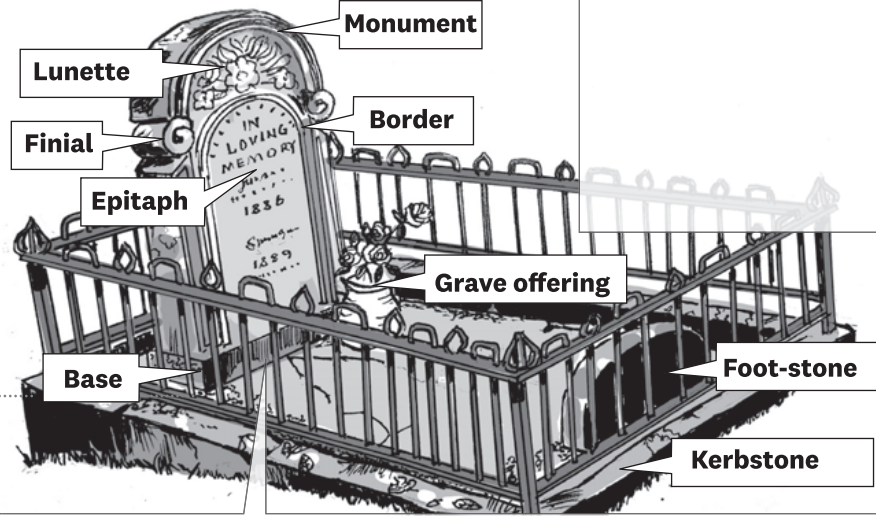
What happened to the 1100 graves and monuments that were moved so that the motorway could be built?

The grave facts

Graves and memorials are a focus for mourning and remembrance. The names of relatives are often added to a gravestone over the years, so that one marker may chronicle the passing of an entire family spread over decades. Gravestones and plots in a cemetery cost money, so they can be a symbol of wealth or prominence in a community.

Can you find an example of a grave for a wealthy or important person?

Draw their monument here



Fence (to keep grazing animals off the grave - often made from iron fencing that came from England. The heavy fences were used as ballast for the cargo ships that returned empty back to NZ, and ended up being used here. Poorer people used wooden markers and fences.

There are many children buried in this cemetery

Can you find a child's grave? Do you know how they died?

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Write how this makes you feel, or make up a poem

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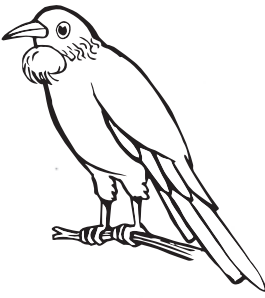
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Use this space for your sketches, rubbings or answers.



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Here is another unusual grave.
What shape can you see?
unscramble the word to find
their faith GLNANICA

What items do you see here?
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9

This is the grave
of a very kind
and wealthy man.
What did he do?
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Draw a picture of what he might
have looked like in his kit

11

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Do you know why these
head stones are here?
Use the space above, to do
a rubbing of the pink
Keitha Fletcher headstone.



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What the...?
Decaying Graves
are all around.
What happened?

Why are these names
here? Can you find your
surname on the wall?

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Anglican Section

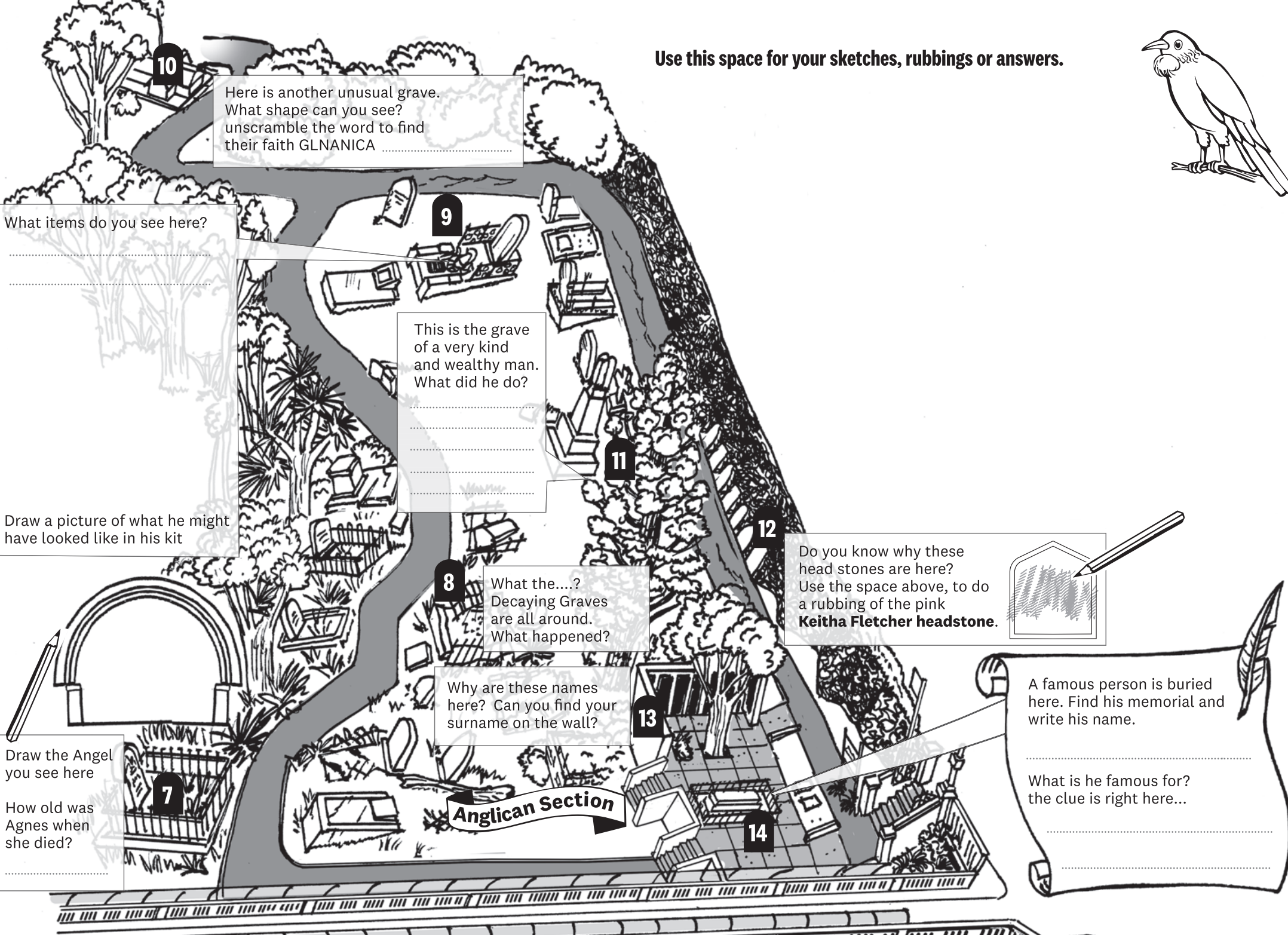
Draw the Angel
you see here

How old was
Agnes when
she died?
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A famous person is buried
here. Find his memorial and
write his name.
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What is he famous for?
the clue is right here...
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Find out about this historic bridge

Start ENTRANCE C

1

What did this building used to be?

Wesleyan and General Section

Horrible History!
Find out what happened to Emily K

5

This is great spot for a selfie!

4

There are many different trees here. Can you name any?

2

This set of graves has many elements from our diagram. List them...

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This tombstone is very different from the others you see. What do you notice?

Use this space to write your answers:

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SYMONDS STREET

Start ENTRANCE D

ST MARTINS LANE

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