

The London Eye Mystery



Pre-reading activities

Before we start reading the book let's learn a bit about London!

- **Can you identify some of the most famous landmarks in London? (See the attached photocopy).**
- **Stick the plan of the tube of London** and mark with arrows in what underground stations you have to get off to see these places.

The London Eye was built to commemorate the millennium. Two visionary architects, David Marks and Julia Barfield, came up with an audacious idea: they wanted to give London a structure which was physically beautiful, technologically innovative, and which would also allow visitors the chance to see one of the world's greatest cities from a new and exciting perspective.

They decided a wheel was an ideal symbol for London in the new millennium. Their wheel is a universally recognized symbol of time and regeneration. It's a powerful metaphor of the turning of a century and a millennium and introduces a new shape and sense of order into the chaotic city that is London.

- In groups, **prepare a poster** drawing the wheel and stick photos with the main landmarks you can see from it. You can add some info about these places.
Write some info about the wheel, too. (See photocopy attached)
- Answer the following questions from the leaflet.
 1. How much does it cost for an adult? And for a child?
 2. When can you ride on the wheel?
 3. How long does the ride take?