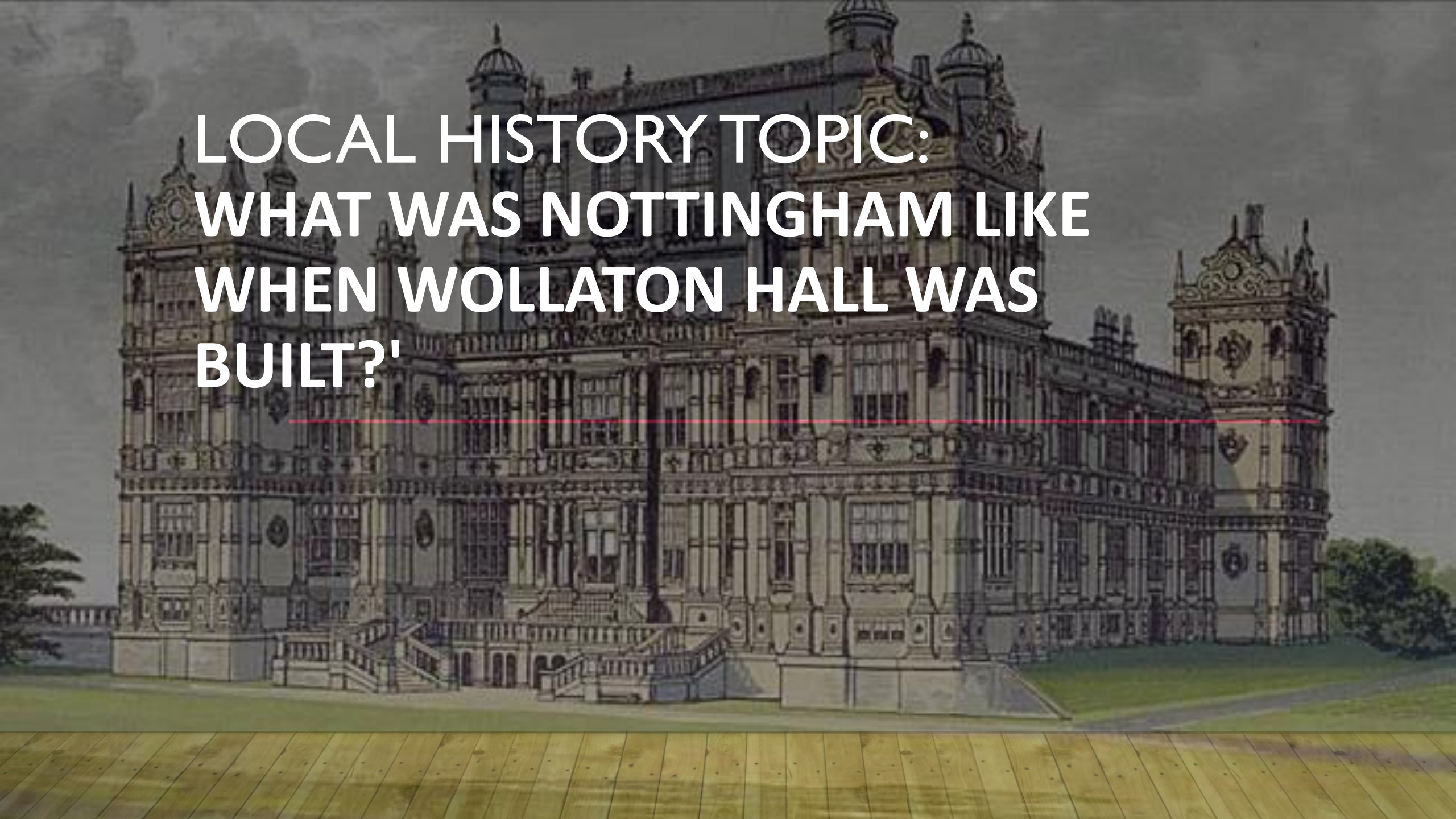


# LOCAL HISTORY TOPIC: WHAT WAS NOTTINGHAM LIKE WHEN WOLLATON HALL WAS BUILT?'

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## LESSON 1: WHAT MAKES WOLLATON HALL A HISTORICALLY IMPORTANT BUILDING?

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WALT:

- To be able to answer questions about given statements in order to explore the past.
- To be able to come up with hypotheses about when Wollaton Hall was built which we can explore in future lessons.





# WHAT DO YOU ALREADY KNOW ABOUT WOLLATON HALL?

- Have you ever been to Wollaton Hall? Was it recently? Follow [this link](#) and watch the video showing different views of Wollaton Hall to give you a reminder.





# WHAT DO YOU ALREADY KNOW ABOUT WOLLATON HALL?

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What?

Where?

Wollaton Hall

Who?

When?



mansion, country house,  
museum, deer park,  
events venue, play area, lake,  
gardens

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What?

On top of a hill in Wollaton  
Park – a 600 acre park near  
Nottingham city centre

Where?

Wollaton Hall

Who?

Built for Sir Francis  
Willoughby, an industrialist  
and coal owner who owned  
the estate at the time.

Now owned by Nottingham  
City Council

When?

Built in Elizabethan times – in  
the 16<sup>th</sup> century between  
1580 to 1588



WILF: I CAN ANSWER QUESTIONS WHICH EXPLORE WHY WOLLATON HALL IS A HISTORICALLY IMPORTANT BUILDING.  
I CAN GIVE MY OWN HYPOTHESES ABOUT WHAT NOTTINGHAM WAS LIKE AT THE TIME WOLLATON HALL WAS BUILT.

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LOOK AT THIS STATEMENT.

**1.** Wollaton Hall is an example of a prodigy house.

USE THE INFORMATION FROM WIKIPEDIA  
TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS:

- What is a prodigy house?
- Why do you think Sir Francis Willoughby wanted a house built like this?





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**2.** In a recent book about England's best houses Wollaton Hall was described as "the architectural sensation of its age".

USE THE HISTORY SECTION OF THE WOLLATON HALL WEBSITE TO ANSWER THESE:

- Use a dictionary or web search to find out what **architecture** is.
- Who is thought to have been the architect of Wollaton Hall?
- What other important houses did he also design?
- What about its design makes Wollaton Hall 'distinctive' and therefore a 'sensation of its age'?





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**3.**

Wollaton Hall is often described as one of the finest Elizabethan mansions.

CARRY OUT YOUR OWN RESEARCH TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS:

- Who was the monarch (king or queen) in Elizabethan times?
- Find 3 facts about this monarch.





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## PLENARY: CAN YOU COME UP WITH SOME HYPOTHESES?

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WHAT DO YOU THINK NOTTINGHAM WAS LIKE IN ELIZABETHAN TIMES WHEN WOLLATON HALL WAS BUILT?

- I think that ...
- Also, I think ...
- My reasons for thinking these things are ...
- I would like to find out more about ...

