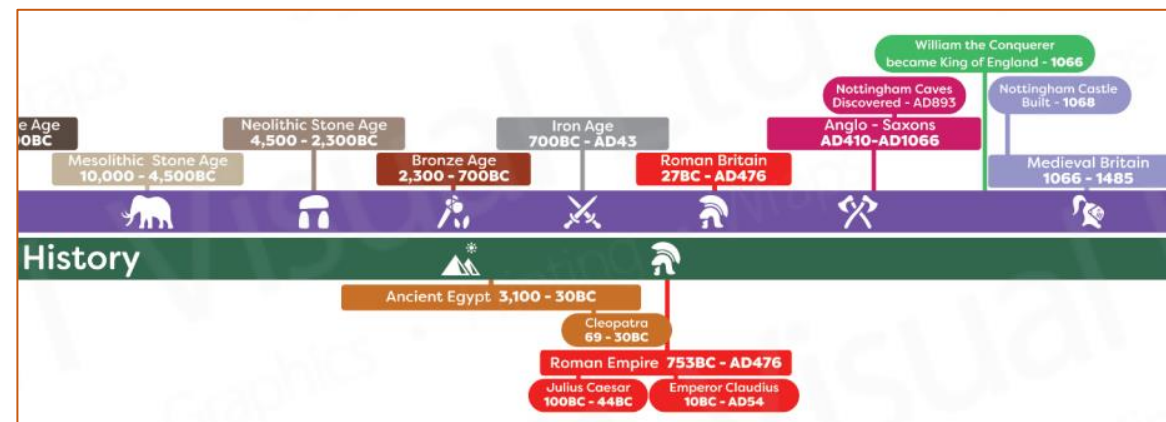


# Why are the caves an important part of Nottingham's history?

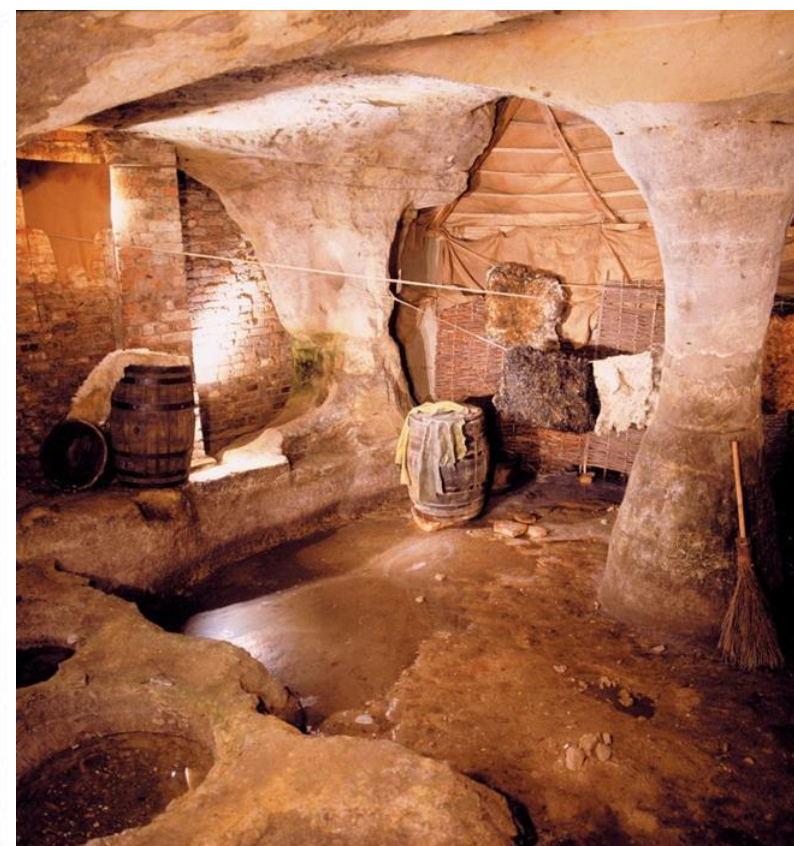
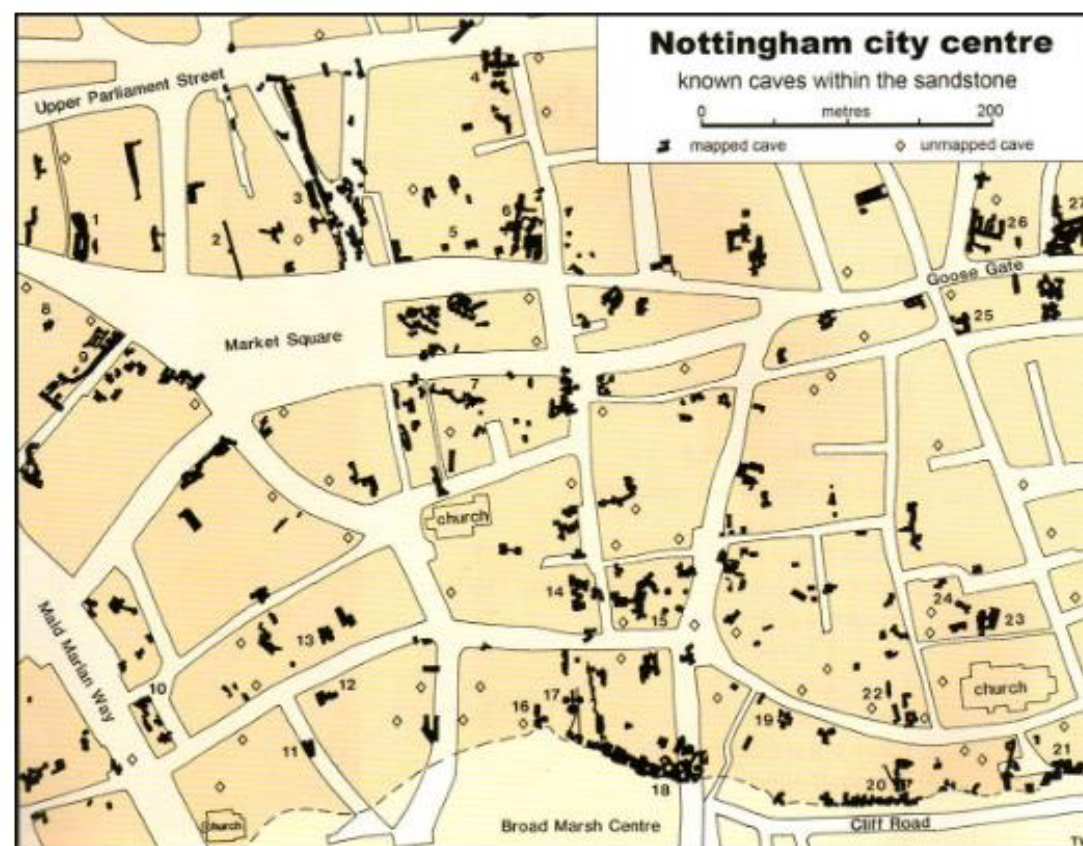
The city of Nottingham has hundreds of man-made caves, which have been in use for over a thousand years. The caves are not natural and have been made using simple tools because of the soft sandstone.

893 AD	Nottingham caves were discovered
1500 AD	Caves used as a tannery
1941	86 public air raid shelter were found beneath the city in the sandstone, holes were also dug here to supply sand for sandbags used during WW2.
Current Day	Caves are used as a tourist attraction

## What are the Nottingham Caves and when were they found?



- People started living in caves during the Stone Age
- Nottingham Caves discovered- 893 AD
- Nottingham Castle built- 1048 AD



Key Concepts		
city	A city is a place where many people live closely together.	
Key Vocabulary		
tannery	Where a tanner worked	
tanner	A person who would turn animal hides into a material suitable for clothing, furniture and other similar uses; the hides go through a chemical process called tanning. This would smell horrible so was on the outskirts of town and near a river or stream, usually amongst the poor.	
Air raid shelter	A building or structure designed to protect people from bombs dropped during air raids. An air raid was an attack in which bombs are dropped from aircraft on to a ground target.	
sandstone	sedimentary rock consisting of sand or quartz grains cemented together, typically red, yellow, or brown in colour	