



The Story of the Portal Boys: Successful Huguenot Refugees

The Story...

- Courage
- Danger
- Excitement
- Terror
- Optimism
- Persecution

With a happy ending...



Our Story begins in France...

- Catholic country
- Arrival of a new religion:
 - Martin Luther – Protestantism
- French Protestants called HUGUENOTS
- Abusive term
- Bullied, persecuted, discriminated against
- Soldiers billeted in their homes
- Forced to convert, tortured, imprisoned
- FORBIDDEN TO LEAVE

France



ENGLISH CHANNEL



Across the Channel



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Many Arrived in Dover





Where did the Huguenots settle?

Can you find the following towns...

- London
- Dover
- Southampton
- Canterbury
- Sandwich
- Norwich
- Bristol
- Taunton

Why did they settle there?

On your map, can you chart the journey a Huguenot may have taken



Reactions in London



Noon, 1738, William Hogarth

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The Characters...

- Henri and Guillame Portal
- Their siblings
- Their mother, father and sister
- A Pastor
- King Louis XIV of France
- Fearsome soldiers (Dragonnades)
- French army and navy
- Englishman



King Louis XIV

The Portal boys



Henri and Guillaume Portal hid in a barrel for their journey from France to The UK.

The brothers arrived in Southampton in 1702

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Henri was just 12 years old

The Journey...

- Hiding from the soldiers in bread ovens in their chateau in Poitier
- Escaping by horse-drawn cart under blankets to Bordeaux
- Smuggled onto a boat
- Hidden in barrels
- Survived fumigation and swords from French navy
- The brothers arrived in Southampton in 1702
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