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
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 – 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
  Henri was 12 years old