

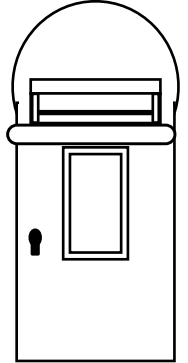
The Letter Box Study Group

www.lbsg.org

Introduction and information.

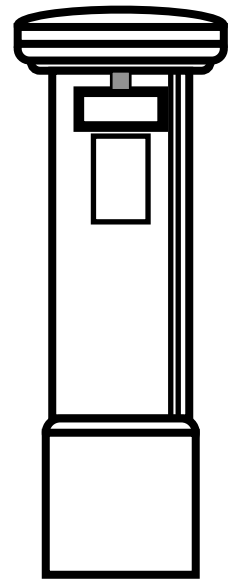
Founded in 1976, the LBSG has identified around 800 different types of postbox. There are more than 400 different varieties of pillar box; around 160 types of wall box, 66 Ludlow boxes and almost 80 versions of the lamp box. New boxes are still appearing while there are still many older boxes waiting to be discovered and rediscovered.

The Letter Box Study Group is the acknowledged authority on the history and development of the British roadside letter box.



Anthony Trollope, the novelist, introduced the pillar box to Britain in 1852 when he worked as a Post Office Surveyor in the Channel Islands. The first mainland box was erected a year later in 1853. At first local District Surveyors ordered boxes from local foundries. In 1859 a standard design was introduced. Wall boxes appeared in 1857, Ludlow boxes in 1885 and lamp boxes in 1896.

Each new reign brings boxes bearing the royal cipher of the monarch. Pillar boxes and wall boxes have been made in different sizes and with improvements to the design incorporated over time. A large number of different manufacturers have been employed and over the years there have been many experimental boxes put in service.



More about the Group, post boxes and membership can be found at www.lbsg.org

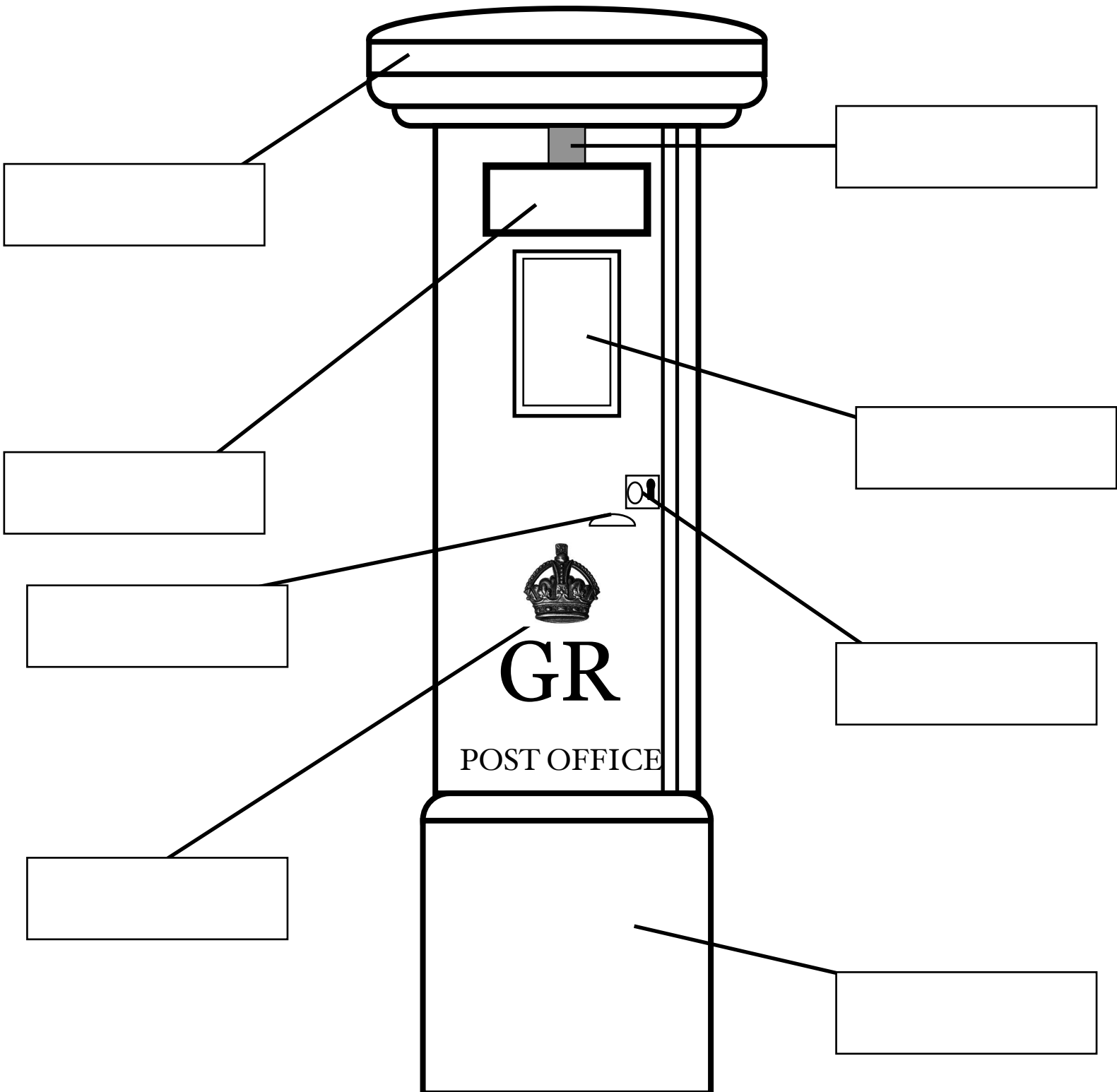
	Sheet Reference Number	Objective	Extension
English	Number 1	Label parts of a post box	How many words of 3 letters or more can be made out of the phrase 'POST BOXES' Write a letter to a family member or friend
	Number 2	Word search	
Maths	Number 3	Dot to Dot Addition and subtraction using Roman Numerals (code breaking) Design and draw a post box	Compare the length of time monarchs reigned, use these numbers for brain teasers, number games : double, half, multiply etc.. Challenge who can find highest box number in local area.
	Number 4		
	Number 5		
History	Number 6	Timeline of post boxes Where post boxes fit into history of Great Britain The Penny Black	Research via www.lbsg.org for information. Research The Penny Black, stamps etc.. Discover monarchs of GB, how long they reigned.
	Number 7		
	Number 8		
Geography	Number 9	Colours of post boxes from around the world	Locate their nearest post box, record box type, number and monarch. Nearest box to school!
Art/ Design	Number 10a /10b	Colouring pages Colour 4 post boxes in the style of 'pop art' Design and draw a post box	Research Pop Art and other Art History periods Paint a postbox in a certain style eg. pointillism
	Number 11		
	Number 5		

Label the correct parts of the post box

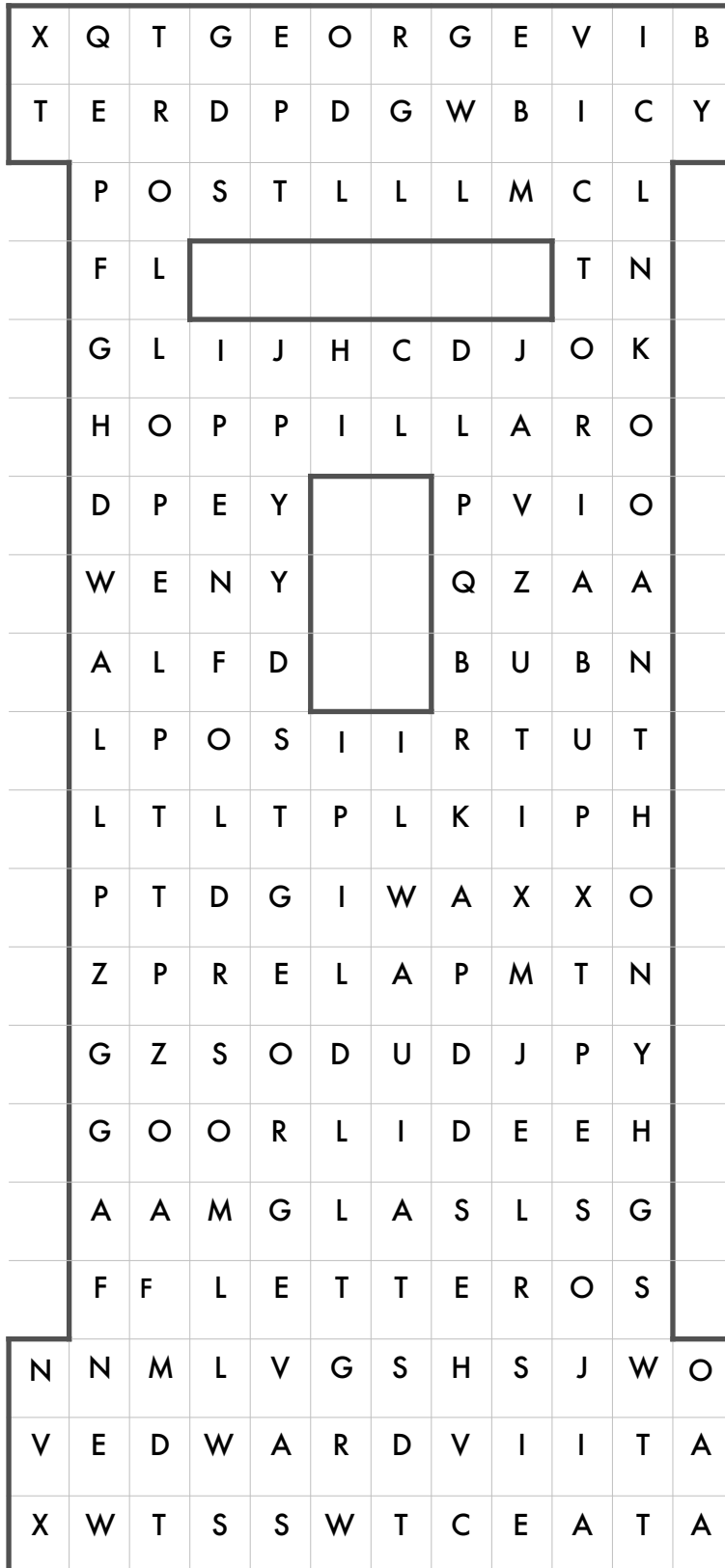
APERTURE, LOCK, DOOR HANDLE, BASE,
COLLECTION PLATE, CAP, NEXT COLLECTION TAB,
CROWN AND CIPHER

Number

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Word search



VICTORIA

POST

ELIZABETHII

EDWARDVII

LETTER

PENFOLD

GEORGEV

PILLAR

ANTHONY

TROLLOPE

EDWARDVIII

WALL

GEORGEVI

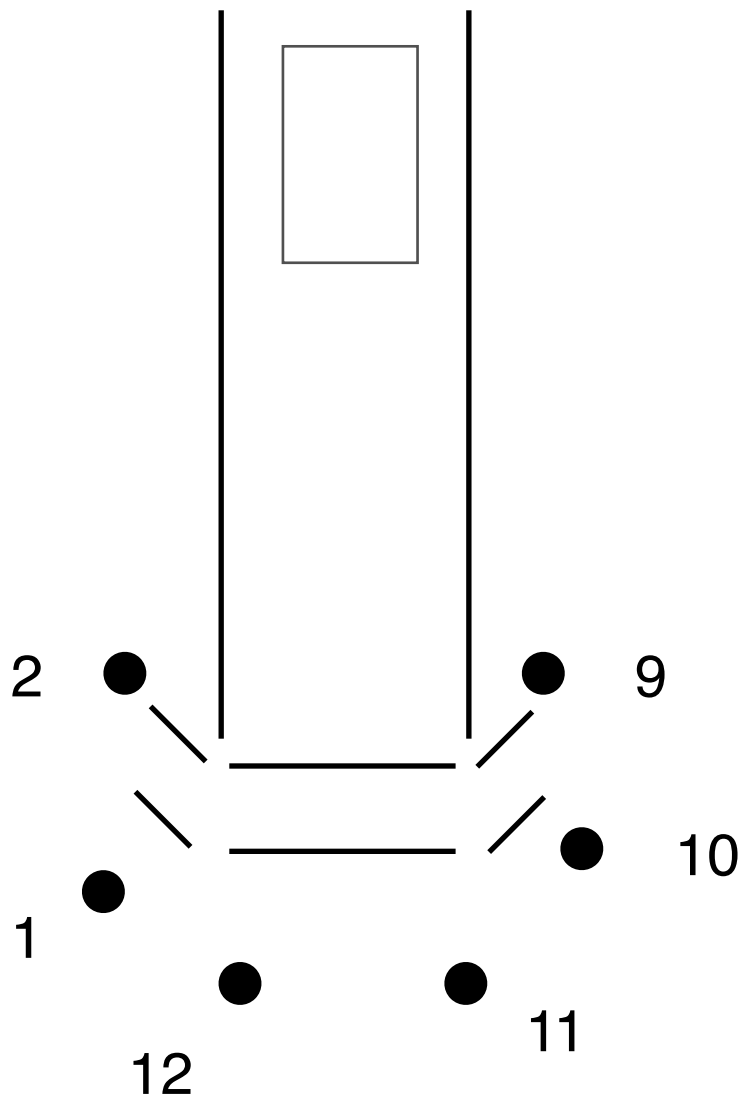
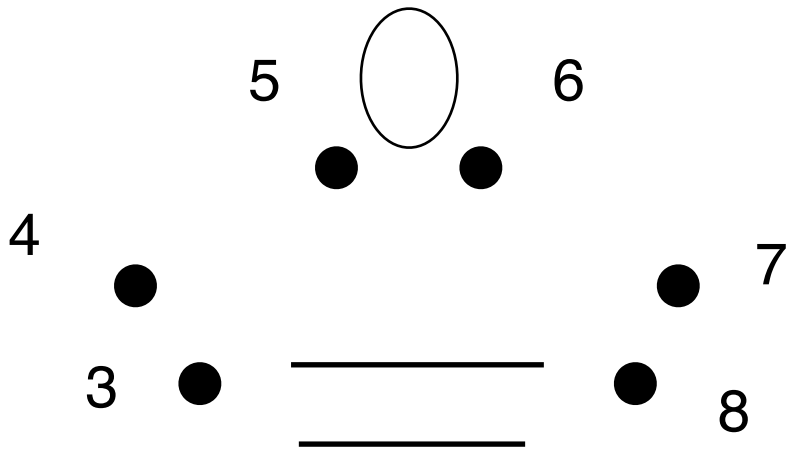
LAMP

LUDLOW



Join the dots to find out what kind of post box this is!

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Which type of box is it?

Roman Numerals

Ancient Romans used a special method of showing numbers.

Examples: They wrote V instead of 5. And wrote IX instead of 9

Some post boxes you see will have the monarchs (kings or queens) initials but also some Roman numerals. Try out these sums, write your answer in Roman numerals.

1	I
2	II
3	III
4	IV
5	V
6	VI
7	VII
8	VIII
9	IX
10	X

I	+	V	=	
VII	+	III	=	
V	+	II	=	
I	+	I	=	
IV	+	I	=	
V	-	I	=	
X	-	I	=	
IX	-	VI	=	
X	-	II	=	
VI	-	V	=	

Design and draw your own postbox

Number

5



Don't forget:

an aperture

a collection plate holder

a tab holder

Each square represents 1cm

Use the ratio 1cm:10cm

What is the entire area of the grid cm / m

How tall is the postbox you have drawncm /m

How wide is the post box you have drawncm /m

Put these significant dates in postal history, in order, earliest first, next to the events.

Number

6

1840 The Penny Black was introduced

2002 The first post office pillar erected in Jersey

1857

1896 Post boxes started to appear on the British mainland

1853 Wall box post boxes first appeared

1924 Red became the standard colour for post boxes

1852 Lamp box post boxes appeared

2012 Oval signs pointing in the direction of the nearest post office started to appear on pillar boxes!

1930 Blue coloured special post boxes were introduced for Airmail letters

1874 Royal Mail pledge to repaint each of its letter boxes every 3 years

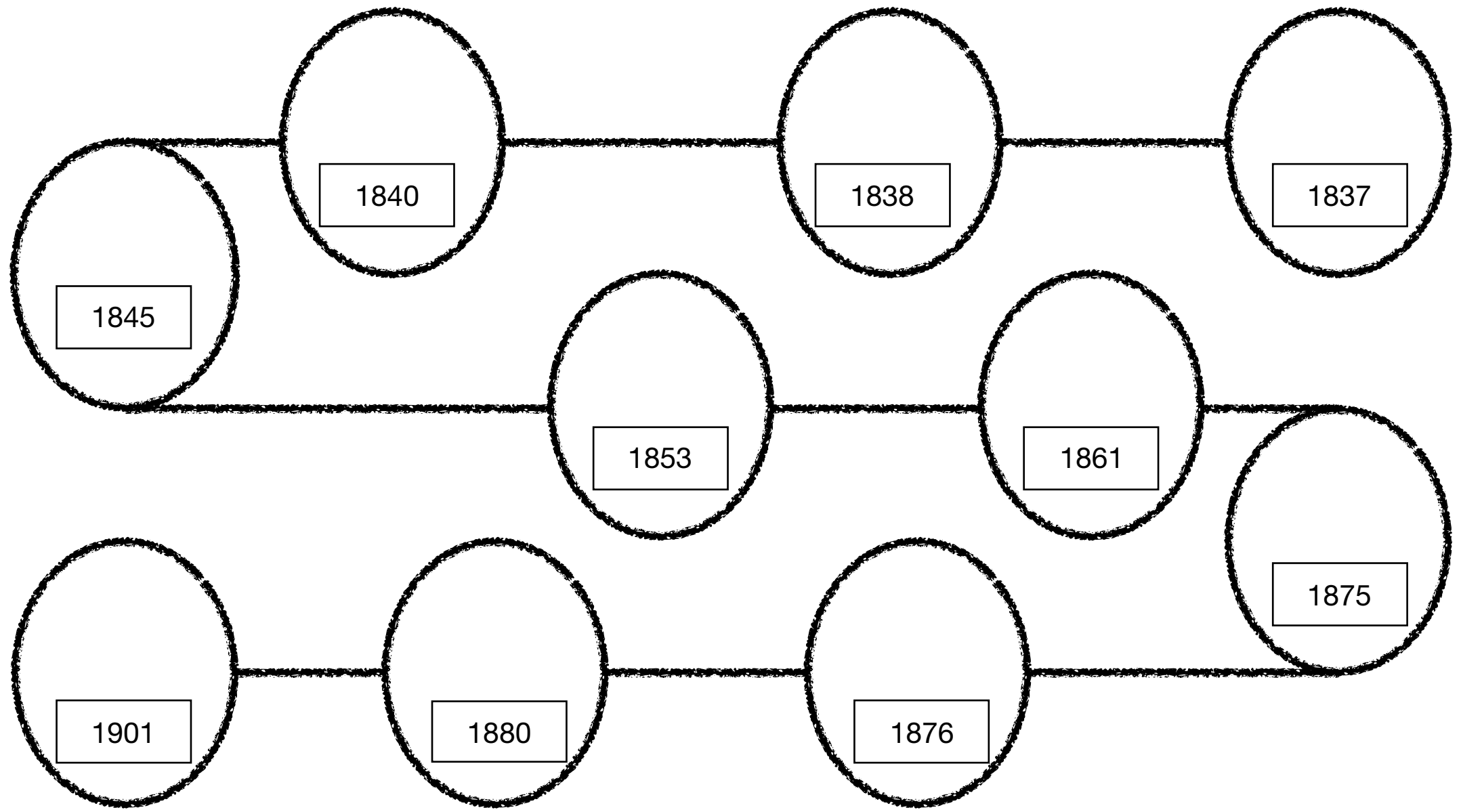
110 post boxes were permanently repainted gold for each of the Great British Olympians who won gold medals at the Olympic Games!



Key events in Victorian history

Cut out the facts on the fact sheet and match them to the correct year.

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Key events in Victorian history

Cut out each fact and match the event to the year it happened on the Victorian History worksheet.

Number
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Queen Victoria comes to the throne.

Education becomes compulsory for all children under 10 years old.

Queen Victoria dies, succeeded by Edward VII.

First chocolate Easter Eggs are produced by Fry's of Bristol

The first stamp, the Penny Black is introduced.

First UK mainland post box was installed.

Victoria's husband, Prince Albert, dies aged 42.

Robert Thomson invents the rubber inflatable tyre.

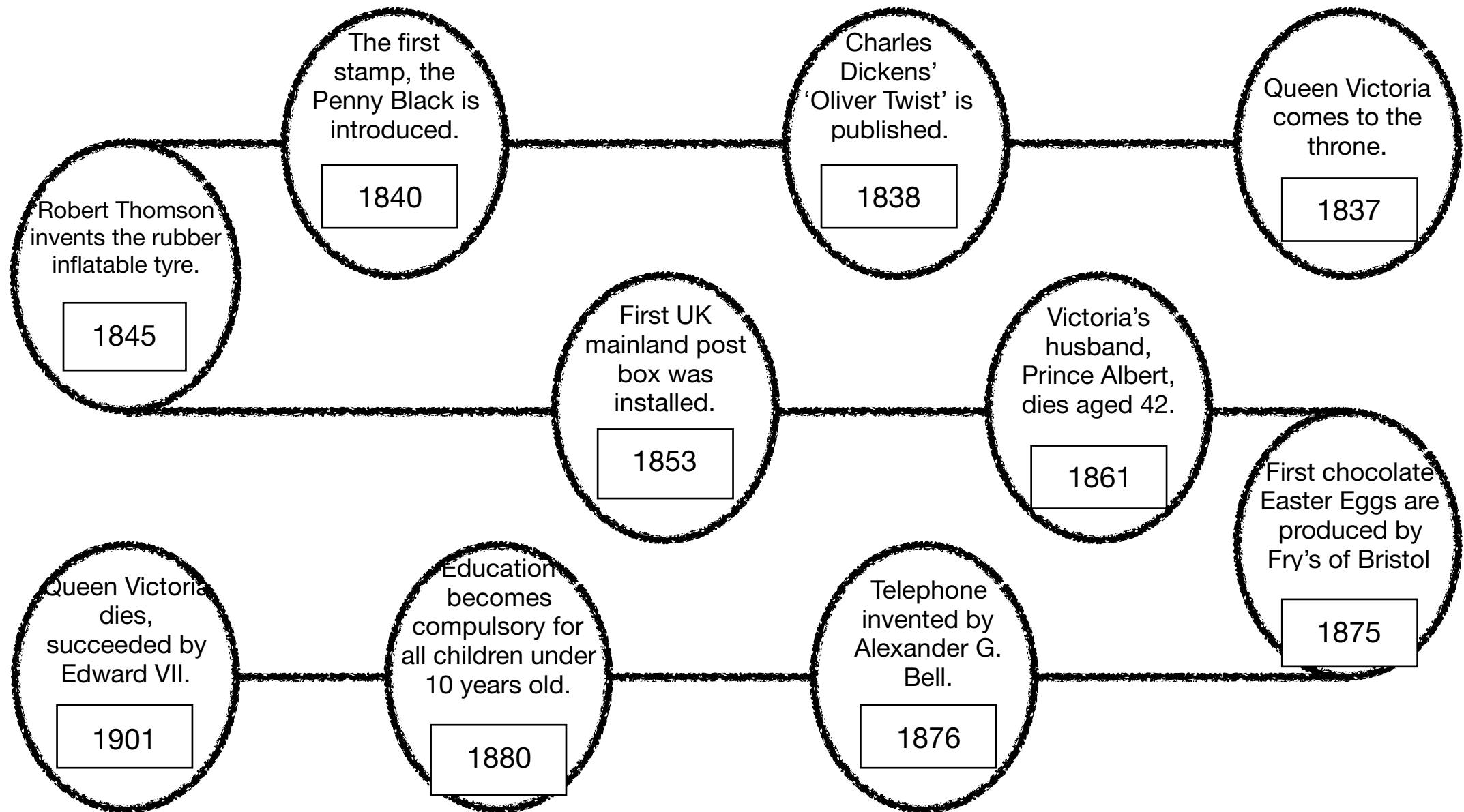
Telephone invented by Alexander G. Bell.

Charles Dickens' 'Oliver Twist' is published.



Key events in Victorian history (Answer sheet)

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The Penny Black

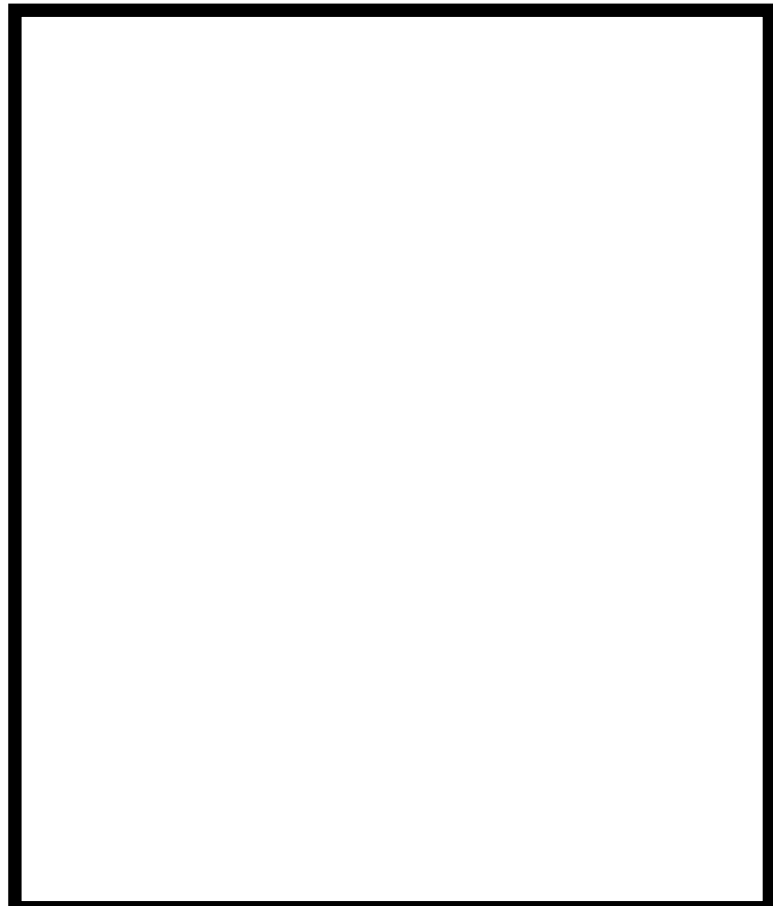
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The Penny Black was the worlds first adhesive postage stamp used in a public postal system and first issued in Great Britain on 1st May 1840.

Have a go at drawing the Penny Black or create your own postage stamp. Don't forget to include the current Queen's silhouette, as all British Stamps still have a portrait of Queen Elizabeth II in their design somewhere.



Post boxes around the world

Different countries have alternative colours for their post boxes. Research, label the countries and colour them the same colour as their post boxes.

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Colour this Elizabeth II
lamp box

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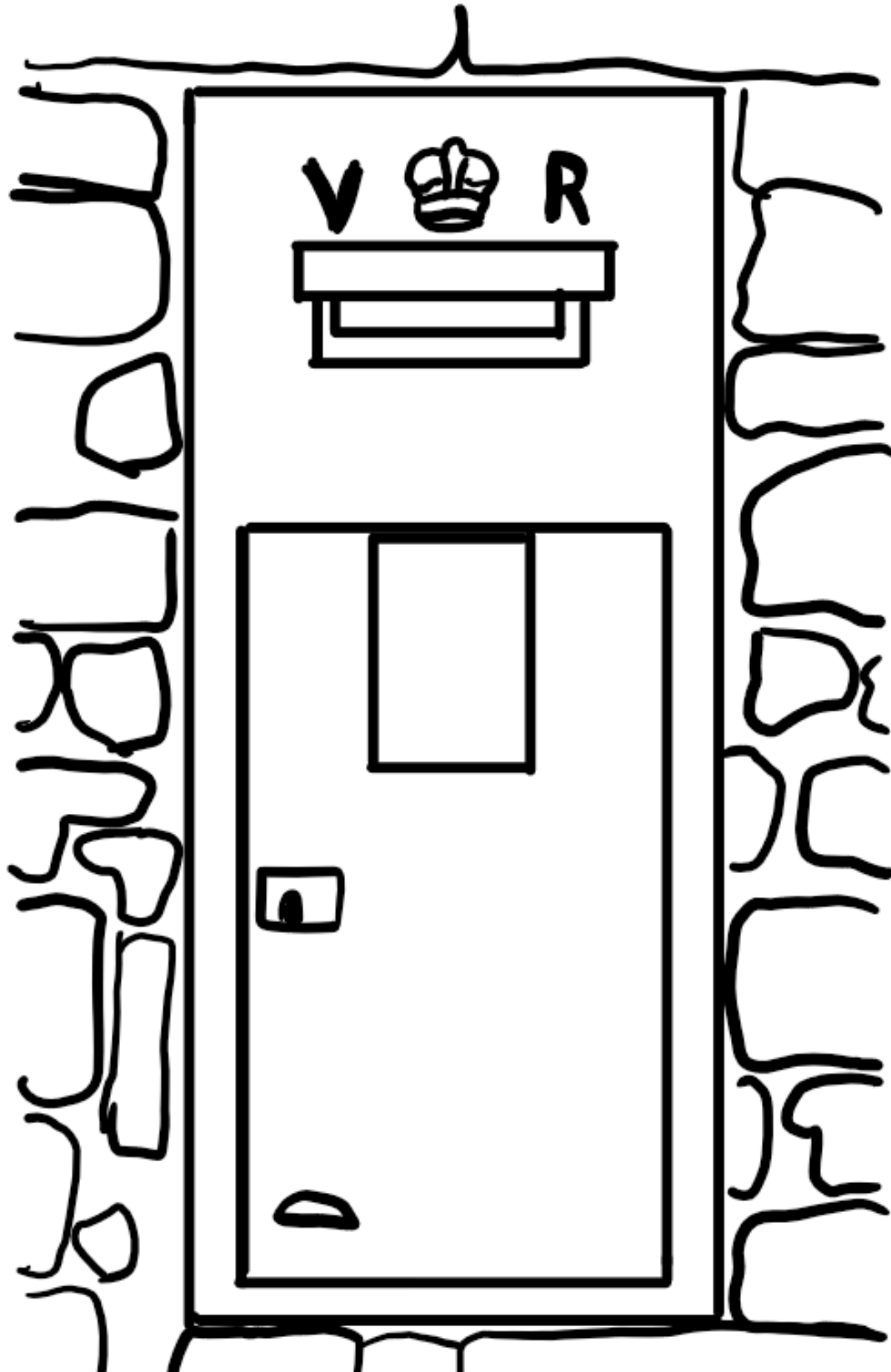
10b



Colour this Victorian
Wall Box

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10a



Pop Art Post Boxes

Colour these post boxes in the style of 'Pop Art'.
This type of box is a George V hovis top lamp box!

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