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Creative Approaches to History
-A significant, not famous, person
-Sue Temple
The Suitcase Activity
# Historical Interpretation

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Noor Inayat Khan

- Born 1/1/1914 in Kremlin – Grandfather was Indian Royal Family
- Moved to Paris, father died.
- Got a degree in Childhood Psychology, wrote children’s stories and books
- Played several instruments
- Spoke French, English and Russian well
- Brought up as a Sufi Muslim
- Fled to England when Nazis invaded France
- Decided to help fight against Nazi regime
- Became a wireless operator
• Potential as a spy recognised – trained by SOE
• Sent into France with life expectancy of 6 weeks- left weapons behind
• Evaded capture for 3 months – then given up by sister of ‘Prosper’ Network for £100
• Sent to Concentration camp and died just before end of war.
• Received George Cross – one of only 3 women to do so.
The Princess Spy

Timeline Activity
Justification for our choice -

• “Noor Inayat Khan was chosen for a number of reasons. She was: mixed race - American and Indian; a Sufi Muslim; she lived within living memory; had an interesting and influential life; In addition she was a princess and a spy (potentially appealing to boys and girls in different ways). Finally there were clear links with a period of History which is covered in the National Curriculum.”
Great Corby Village & School

• 67 Pupils, only one child not white, British, Christian
• Involved whole school
• Different reactions from different staff
• Involved Local community
• Try out cross curricular planning
• Something different and fun!
Planning Process

- Met with Head and brainstormed ideas
- Took responsibility for different areas
- Brought together with the staff
- Made a MTP
- Planned the week
- Collected resources & booked people/places
Suitcase Activity
School Dinners – under rationing!
Involving Local Community
Sleepover at Tullie House

With help from the BA QTS History Specialists
Identity Cards & Gas mask boxes
Air Raid evacuations – to the bike shed!
World War II artefacts handling
Role Play Activities

Children took on the roles of Noor, Vera Atkins and Buckmaster.
Breakfast and Presentations
A memorial was unveiled to Noor by Princess Anne in November 2012. The bronze bust commemorating Britain’s only female Muslim war heroine is the first stand-alone memorial to an Asian woman in the UK.