

History Week 1— Who is our mystery person?



- ◆ What do you notice about the photograph?
- ◆ Do you have any ideas about when it was, where it was, who this was?
- ◆ Which clues did you find?
- ◆ What else do we need to find out?

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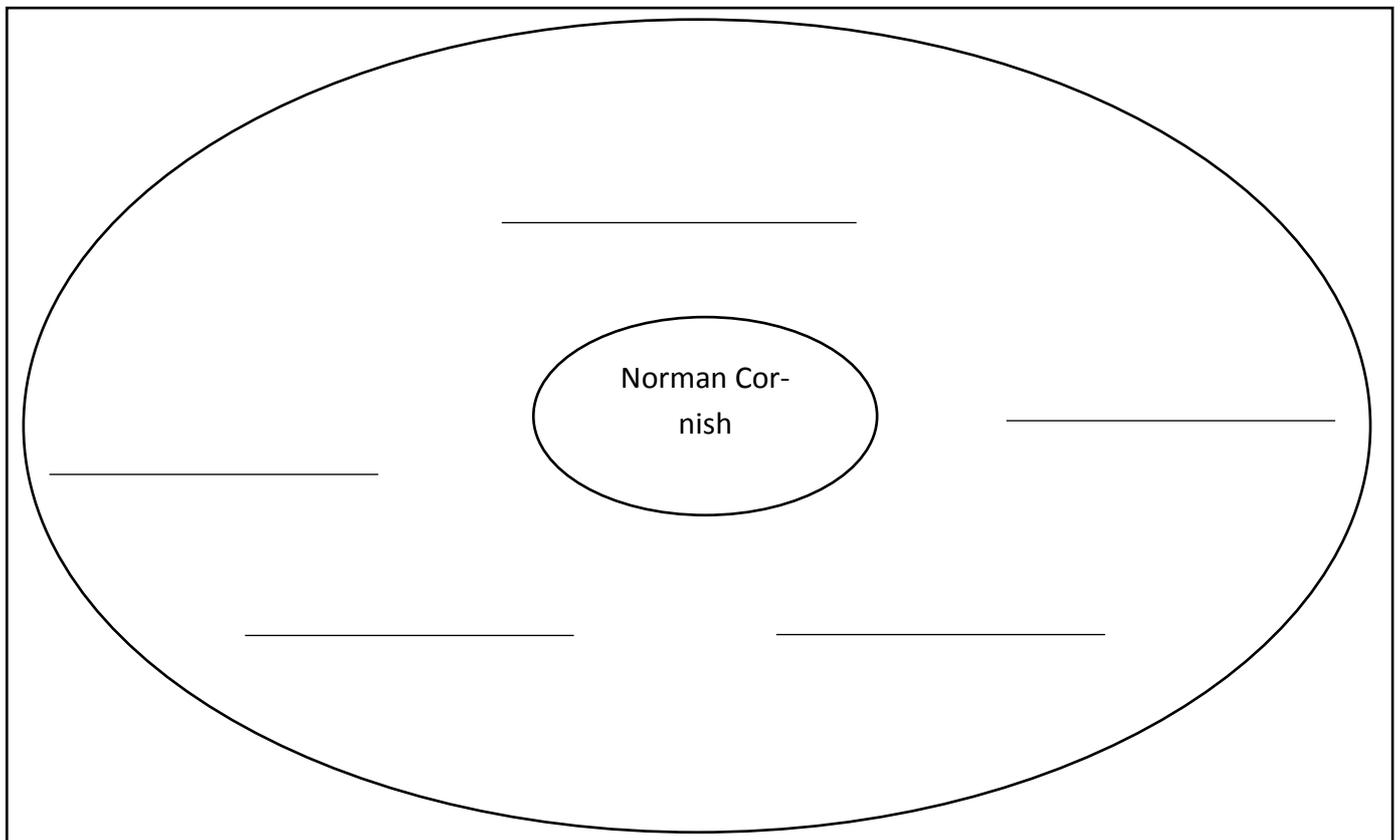
### The Last Pit Man Painter

Norman Cornish was born on the 18th of November 1919 in the small town of Spennymoor.

When he was just 14 Norman left school and went to work as a coal miner. He was a frightened young boy but very quickly he had to learn to be a man. He saw the miners climbing the steep steps of the gantry with their lamps. He thought that their swaying lamps looked like fireflies trapped in a great, steel spider's web.

From a young age Norman had always loved drawing and painting. When he was 16, he joined the sketching club at a local place called The Settlement. They gave him some advice: 'Paint what you know, paint the world around you.' Norman Cornish's artwork shows us what life was like underground.

- ◆ When did this person live? What did he do? Where did he live? What did he like? Was he rich or poor?
- ◆ Can you find five facts about Norman Cornish? Write your facts on a circle map.
- ◆ What else would you like to know about Norman Cornish?



## History Week 2— Chronology Cards

Look at the interactive timeline and images on the Norman Cornish website.

<https://normancornish.com/chronology>. Draw or write your own chronology cards to describe what happened in 1919, 1924, 1933, 1946, 1962 and August 2014 then put them in order.

**Challenge:** Can you draw a timeline and add labels for these events?

1919

Norman Cornish was born on 18th November 1919 in Spennymoor, County Durham.



1924

Norman Cornish started King Street Primary School.



1933

Norman Cornish began work as a miner when he was 14 years old.



1946

Norman Cornish married Sarah Bartley.



1962

Norman Cornish painted a large mural for Durham County Council.



2014

Norman Cornish died on 1st August 2014.

