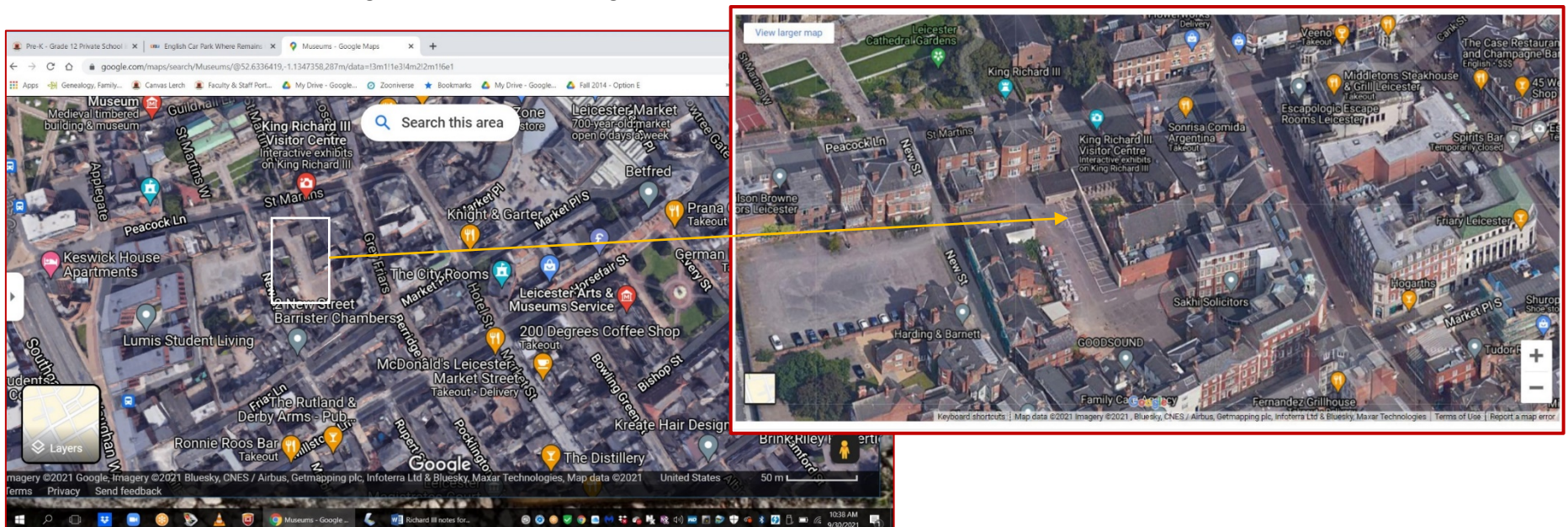


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Warm up: Horrible Histories - Sweet King Richard III SONG – YouTube [3 minutes]

- Why is the subject of Richard III fascinating to so many people?
- Why did the topic “Searching for Richard III” appeal to you?
- Can our fascination for Richard—then and now—be explained?
- Why were you interested in reading this book and/or watching the video news reports?
- What did you like / dislike about the book’s organization or style?
- After reading book, what is your opinion about it?
- What set people on the path to “Dig for Richard”? Philippa Langley’s role [interview]
<https://www.npr.org/2012/09/05/160624783/richard-iiis-remains-may-reside-under-parking-lot>
- Why was finding the skeleton so important?
- Coincidences or reality? Why so lucky?
- During numerous archaeological excavations in and around Leicester, a comment was made about “erasing history”. What is meant by this? [pp 34-35]
- Post-excavation: Was Richard III not such a bad guy after all? Real Richard versus Shakespeare: Ricardians against Shakespeare’s view; can you always trust historical records? <https://www.npr.org/2014/11/09/362358735/richard-iii-not-such-a-bad-guy-after-all>
- 2015 Media fascination with dig & re-internment of king draws crowds



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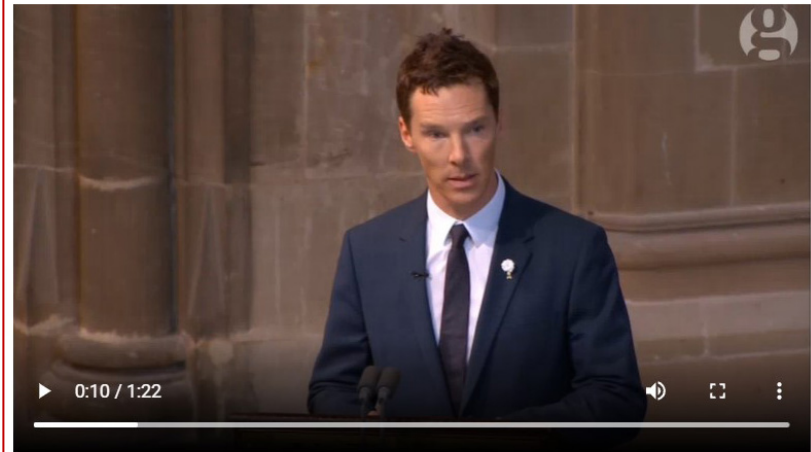


See Google streets: <https://virtualglobetrotting.com/map/richard-iii-gravesite-excavation/view/google/>

Inside the church: <https://virtualglobetrotting.com/map/cover-for-richard-iiis-coffin-at-leicester-cathedral/view/google/>

Comments about re-internment: <https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/mar/26/king-richard-iii-re-interment-carries-pomp-grandeur-state-funeral>

Royalty, military and academic elite – and even Benedict Cumberbatch – fill pews of Leicester Cathedral to lay king's bones to rest



▲ Actor Benedict Cumberbatch, who is Richard III's third cousin 16 times removed, reads a poem at his reburial at Leicester Cathedral Guardian

Full service & re-internment: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LSwWgbPObB0> [45 minutes]

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/mar/26/king-richard-iii-re-interment-carries-pomp-grandeur-state-funeral> Cumberbatch read poem

Go deeper into Mike Pitt's blog: <https://mikepitts.wordpress.com/richard-iii/> This has information on second edition, as well as links to additional information and research, as well as commentary on the controversial visitor's center, their interpretation of exhibits, and Leicester University versus Langley, archaeologists and others.