

## Resource 2

Look at the resource below, which shares more information about World Heritage Sites.

Do you think having World Heritage Sites is a good idea?

### World Heritage Sites

The World Heritage Convention was established in 1972 by UNESCO. Countries who are part of the convention commit to identify, protect and conserve their World Heritage Sites. These sites are officially recognised for their value to humanity and are legally protected.

There are more than 1000 sites on the World Heritage list globally. These are organised into three categories:

- Cultural e.g. a temple
- Natural e.g. a rainforest
- Mixed, where both cultural and natural are found in the same place

#### UK World Heritage Sites

- First site – 1986
- Current number of sites - 32



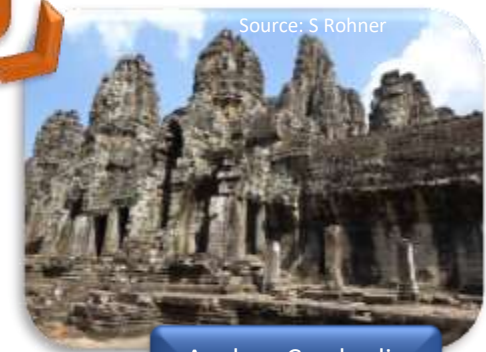
Giant's Causeway, Northern Ireland



Vanguard Cave at Gorham's Cave Complex, Gibraltar



Ephesus, Turkey



Angkor, Cambodia

Four of the World Heritage Sites