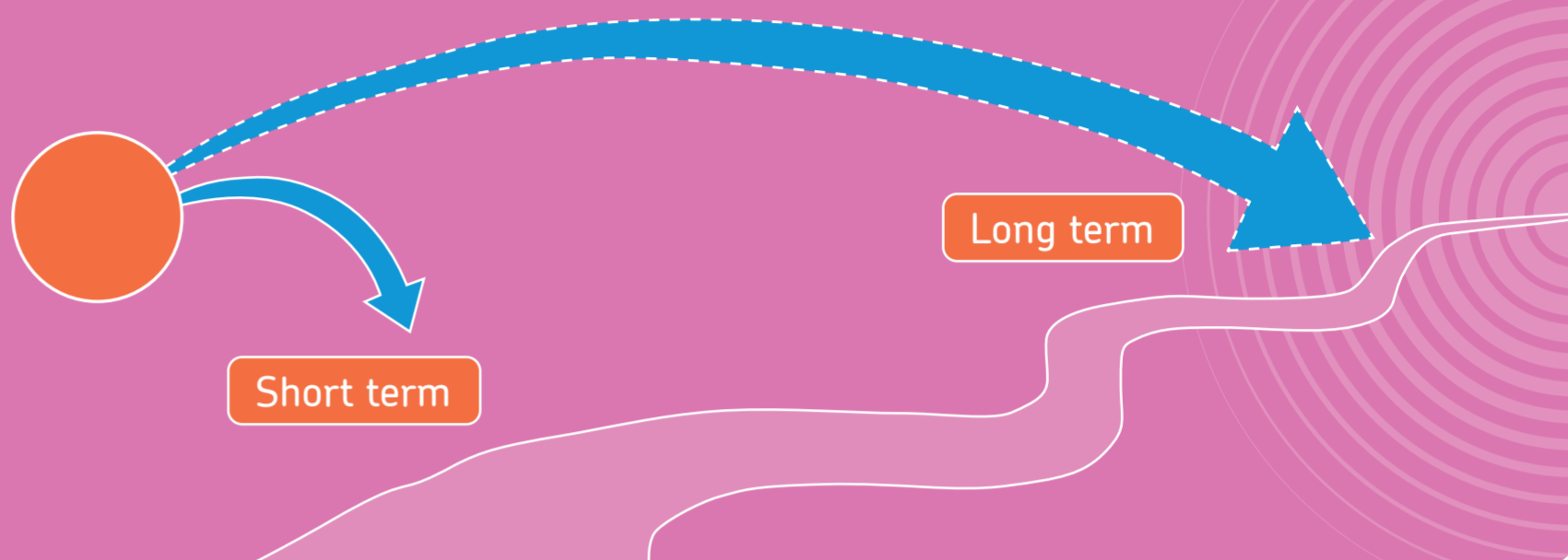


Significance

What is significance?

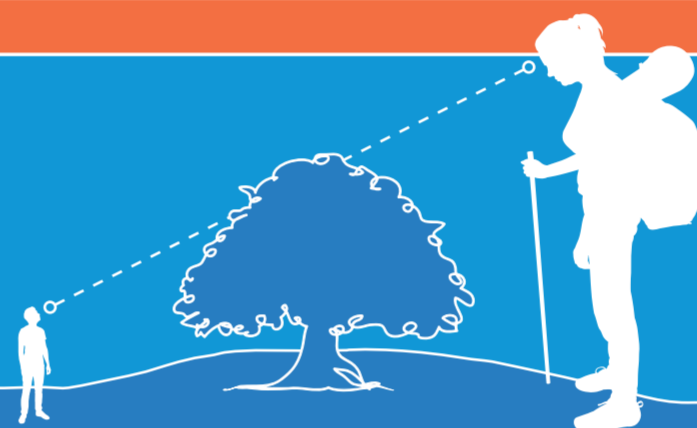
Looking at the **importance** assigned to a person/group, discovery, development or event **at the time** and importance **over time**.

When explaining significance, think about the **impact** a significant event/development/person had at the time, how it affected people in **short and long term** and whether it's still significant to people today.



Significance is about perspective






An event, person etc could be significant to some but not as significant to others.



There are lots of different ways you can think about how and why something is significant...

Short term significance



-  Was it a new development/discovery/way of thinking at the time?
-  What did people think about the development/event/person at the time?
-  Who did it affect? In what ways have people been affected?
-  Did different groups attach different significance to the development/event/person?
-  Did it result in an important change? At the time? Over time?

Long term significance



-  Did it have a lasting impact over time?
-  Is it remembered today? Why is it remembered?
-  Has it become more or less significant to people at different points in history?
-  Has our interpretation of the event/development changed?
-  Do we attach a different importance to the event/development/person now?

Useful phrases when writing about significance...

This was significant because...
In the short term...
In the long term...



This led to...
This developed...
As a result of ...
Consequently...



At the time... but over time...
It was significant to some because... however less significant to others because...

