

Applying history at the Tower of London

(Applying history TOL)

Teacher notes

Length: 60 minutes

Meeting point:

Please meet your session presenter at the entrance to the **Learning Centre** which is situated around the **back of the Waterloo Block**. Please arrive at least 5 minutes before your session is due to begin.

New National Curriculum links at KS3:

Students will understand:

- The methods of historical enquiry, including how evidence is used rigorously to make historical claims, and discern how and why contrasting arguments and interpretations of the past have been constructed
- How people's lives have shaped this nation and how Britain has influenced and been influenced by the wider world

Subject content:

- The development of Church, state and society in Medieval Britain 1066-1509
- The development of Church, state and society in Britain 1509-1745

Session objectives:

This session will give students the skills to become a historian for the day. They will use primary sources including historic artefacts such as coins and archaeological material, as well as documentary sources, to analyse how we know about the past, and to question to what extent this evidence can be trusted.

What is History? supports the key processes of historical enquiry, in using evidence to make rigorous historic claims, and understanding how contrasting arguments and interpretations of the past have been constructed, using primary evidence to support or disprove these beliefs.

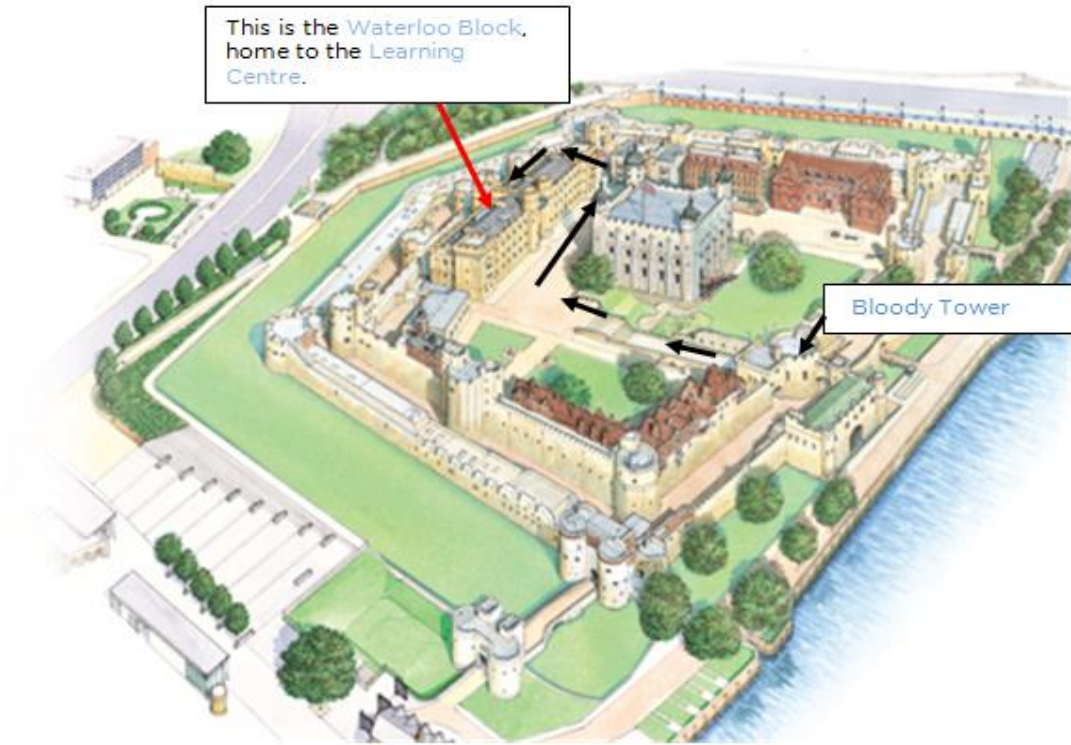
During your session:

Please note that the 1:10 staff to pupil ratio which we ask for throughout your visit to the Tower of London still applies during your teaching session. We ask



that sufficient adults remain with the group as they will be encouraged to join in with the session activities. Our workshops are for a health and safety maximum of x35 pupils. For your information this session will take place in one of our classroom spaces within our Learning Centre.

Directions to the Learning Centre in the Waterloo Block:



- From the [Bloody Tower](#) walk up the steps straight ahead of you.
- Keep walking straight ahead - [Waterloo Block](#) is in front of you.
- To access the [Learning Centre](#) you will need to go around the back of this building. Please do this using the path between the [Fusiliers Museum](#) and the [Waterloo Block](#).
- Once around the back of the building you will come across a sign saying “*No entry, except for booked school parties*”. Pass by this and the entrance to the [Learning Centre](#) will be on your left.
- Your session presenter should be waiting here for you, but if not please use the buzzer on the wall to contact the [Learning Centre](#).

