

1066 and all that: the Norman Tower of London

(Norman Tower)

Teacher notes

Length: 60 minutes

Meeting point:

Please meet your session presenter at the entrance to the **Medieval Palace** at least 5 minutes before your session is due to start.

New National Curriculum links at KS3:

Students will:

- Know and understand the history of these islands as a coherent, chronological narrative, from the earliest times to the present day: how people's lives have shaped this nation and how Britain has influenced and been influenced by the wider world
- Understand historical concepts such as continuity and change, cause and consequence, similarity, difference and significance, and use them to make connections, draw contrasts, analyse trends, frame historically-valid questions
- Understand 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 Norman Conquest

Session objectives:

It is 1097 and William I's greatest fortress and palace, the White Tower, has just been completed. One of William's courtiers will help students explore this magnificent keep, examining its exterior, defences and symbolic power as the great 'Norman fist on Anglo-Saxon soil'.

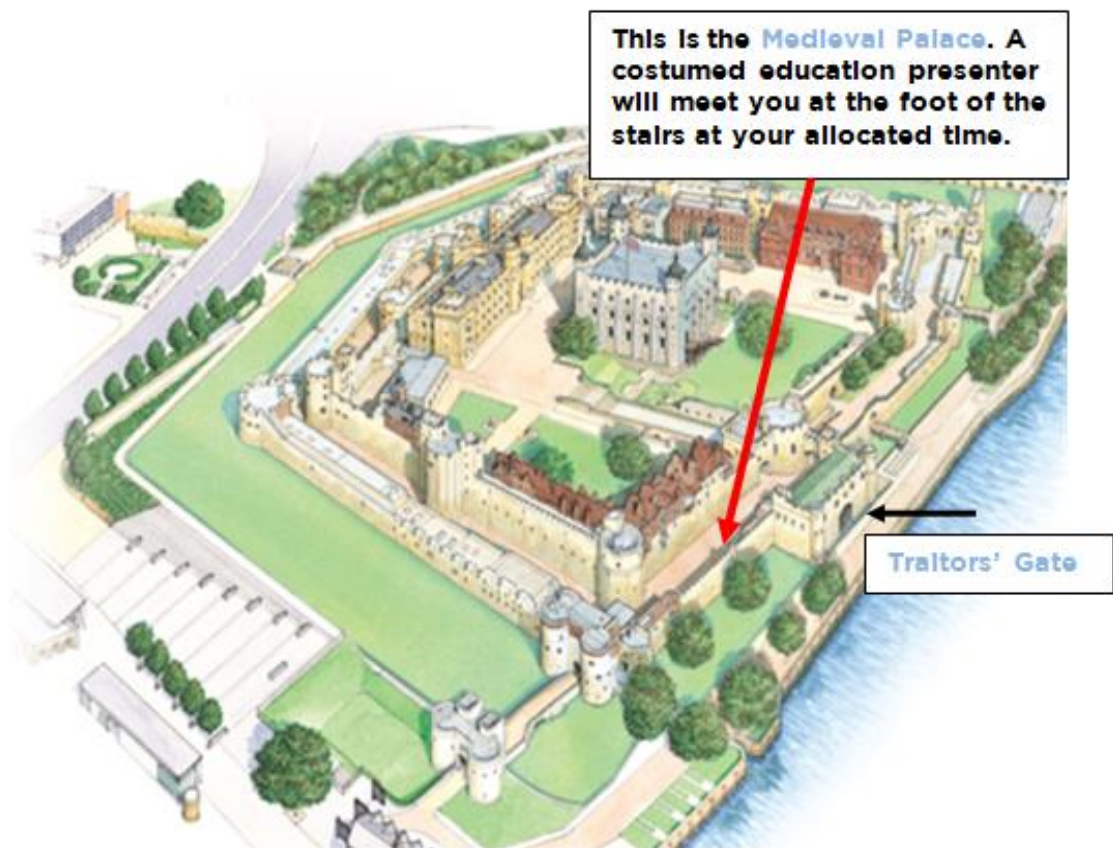
This session especially supports the key concepts of significance and interpretation, analysing the purpose and impact of the White Tower, and the key process of using evidence.



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 takes place on our main visitor route which will remain open to the public during your time with us. Please ensure that your pupils are appropriately dressed for varying weather conditions.

Directions to the Medieval Palace:



- On entry to the Tower of London via the **Group Ticket** entrance, the **Medieval Palace** is on your left, immediately after **Traitors' Gate**.

