

Tales from the Tower

Teacher's notes

Length: 50 minutes

Meeting Point:

Please meet your session presenter outside the **Salt Tower**. Please arrive at least five minutes before your session is due to begin.

National Curriculum links:

- History: knowledge and understanding of events, people and changes in the past.
- History: understand methods of historical enquiry and how to evaluate evidence.
- English speaking and listening.

Session objectives:

This session centres on the Tower's role as a prison. Pupils will compare and contrast different prisoner stories and experiences throughout the ages, and investigate how we know what is fact and what is fiction. The session will provide pupils with a chronological overview as well as an insight into the reigns of key monarchs throughout history.

Investigate:

- What the Tower is famous for
- How we know what took place here
- How the Tower's stories have been recorded over the centuries
- How we can separate fact from fiction

Through participating in this session, pupils will:

- Use enquiry skills to evaluate evidence and ask questions about key Tower stories;
- Increase their knowledge and understanding of the use of the Tower over the centuries;
- Use their discoveries to draw comparisons between their own lives and the lives of people in the past.

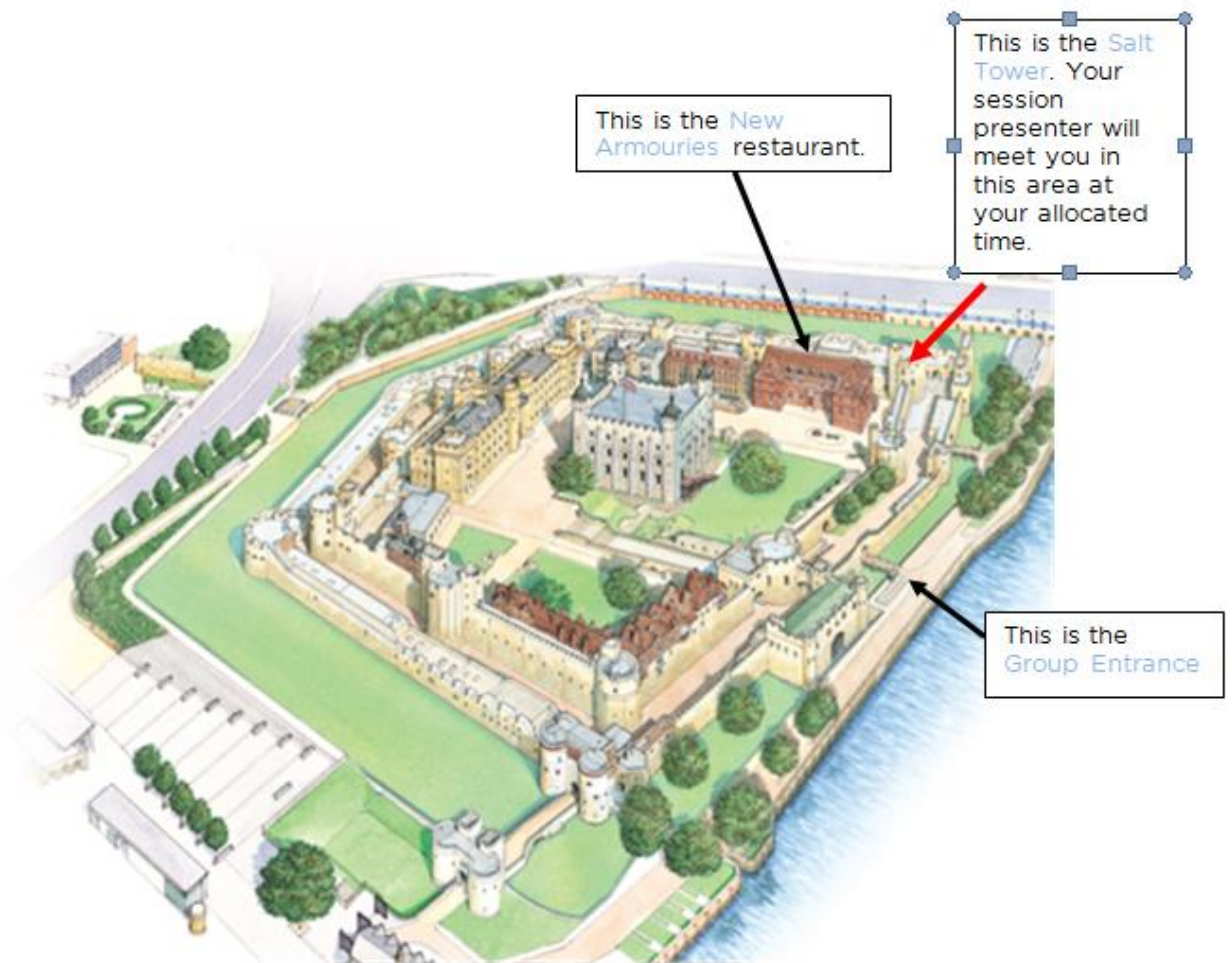
During your session:

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 which the session activities. For health and safety reasons, our workshops are a maximum of 35 pupils.



For your information, parts of this session may include time outside so please encourage your pupils to dress appropriately.

Directions to the Salt Tower:



- The **Salt Tower** is located next to the **New Armouries** restaurant.
- On entry at the **Group Entrance**, turn right and follow the path around, the **Salt Tower** will be on your left. Please wait in the courtyard area outside the **Salt Tower**.

