

# Crime and punishment through the ages (Crime at 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: Britain and the wider world in Tudor times.
- English speaking and listening.

### Session objectives:

Although the Tower of London was not built as a prison, it has, over the centuries, acquired a fearsome reputation as one of England's most notorious prisons. In this session pupils will put themselves in the shoes of a prisoner. Where would they have been locked up? What was the Tower like for a prisoner? What crime might have they committed? Pupils will hear exciting stories of the Tower's dark history and will have the opportunity to explore some of the historic spaces used to hold prisoners.

Through participating in this session, pupils will:

- Increase their skills of enquiry by comparing present notions of imprisonment with those of the past, through stories of key personalities;
- Increase their knowledge and understanding of the use of the Tower during the Tudor period;
- Develop their skills of interpretation and analysis to identify how prisoners of different social status lived;
- Use their discoveries to draw comparisons between their own lives and the lives of people in the past.

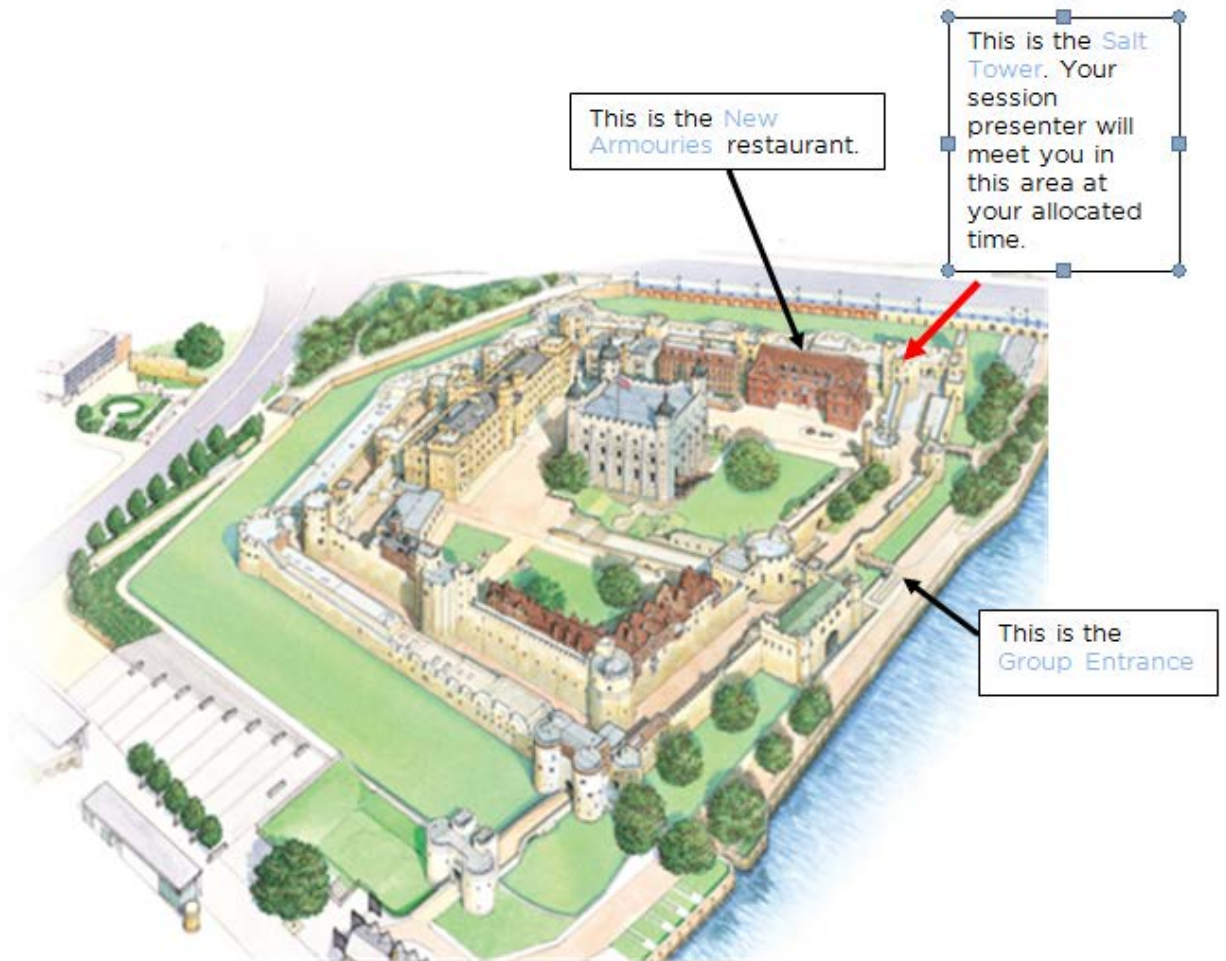
### During your session:

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](#).

