

The King beneath the armour (King beneath armour)

Teacher's 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 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.
- Science: considering evidence and evaluating.
- Science: materials and their properties.

Session objectives:

This session accompanies the Royal Armouries impressive *Fit for a King* exhibition in the White Tower. It will examine one of England's most famous kings, none other than Henry VIII himself: King, sportsman and Tudor superstar. Pupils will have the opportunity to handle Henry VIII's replica armour and discover more about the man behind the metal.

During this session, pupils will:

- Develop their skills of analysis and interpretation using a range of original portraits and replica armour;
- Consider the validity of different types of historical sources and the relative values of different types of evidence when learning about Henry VIII;
- Increase their knowledge of what life was like for members of Henry VIII's court;
- Increase their knowledge and understanding of the use of the Tower of London during the Tudor period.

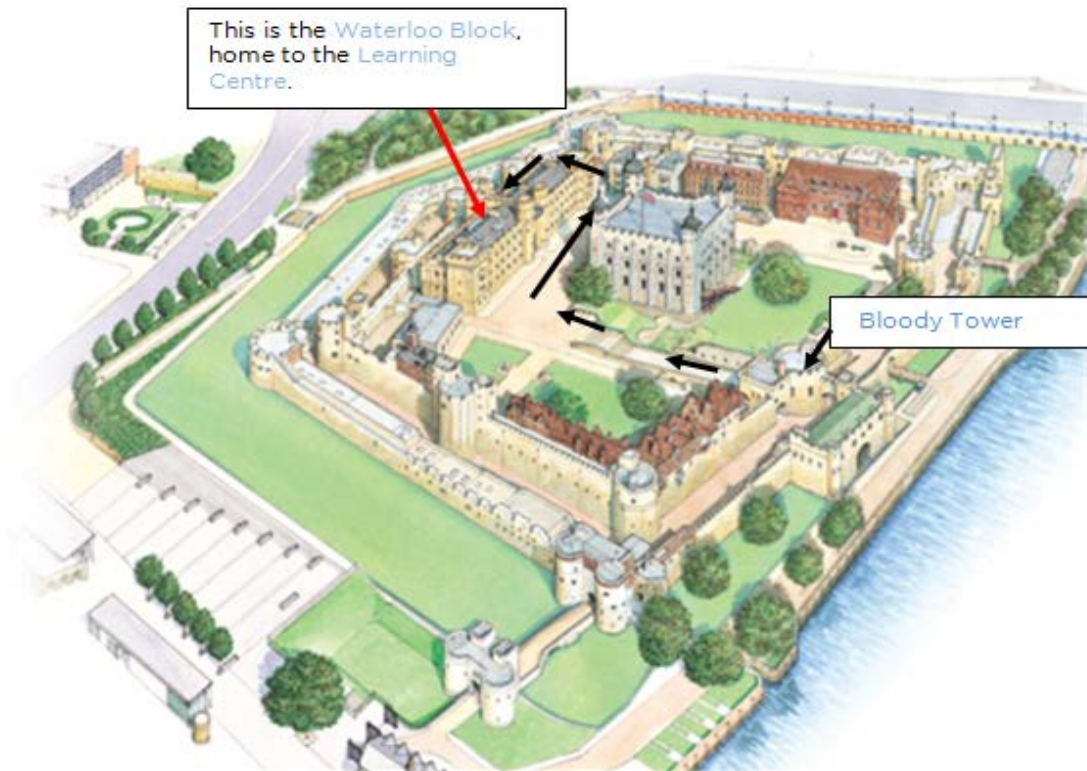
During your session:

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, this session will take place in one of our classroom spaces within our Learning Centre. There is lift access for those with disabled access requirements.



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](#).

