

Wars of the Roses and Henry VII

A-level study day

Teacher notes

Study day overview

Students will take part in complementary seminars at the Tower of London and the London Metropolitan Archive, with time out for lunch and travel.

Schedule:

10.30 - 12.00	London Metropolitan Archives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory session at the London Metropolitan Archives • Examining evidence: study of contemporary documents 												
12.00 - 13.30	We would advise eating lunch whilst travelling to allow for 45 minutes travel time to the Tower of London via tube 15 minutes to collect tickets and walk to the education centre <i>If you anticipate a late arrival please call us on 07896-275736.</i>												
13.30 - 15.00	The Tower of London <p>The Wars of the Roses tore England apart and some momentous, game changing, events took place within the walls of the Tower of London. With these events in mind students will examine both the buildings and documentary evidence to answer the question ‘How reliable is the Tower of London as a source for investigating the Wars of the Roses?’</p> <p>Key individuals and events:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td>• Death of Henry VI</td> <td>• Richard III</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Margaret of Anjou</td> <td>• Princes in the Tower</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Death of George Duke of Clarence</td> <td>• William Hastings</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Edward IV</td> <td>• Henry VII</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Richard Earl of Warwick</td> <td>• Elizabeth of York</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>• Edward V</td> </tr> </table> <p>Schedule Your 90 minute session will consist of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 15 minute introduction to the Wars of the Roses and the Tower as a source; ○ 60 minute subject specific tour, engaging students through investigation of the built environment and analysis of documentary sources; ○ 15 minute plenary during which students draw upon what they have learnt to reach their own conclusions. 	• Death of Henry VI	• Richard III	• Margaret of Anjou	• Princes in the Tower	• Death of George Duke of Clarence	• William Hastings	• Edward IV	• Henry VII	• Richard Earl of Warwick	• Elizabeth of York		• Edward V
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Exam board links

This session has been designed to complement the study of the Wars of the Roses and Henry VII, and particularly the following exam boards:



- AQA: 2B: 'The Wars of the Roses, 1450-1499'
- Edexcel: Paper 3, Option 30: Lancastrians, Yorkists and Henry VII, 1399-1509
- OCR - Y105 England 1445-1509: Lancastrians, Yorkists and Henry VII (Enquiry topic: Wars of the Roses 1445-1461)

Session objectives

- To explore, analyse, interpret and cross-reference different types of primary evidence (portraits/ buildings/ written evidence); evaluating the difficulties/ limitations of available evidence
- To analyse and use a variety of historical sources in context
- To summarise best practice when working with primary evidence

Meeting points (Please see overleaf for travel details between sites)

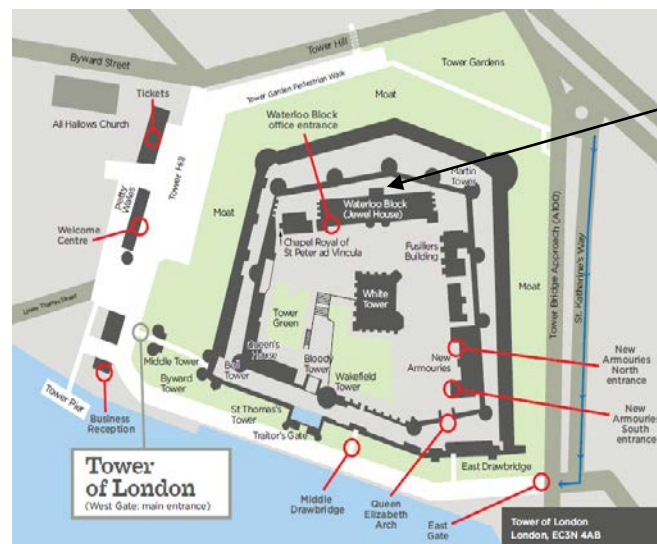
London Metropolitan Archives:

Enter by the Main Entrance in Northampton Road and report to the Security Desk. You will be directed upstairs and will be met by a member of staff.

The Tower of London:

Allow 15 minutes from the Welcome Centre to the Learning Centre.

1. Collect your admission wristbands from the [Welcome Centre](#).
2. Enter the Tower of London via [Middle Drawbridge \(Groups Entrance\)](#). After you have shown your wristband and had your bags checked, make your way to the Jewel House.
3. From the [Middle Drawbridge](#) turn right and walk towards then past the toilet block (on your right) and turn left through the [Queen Elizabeth Arch](#).
4. Keep walking straight ahead past the New Armouries restaurant (on your right) and the White Tower on your left towards the [Jewel House](#).
5. To access the [Learning Centre](#) you will need to go around the back of the Jewel House. Please do this using the [path between the Fusiliers Museum and the Jewel House](#).
6. 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.
7. Your session presenter should be waiting here for you, but if not please use the buzzer on the wall to contact the [Learning Centre](#).



Please make your way to the entrance to the [Learning Centre](#) behind the [Jewel House](#)



Getting to and from the Tower and London Metropolitan Archives

The quickest and easiest way to travel between the two sites is by tube, taking the Circle line between Tower Hill and Farringdon. Approximate timings are as follows:

- Walking between Tower Hill tube and the Tower of London: 10 minutes
- Tube journey between Tower Hill and Farringdon: 10 minutes
- Walking between Farringdon tube and the London Metropolitan Archives: 20 minutes

We suggest that you **allow at least 45 minutes** for travelling between sites.

Please visit www.tfl.gov.uk for further details of tube services and prices.

