

Wars of the Roses and Henry VII

A-level study day

Teacher notes

Session overview

Students will take part in complementary seminars at both the Tower of London and the National Portrait Gallery, with time out for lunch and travel.

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?'

Schedule:

Please ensure you check which session you have booked (Session A or B) as they start at different locations.

Session A

10.30 - 12.15	National Portrait Gallery Examining evidence: students will learn how to examine Tudor portraits as evidence.
12.15 - 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 wristbands from the Welcome Centre and walk up to the Learning Centre. <i>If you anticipate a late arrival please call us on 07896-275736.</i>
13.30-15.00	The Tower of London Examining evidence: through on-site study students will examine both the buildings and documentary evidence to answer the question 'What evidence is there at the Tower of London to support our understanding of the Wars of the Roses and the reign of Henry VII?' Key individuals and events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Death of Henry VI • Margaret of Anjou • Death of Duke of Clarence • Edward IV • Richard Earl of Warwick • Richard III and the Princes in the Tower • William Hastings • Henry VII • Elizabeth of York • Edward V Plenary session

Session B

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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 (images/ buildings/ written evidence); evaluating the difficulties/ limitations of available evidence.
- To explain how some of the key events of the Wars of the Roses occurred here at the Tower and why that was the case.
- To apply methods of inquiry and analysis to historically based myths as historical evidence and questioning the reliability of the Tower of London when investigating the Wars of the Roses.

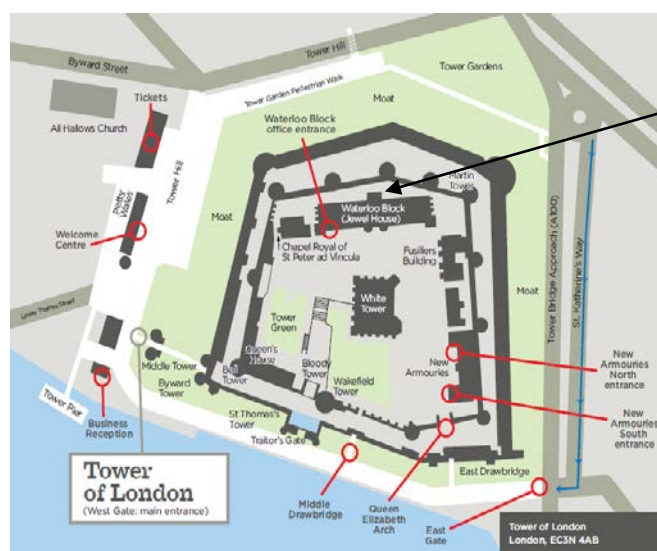
Meeting points*

The Tower of London:

Your presenter will meet you in the Learning Centre, Jewel House.
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](#)

National Portrait Gallery:

1. Enter by the Main Entrance in St Martin's Place and send your students down one flight of stairs to the Upper Basement, to wait briefly outside the Lecture Theatre (the toilets are here, too).
2. The Group Leader should go up to the Information Desk in the Main Hall to sign in.
3. Visitor Services staff will call your Gallery teacher to meet your group outside the Lecture Theatre.
4. The first part of your session will be in the Theatre and then you will go up to the galleries to continue working in front of the pictures.

* Please see overleaf for details of how to travel between sites



Getting to and from the Tower and National Portrait Gallery

- The quickest and easiest way to travel between the two sites is by **tube**
- 1. Walk from the National Portrait Gallery to Embankment underground station - 15 minutes
- 2. Take the Circle/ District Line at Embankment to Tower Hill - 9 minutes approx. (see map below).
- 3. Walk from Tower Hill station to the Welcome Centre - 5 minutes
- Alternatively the no. 15 **bus** can take you between Tower Hill and Trafalgar Square (Fleet Street) - approx. 15-20 minutes (see map below)

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

- There is also the Thames Clipper **boat** service that can take you between the Embankment and Tower piers-approx. 20-25 minutes.
 - Embankment - Tower 13, 33 and 53 minutes past the hour
 - Tower - Embankment 12, 23, 42 and 53 minutes past the hour

Please visit www.thamesclippers.com for further details and prices.

