

A Soldier's Story (Second World War) - KS2

Teachers' notes

Length: 60 minutes

Meeting point on the day

Please check the paperwork you are given upon arrival at the Welcome Centre.

Session description

It is 1940 and the world is at war for a second time. Tommy Smith, a local soldier from the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, shares his experience of the war through storytelling and object handling.

This session was jointly created by The Tower of London and the Fusilier Museum, London.

Curriculum links

English (KS2) Spoken language

- Participate in discussions, presentations, performances, role play, improvisations
- Use spoken language to develop understanding through speculating, hypothesising, imagining and exploring ideas
- Articulate and justify answers, arguments and opinions

History (KS2)

- Study of an aspect or theme in British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066

Learning outcomes

During this session, pupils will:

- Use objects to learn about the life of a soldier in 1940
- Use role play to discover more about a soldier's wartime experience
- Develop their skills of historical enquiry by questioning a costumed character

Preparation for your education session

In order to help your pupils enjoy this education session, we would request that, where possible, they are aware of the following concepts:

- a) Chronology; when the Second World War took place and the impact of war on the people of London
- b) Different sources of evidence: ways in which we can find out more about life in the past.