

# Questioning the Past through Objects

## Teacher notes

Duration: **60 minutes**

Meeting Point: **Entrance to Learning Centre**

Become a history detective and investigate replica objects with the help of a Tudor costumed character.

Children will examine the contents of a missing Tudor chest, and try to identify its owner using the objects as clues.

This interactive object-handling session encourages children to weigh evidence to formulate a balanced opinion and use their discoveries to solve problems.

### Learning objectives

Children will:

- Begin to consider the reliability of different types of evidence.
- Understand that often more than one piece of evidence is needed to get a fuller understanding of an object or an event.
- Be able to discuss materials and their properties and consider how materials and their uses changed over time.

### National Curriculum links

This session supports:

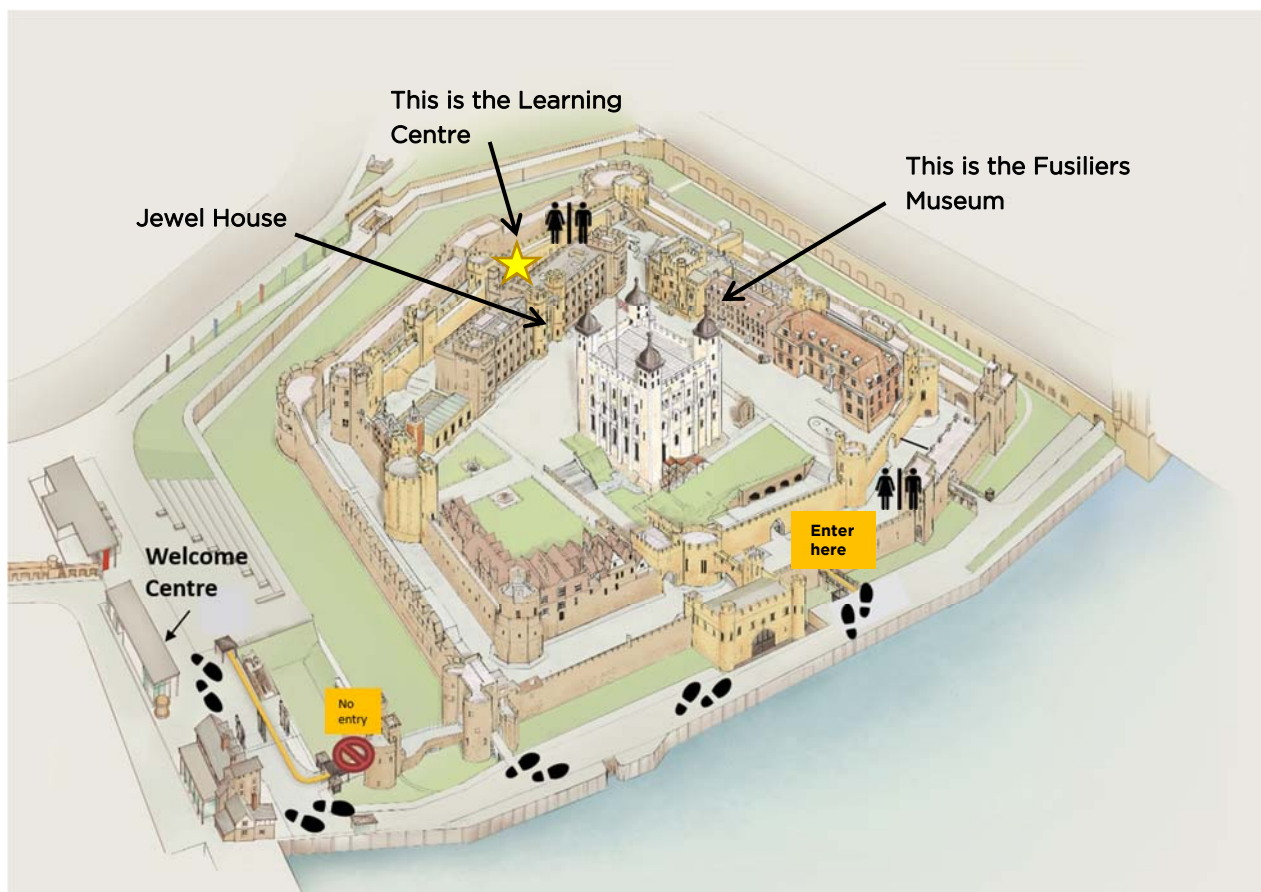
- Development of critical thinking, weighing evidence and asking perceptive questions in order to construct the identity of an individual using objects.
- Understanding the methods of historical enquiry, how evidence is used to make historical claims.
- Understanding historical concepts and using them to make connections, draw contrasts, analyse trends and frame historically-valid questions.

### During your session:

Please note that the 1:10 staff to child ratio which we ask for throughout your visit still applies during your learning session. We ask that sufficient adults remain with the group as they will be encouraged to join in with the session activities. For Health & Safety reason, our sessions are for a maximum of 35 children.



Please meet your session presenter at the **Entrance to the Learning Centre**. This is marked on the map below with a star.



- Head to the back of the Jewel House, walking past the Fusiliers Museum.
- Continue past the visitor toilets until you come across a chain with a sign saying “No entry except for booked school parties”.
- Pass over this; the entrance to the Learning Centre will be on your left.

This is where your costumed session presenter will meet you at your allocated start time. We recommend being there a few minutes early.

