

War of the Roses

Teacher notes

Duration: 1.5h

Meeting Point: **Entrance to Learning Centre**

While the Wars of the Roses raged, the Tower of London stood as a symbol of legitimate rule. But can we trust those symbols?

In this session, students will analyse the Tower's role in cementing the reigns of both Yorkist and Lancastrian kings, through its functions as royal palace, makeshift prison and execution site.

Students will examine the Tower buildings and documentary evidence to evaluate how far they can trust both the physical remains and the layers of different interpretations, past and present, relating to this period of civil discord.

Exam Board links

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

AQA

- **Unit 2B:** 'The Wars of the Roses, 1450-1499'

Edexcel

- **Paper 3 Option 30:** Lancastrians, Yorkists and Henry VII, 1399-1509.

OCR

- **Unit !Y105:** England 1445-1509: Lancastrians, Yorkists and Henry VII (Enquiry topic: Wars of the Roses 1445-1461).

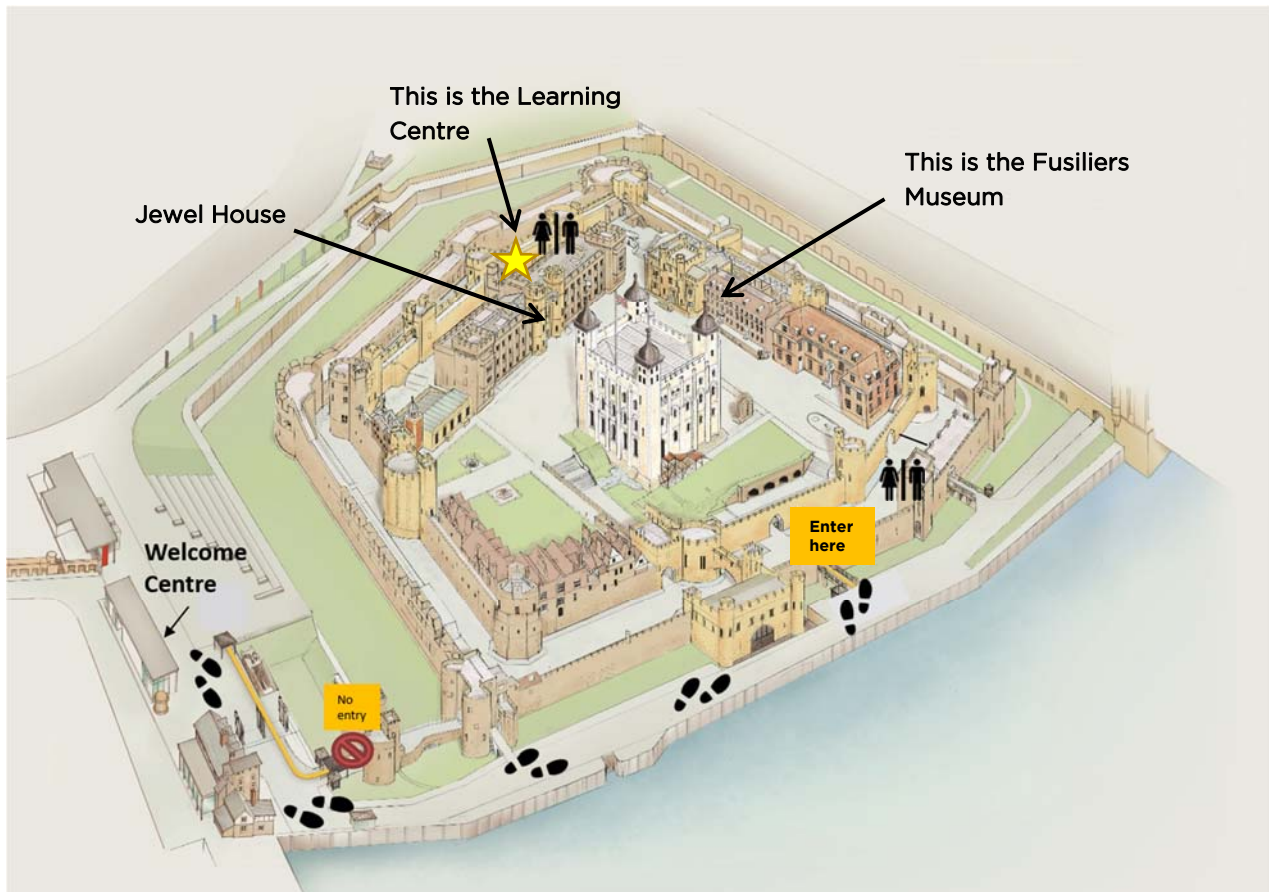
During your session:

Please note that the 1:15 staff to student 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 students.

For your information, parts of this session may include time outside so please encourage your students to dress accordingly.



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

