

Medieval – Study Day

Teacher notes

Duration: 4.5h

Meeting Point: Entrance to Learning Centre

Does the loss of the Tower mean the loss of the country? In this session students will question how the Angevin Kings of England used the Tower of London to assert and consolidate their power

Using the physical evidence of the medieval structures and a range of written evidence, students will investigate some of the key individuals and events of the Angevin period. Through the use of the Tower of London as a case study, students will analyse how the fortress can aid their understanding of the turbulent years of the Angevin period.

This study day will also include a session on using contemporary documents from the period at the London Metropolitan Archives.

Exam Board links

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

AQA

- **Unit 2A:** Royal Authority and the Angevin Kings, 1154–1216.

Edexcel

- **Unit 2A.2:** England and the Angevin Empire in the reign of Henry II, 1154–89.

OCR

- **Unit 1 Y103:** England 1199–1272
- **Unit 3 Y303:** English Government and the Church 1066–1216.

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.

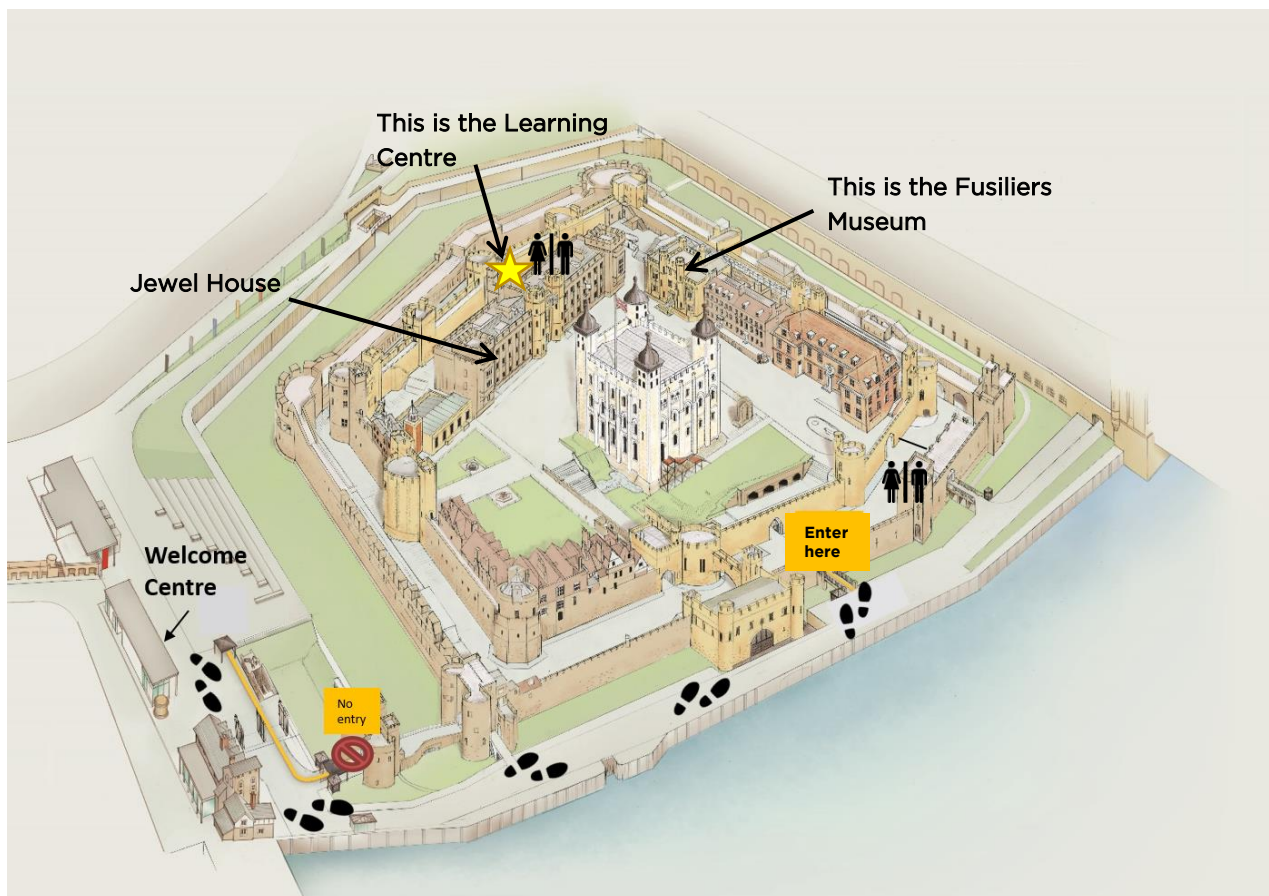


Schedule:

10.30 - 12.00	<p>London Metropolitan Archives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory session at the London Metropolitan Archives • Examining evidence: study of contemporary documents
12.00 - 13.30	<p>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 Learning Centre</p> <p><i>If you anticipate a late arrival at the Tower of London please call us on 078 157 21540</i></p>
13.30 - 15.00	<p>The Tower of London</p> <p>As a fortress, palace and prison the Tower of London has been at the centre of many key moments in history. Using the Tower buildings and written evidence students will investigate some of the key individuals and events of the Angevin period to enhance their understanding of the period.</p>

Directions:

The Tower of London:



- Pick up your wristbands from the Welcome Centre and enter the Tower of London via Middle Drawbridge.
- 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 Leaning Centre will be on your left.
- Allow 15 minutes from the Welcome Centre to the Learning Centre.

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.



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.

