

The Normans – Study day

Teacher notes

Duration: 4.5 h

Meeting Point: Entrance to Learning Centre

A Norman fist on Anglo-Saxon soil? Charting the arrival and influence of the Normans in England, this session focuses on William the Conqueror's mighty fortress: the White Tower.

Students will analyse the Tower buildings and a range of documentary evidence to consider the roles and importance of the White Tower in Norman England.

Through investigation of the physical evidence with written sources and images, students will critically evaluate interpretations of William I's consolidation of power.

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 Norman period, and particularly the following exam boards:

Edexcel

- **Unit 2A.1:** Anglo-Saxon England and the Anglo-Norman Kingdom, c1053–1106.

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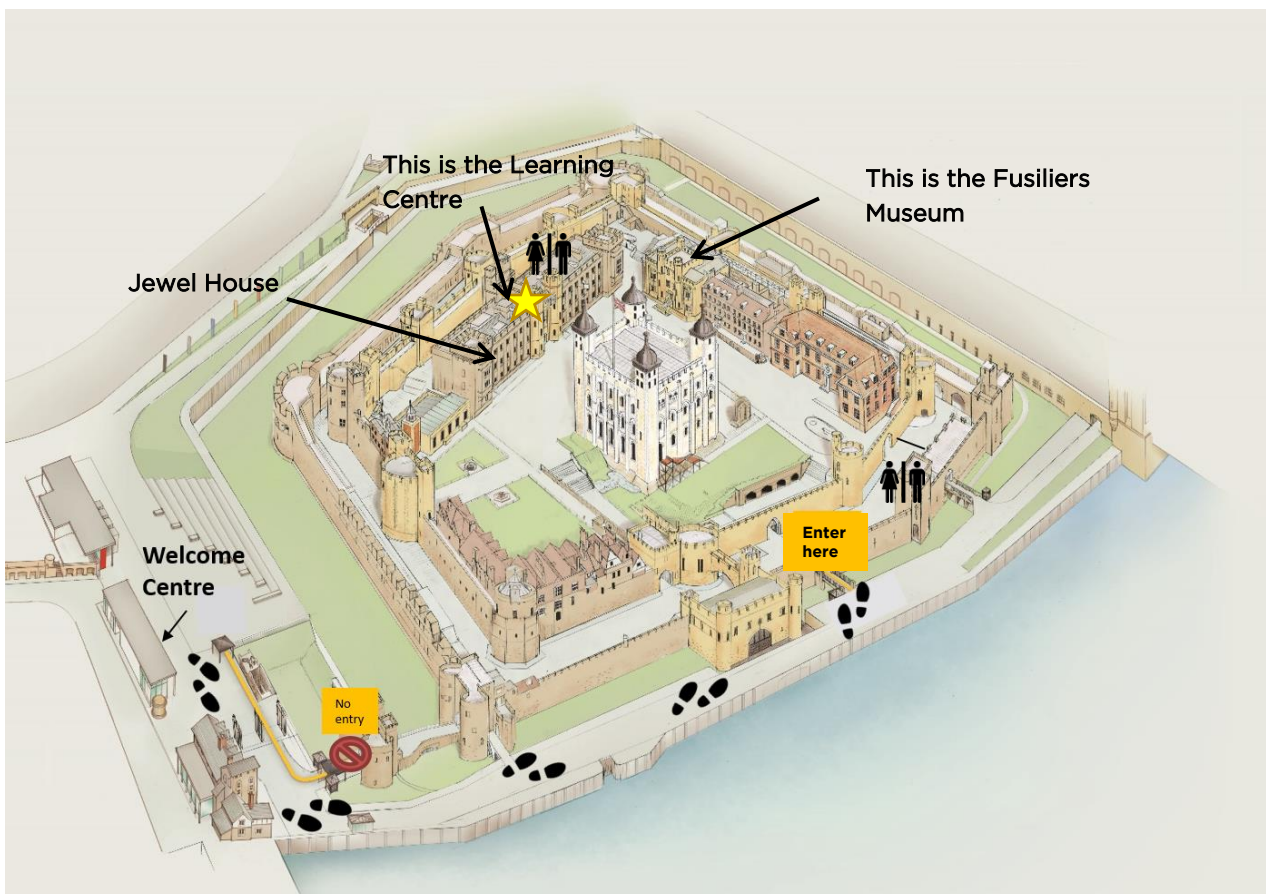
- **Unit 1 Y102:** Anglo-Saxon England and the Norman Conquest, 1035–1107.



Schedule:

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| 10.30 - 12.00 | London Metropolitan Archives <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 wristbands from the Welcome Centre and walk up to the Learning Centre.</p> <p><i>If you anticipate a late arrival please call us on 078 157 21540.</i></p> |
| 13.30 - 15.00 | The Tower of London Charting the arrival and impact of the Normans in England this session focuses on the White Tower. Students will examine both the buildings and documentary evidence to suggest what the White Tower reveals about William's post-conquest consolidation of power. |

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.

