

# Local Stories: the Tower in wartime

## KS2

## Teacher notes

Duration: 60 minutes

Meeting Point: Tower of London: Fusilier Museum steps

It's 1940, and the world is at war for the second time. Tommy Smith, a member of the Royal Fusiliers, is preparing for deployment and reflecting on his father's experiences as a soldier in the First World War.

This session uses storytelling, role play and object handling to bring the past to life. It explores the concept of remembrance and the ways in which the past influences the present. It was jointly created by the Tower of London and the Fusilier Museum London.

### Learning objectives

Children will:

- Use objects as evidence to learn about the experience of soldiers during the First and Second World Wars
- Understand the impact of war on individuals and their local area
- Develop their skills of historical enquiry by questioning a costumed character

### National Curriculum links

This session supports:

History

- Significant events beyond living memory
- A post 1066 study of relevant local history

English

- Maintain attention and participate

### During your session

Please note that the 1:10 staff-to-child ratio which we ask for throughout your visit still applies during your 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 reasons, our sessions are for a maximum of 35 pupils.



Please meet your workshop presenter on **the steps of the Fusilier Museum**. This is to the right of the entrance to the Jewel House.

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

