

Elizabethan Prisoners: Imprisonment, Execution and Escape

Teacher notes

Duration: 60 minutes

Meeting Point: Salt Tower Courtyard

Is it treason to believe the 'wrong' thing? In this session students will explore consequences of religious turmoil during the reign of Elizabeth I.

Students will investigate the spaces used as prison cells, looking for signs of prisoners' treatment, their beliefs, and their methods of potential escape.

Through the unique conditions in which Elizabethan religious prisoners lived and died, students will meet the real people affected by the shifting tides of religion during this turbulent period.

Learning objectives

Students will:

- Investigate why people were imprisoned and punished for religious reasons during Elizabeth I's reign.
- Consider why prisoners had different experiences in the Tower.

National Curriculum links

This session supports:

- The development of Church, state and society in Britain 1509-1745.
- Understanding historical concepts such as continuity and change, cause and consequence, similarity, difference and significance, and using them to make connections, draw contrasts, analyse trends and frame historically-valid questions.
- Understanding how people's lives have shaped this nation and how Britain has influenced and been influenced by the wider world.

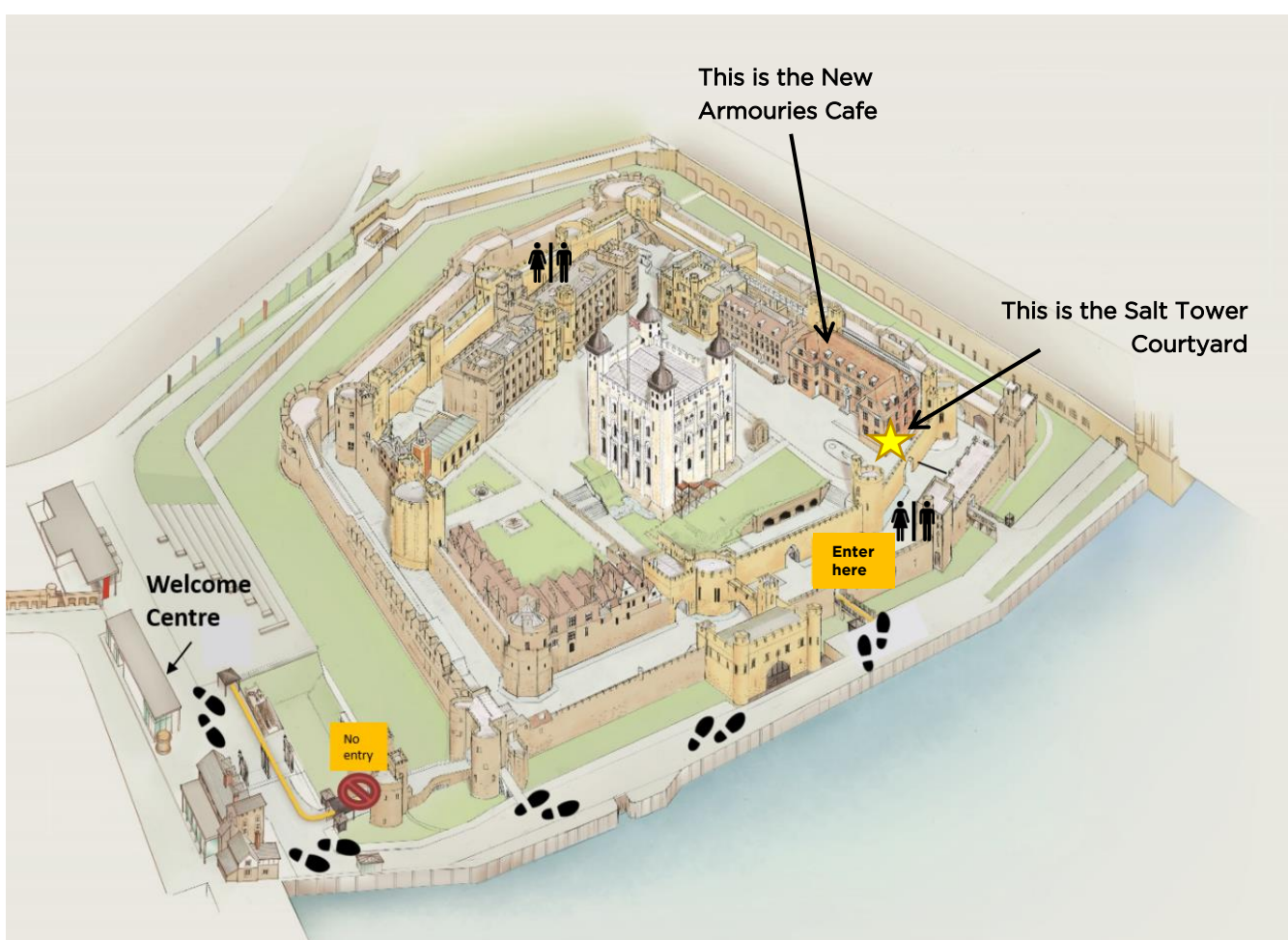
For your information, parts of this session may include time outside so please encourage your students to dress accordingly.



During your session:

Please note that the 1:10 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.

Please meet your session presenter at the **Salt Tower Courtyard**. This is marked on the map below with a star. The courtyard is located next to the New Armouries Cafe.



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

