

# Religious Prisoners: What Makes a Martyr?

## Teacher notes

Duration: **60 minutes**

Meeting Point: **Water Lane (Outside Medieval Palace)**

Over the centuries, the Tower of London has been used to persecute, oppress and control different religious groups, including the incarceration of Jews, Catholics and Protestants.

In this session students will explore real stories of religious oppression, personal resilience and strength in faith. Stories will include the 13<sup>th</sup> century expulsion of the Jews, the Roman Catholic prisoner and martyr Thomas More, and the Protestant Anne Askew.

### Learning objectives

Students will:

- Explore personal stories of religious oppression at the Tower of London.
- Develop an understanding of the influence of beliefs, values and traditions on historic individuals and communities.

### National Curriculum links

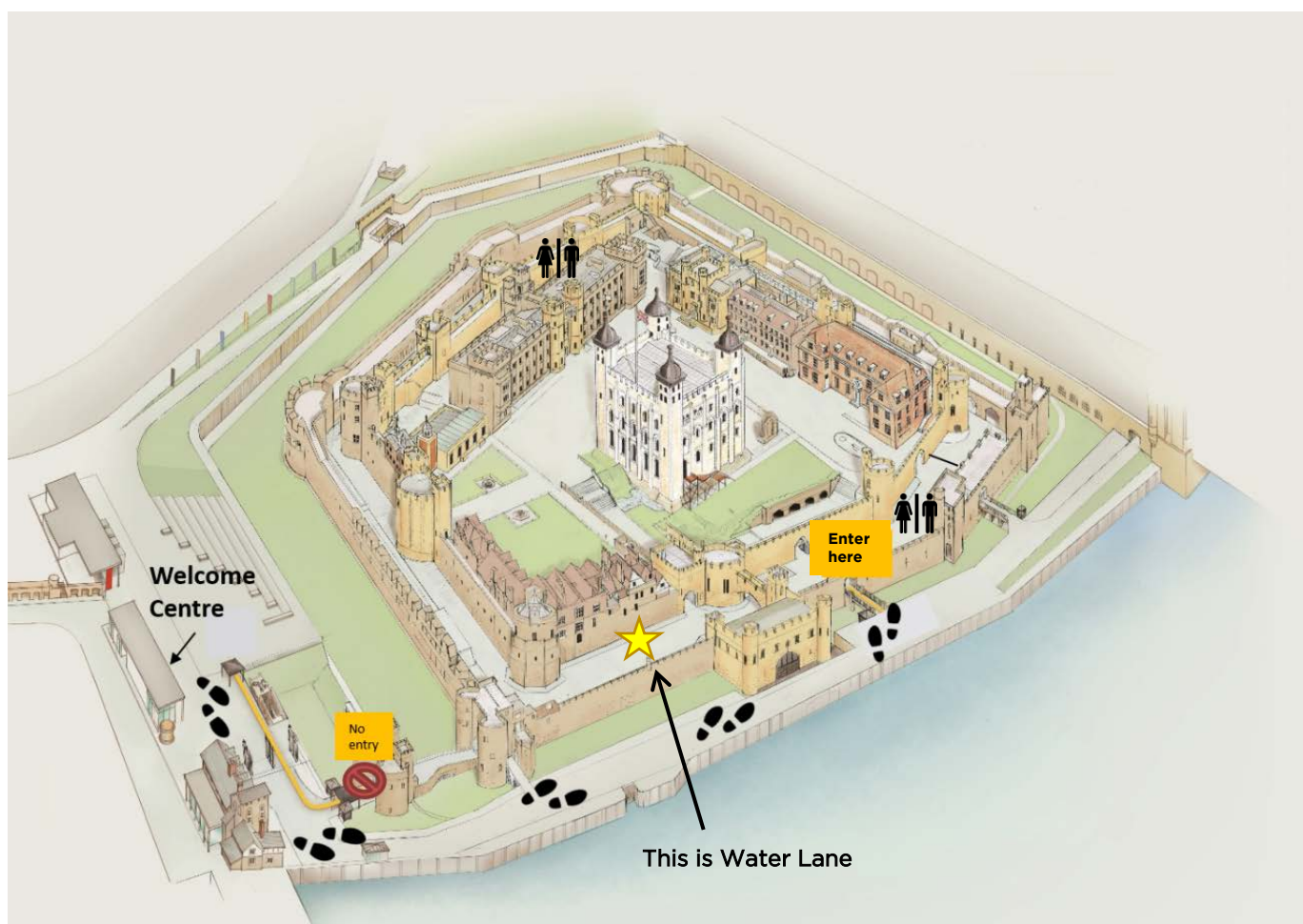
This session supports:

- **RE:** The role of the state in controlling religion.
- **RE:** Martyrdom (particular focus on Jews, Roman Catholics and Protestants).
- **History:** The development of Church, state and society in Britain 1509-1745.

### 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 workshop presenter on **Water Lane**. This is marked on the map below with a star and is near the entrance to the Medieval Palace.



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

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