

INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS

Key Stages: 1 and 2

National Curriculum Subject Areas: History, Geography, English, Citizenship

Length of Session: 1 hour 30 mins

Maximum Group Size: 32 students



Museum Detectives

Session Outline:

Using historic artefacts, students will develop research skills, understand how museum objects can give us information about the past and develop awareness of what museums are and how we use them.

Activity 1: Develop your Detective Skills

Did you know Hastings Museum has over 97,000 objects in the collection? Students will be introduced to the museum and challenged to link collection items by 'six degrees of separation'.

Activity 2: Hands on History!

Students are introduced to object handling. How can we find out more about an artefact? What clues can we find using our 5 senses?



Activity 3: Museum Detectives

Each student investigates a Mystery Object. They will find

out about form and function, discover what material their artefact is made from, and try to deduce when and where it came from.

Learning Outcomes:

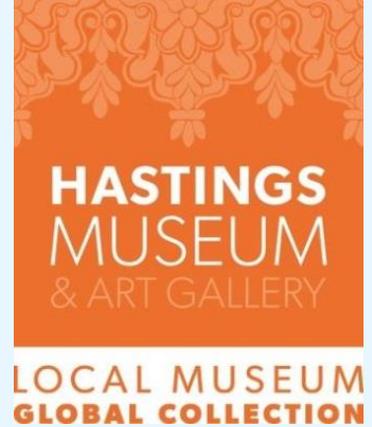
- Use and engage with museum objects as primary sources
- Share their ideas and improve speaking and listening skills.



Hastings Museum and Art Gallery, John's Place,
Bohemia Road, Hastings, TN34 1ET



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Suggested Pre-Visit Activities: Suggested Post-Visit Activities:

- Talk about Museums you have visited – what did you like about them? What could be improved?
- Visit Hastings Museum website to explore our collection. Are there any artefacts you want to see or galleries you would particularly like to visit?
- Research Annie Brassey – who was she and why is she so important to Hastings Museum and Art Gallery?
- Make your classroom into a museum. Choose a theme for your exhibition. Collect artefacts. Design a display for them and write labels to inform your audience.
- Listen to the poems written about museum artefacts at <http://www.hmag.org.uk/learning/imaginings/>

Choose some objects from our collection and write some responses of your own!

How to book:

Workshops, object handling sessions and museum trails are currently **free** of charge and must be booked in advance.

Visit <http://www.hmag.org.uk/learning/schools/book/> or call the museum on 01424 451052 to book your visit.



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