

Legends and Landmarks

The Box

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Key Stage 1-2

About this pre-visit resource

This pre-visit resource gives you detailed information about the session you are attending with your class, as well as some extra tips about our venue, so that you can be well prepared for your visit to The Box.

About this workshop

This workshop takes place in the permanent galleries at The Box. During the session, students are shown a box of mystery objects and are challenged to connect them to significant individuals and landmarks in Plymouth's past. Guided around the galleries students explore objects and take part in sensory activities related to these characters whilst completing an illustrated map to take back to school.

Curriculum links:

- History:** Local history study: A study of an aspect or theme in British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066.
- Geography:** Mapwork - recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features.
- English:** Pupils should be taught to speak clearly and convey ideas confidently using Standard English. They should learn to justify ideas with reasons.



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Detailed Workshop Outline

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The session begins by the Schools Learning Facilitator introducing the students to their challenge: “Today we need your help! We have found a box of mixed-up objects and each one belongs to an important person from Plymouth’s history. We are going to go on a tour around the galleries to find the people that helped make Plymouth the place it is today, and together we will figure which part of history each object comes from!”

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The students will use an illustrated map to record the information and objects they discover as they tour the galleries, placing the individuals and landmarks in a historic timeline.

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Whilst visiting the displays handling objects and primary source materials will be shown to the class, representing five real people from Plymouth’s history. Students will learn object enquiry skills to understand how Plymouth and the wider world has changed over time.

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Visiting each display the students will take part in a sensory activity to further their understanding between the character and their landmark including smells and sounds.

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In the final gallery the students will discuss the evidence they have gathered on their illustrated maps and address any gaps left in their knowledge.

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The Schools Learning Facilitator will summarise what the students have learnt during their last session and ask the students to place the mystery objects in historical order using the knowledge they have gained.

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To conclude the session, the students will imagine and draw themselves as the next important person in Plymouth’s history. Forming part of their illustrated map the students will take these back to school after the session.

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Key themes

Key themes of the workshop include:

- Pre-History
- Tudor and Elizabethan Age
- WW2 and the Blitz
- Civil Engineering
- Object handling and enquiry

Key vocabulary

Key and new vocabulary covered in the workshop includes:

- Maps
- Archaeologist
- Cist
- Engineer
- Explorer
- Myth
- Air Raid
- Evacuation

Preparing for your session

- There are lots of resources available online which your students can explore to develop their knowledge and understanding of significant individuals in Plymouth's history.
- Explore a map of Plymouth and the wider area to extend student's understanding of key landmarks.
- Visit famous landmarks in Plymouth such as The Hoe and Smeaton's Tower to gain a sensory perspective of the locations.
- Plan a pre-visit to The Box before you come with your class, so you are familiar with the environment and spaces before your visit.

Visit the galleries

The galleries at The Box hold objects and archives about the topic you have explored in this session, as well as other fascinating subjects. To find out more about this topic, visit these galleries at The Box:

Mammoth Gallery / Port of Plymouth / 100 Journeys / Active Archives

Risk assessment

To help you to write your risk assessment for your visit, we have created a Teachers Hazard Assessment which holds common risks and solutions that you might want to include. Visit this page <https://www.theboxplymouth.com/schools/school-visits> for the Hazard Identification Sheet.

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