

Learning from Objects

Key Stage 2

National Curriculum area:
History, Science

Length of session: 60 minutes

Maximum group size: 32



Session Outline

In this fun introduction to the Museum pupils handle mystery objects from around the world.

Activity 1 Welcome to the Museum

Introductory talk to the Museum.

Activity 2 Mystery object game

Pupils handle mystery objects from round the world and try and work out what they are.

Activity 3 Diversity of materials

Pupils look at the range of materials used to make a particular type of object round the world.

Learning Outcomes

- Use historic and scientific enquiry skills to find out about an object
- Understand what information artefacts can reveal through use of senses
- Develop investigative skills as ask questions about an object in order to determine function

Pre visit activities

Take a virtual tour of the Museum.

The Museum is about people and the everyday objects they use and need from all over the world. What objects do all humans need?

Find out what different materials have been used to make containers/shoes/shelter/musical instruments round the world.

Post visit activities

Bring some mystery objects into the classroom and see if people can work out what they are used for. Try asking your family and grandparents for objects you could use.

Design an outfit made from natural resources.

Create a classroom museum about a subject of your choice.



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