

The National Archives Education Service
Resources and Workshops for Primary Schools
Catalogue - Spring 2019



Education Sessions | Primary Schools

FREE onsite and online history sessions by our award-winning education service.

Historical sources broaden students' knowledge of past events, develop their understanding of how history is recorded and inspire them to ask their own questions about the way society has changed over time.

	Type		Workshop	Virtual Classroom	Video Conference
	KS1	KS2			
Great Fire of London: examine the evidence					
Cholera: from 'great stink' to safe to drink?*					
Domesday Book: medieval treasure					
Four days' hard labour					
Henry VIII: image of a king					
Maps – a study through time					
Propaganda and the art of war					
Treasures from the past: The Victorians (SEN)					
Unmasking a spy					
What is history?					

All **workshops** take place in our Education Room or Learning Space at The National Archives in Kew; these are pupil-friendly, welcoming, purpose built classrooms, equipped with a SMARTboard, iPads, audiovisual equipment and an induction loop. Our SEN programme is specifically designed for pupils with severe learning difficulties and profound and multiple learning disabilities, and use multi-sensory and interactive activities to engage students. We also run actor-led workshops. We accommodate group sizes of between **8-35 students**. All groups must be accompanied by a **minimum of 2 adults, with one extra adult for every 15 students above 30**.

We can connect with you online via our **Virtual Classroom** service. Students interact with an Education Officer on computers or iPads to examine and annotate high quality digital images of original documents, and exchange ideas and ask questions via a chat-box and by microphone.

We can also connect with you via our **Video Conference** service. For a Video Conference your school will need specialist videoconferencing equipment. This comprises of a television camera, microphone and CODEC (a piece of hardware or software that converts digital and audio data). We advise you to consult your IT co-ordinator if you are unsure whether you have specialist videoconferencing equipment, or require support setting it up.

If you would like further information or wish to contact our education service directly, please email us at EducationEnquiries@nationalarchives.gov.uk or call **+44 (0)20 8392 5365**. To book any session, or use our vast collection of free online resources, please visit: nationalarchives.gov.uk/education

Why choose our sessions?

Our Primary sessions offer a fun and exciting way for children to learn about history. Each one explores a different historical topic through interaction with a wealth of original documents.

Original documents

Our collection of historical documents is iconic, and many of the records can only be viewed at The National Archives. Our school sessions not only teach students about the historical context of these documents, but also provide insight into how we look after them.

Hands-on

On site, students are able to work 'hands-on' with original documents – literally turning the pages of history! While online, our education officers deliver highly interactive and engaging sessions with high-resolution digital reproductions.

Cost

With the exception of sessions we run alongside partners – all our sessions are free.*

Experienced Team

Our education officers all have extensive experience in teaching lessons and making history accessible to students of varying ages and abilities

Facilities

We have an onsite restaurant, where you can book a table for your school group to have lunch.

In addition to our public carpark, we also have coach parking bay that can be booked ahead of time.

All our public areas and learning spaces are accessible by wheelchair. Our learning spaces also include induction loops.

*Sessions run in partnership with others may involve a fee. Cost refers solely to delivery of sessions. Groups must budget themselves for any additional costs, including food, transport and any IT equipment.

You can find all of these lessons, themed collections and focussed topic sites on our website: nationalarchives.gov.uk/education

Online Lesson Packs | Primary Schools

Our lessons are investigations mapped to the curriculum that can be covered in a single period or followed up for homework. You can use them 'as is' or adapt them to fit your group's needs. We also have a selection of online games and topic websites which can be used in class or at home. Visit our website for more information.

You can also find our lessons on TES Resources: <http://bit.ly/TNAShopTES>

Time Period	Lesson Title	Enquiry Question	Key Stage	
			1	2
Medieval 1066 - 1485	Anglo-Saxons: Gift from a King - NEW	What was Anglo-Saxon society like?		
	Chertsey	What was Chertsey like in the Middle Ages?		◆
	Domesday Book	What can we learn about England in the 11 th Century		◆
	Edward the Confessor - NEW	What does the Domesday Abbreviato tells us about Edward the Confessor?		◆
	England's Immigrants 1330-1550	Database and Downloads for teachers		◆
	Magna Carta	Downloads for teachers		◆
Early Modern 1485-1750	Elizabethan Propaganda	How did England try to show Spain planned to invade in 1588?		◆
	England's Immigrants 1330-1550	Database and Downloads for teachers		◆
	Great Fire of London: how London changed	What happened?	◆	◆
	Gunpowder Plot	Can you uncover the plans of the plotters?		◆
	Henry VIII court rules	How did Henry VIII get up in the morning?		◆
	Murder at Kirk O'Field	What happened in 1567?		◆
	The Royal Seal	What can it tell us?		◆
	Significant People	Key Stage One Activity Book	◆	
Empire and Industry 1750-1850	1833 Factory Act	Did it solve the problems of children in factories?		◆
	1834 Poor Law	What did people think of the new poor law?		◆
	Significant People	Key Stage One Activity Book	◆	
Victorians 1850-1901	19th Century Mining Disaster	What happened at the Trimdon Grange Mining Disaster?		◆
	19th Century People	What can we tell from this photograph?		◆
	Census Detective	What can you find out?		◆
	Florence Nightingale	Why do we remember her?	◆	◆
	Mining explosion	The Trimdon Grange mining accident		◆
	Past Pleasures	How did the Victorians have fun?		◆
	Rob Roy	A Victorian railway accident		◆
	Say 'cheese'	What can Queen Victoria's family photographs tell us?		◆
	Trimdon	What was it like living in a late 19th Century mining town?		◆
	Victorian Children in trouble with the law	Did the punishment fit the crime?		◆
	Victorian Family History	How can we find out about the life of a Victorian child using family sources?		◆
Victorian Homes	Was there much difference between rich and poor homes?		◆	
Early 20th Century 1901-1918	Caribbean history in photographs	What can these photographs tell us?		◆
	How we were taught	What was school like 100 years ago?		◆
Interwar 1918-1939	Caribbean history in photographs	What can these photographs tell us?		◆
Second World War 1939-1945	British Response to V1 and V2	How did Britain respond to the threat of attack by missiles in 1943?		◆
	Caribbean history in photographs	What can these photographs tell us?		◆
	Evacuation to Canada	How much care was really taken?		◆
	Evacuation to Shropshire	What was it like in the Second World War?		◆
	Gordon Ford's Story	What was it like to be an airman in World War Two?		◆
	Government Posters	How did Britain encourage people at home to help win the war?		◆
	The Home Front	How did people prepare for the war at home?		◆
Postwar 1945-present	Caribbean history in photographs	What can these photographs tell us?		◆

Your students may also be interested in our **Time Travel Club** – our family workshops held on select weekends and holidays throughout the year. Look out for **Time Travel Club** events on our What's On events page:

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/about/visit-us/whats-on/events/>



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Online Themed Collections | Primary Schools

Explore original documents from the archives in these curated collections, designed as a digital source book for guided research or independent study. All documents are displayed with transcripts and available to download.

Whilst many of our themed collections are aimed at older students, teachers may find sources that they wish to use for their own lessons for younger students within the collections.

Time Period	Collection Title		Key Stage				
			1	2	3	4	5
Medieval 1066-1485	Magna Carta, 1215 and beyond	A Medieval revolution?			♦		♦
	Richard II	Were the troubles facing England in the 1370s and 1380s due to Richard II's age and inexperience?				♦	♦
Early Modern 1485-1750	Elizabeth I's Monarchy	Rule of a 'weak and feeble' woman?				♦	♦
	English Reformation c1527-1590	How did state and people respond to religious change?				♦	♦
	Jacobite Rebellion of 1715	Rebels with a cause?			♦		♦
	Jacobite Rising of 1745	A serious threat to the Hanoverians?			♦		♦
	James I	What were the key areas of dispute?					♦
Empire and Industry 1750-1850	Georgian Britain	Age of modernity?			♦	♦	♦
	Protest and democracy 1816 to 1818 part 1	Was this the start of mass politics in Britain?				♦	♦
	Protest and democracy 1818 to 1920 part 2	How close was Britain to revolution?				♦	♦
Victorians 1850-1901	19 th Century Prison Ships	What do these documents reveal about attitudes to crime and punishment?					♦
	Selling the Victorians	Victorians for sale! Has advertising changed from Victorian times?		♦	♦		
	Victorian Lives	How was life different in Victorian times?		♦	♦		
Early 20 th Century 1901-1918	Letters from the First World War, 1915	How did these men experience the conflict?				♦	♦
	Letters from the First World War, 1916-18	How did these men experience the conflict?				♦	♦
	Medicine on the Western Front (1 & 2) - NEW	How did trench warfare affect injuries and treatment?				♦	♦
	Loyalty and Dissent	How did Indian soldiers respond to the First World War				♦	♦
	Cats and mice	What tactics were used by suffragettes, police and government?				♦	♦
	Suffragettes on file	What did the struggle for the vote involve?	♦			♦	♦
	Suffragettes: Outrage at Kew	What's the story?				♦	
Interwar - 1918-1939	Twenties Britain (Parts 1 & 2) - NEW	Decade of conflict, realignment and change?					♦
	Thirties Britain	The depressed decade?					♦
Second World War 1939-1945	Kindertransport	Saving refugee children?				♦	♦
	The Holocaust	Key documents from the National Archives				♦	♦
	The Road to Partition 1939-1947	The violent creation of two new nations					♦
Post-war 1945- present	Attlee's Britain 1945-1951	Planning for the future?					♦
	Civil Rights in America	Follow the progress of the struggle through the archives					♦
	Fifties Britain	Never so good? Or too good to be true?					♦
	Sixties Britain	A social and cultural revolution?					♦

Our online resources aim to cover the widest range of the curriculum we can manage. We want to use the web to put original documents in the hands of teachers and suggest approaches for how they might use them.

We want to make it as easy as possible for busy primary and secondary colleagues to introduce their students to original documents. However we deliberately do not provide 'the answers' to the questions we ask on the site. Our aim is instead to help students develop a greater understanding of the concept of evidence and the limits of knowledge. We provide guidance in our student section on how teachers and students can carry out independent research at The National Archives, and encourage teachers to book their classes into our **workshops**, **virtual classrooms** and **video conferences** for a guided introduction to our documents by our Education Officers.



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