

Gallery Sessions



Key Stage 3 and 4 Gallery Sessions
General Information for Teachers

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All gallery sessions take place in the main galleries of The British Museum. Gallery sessions last 30 - 40 minutes and you will receive information regarding the meeting point for the start of your session when booking in at the Ford Centre for Young Visitors at the beginning of your visit to the Museum.

Gallery sessions provide an opportunity for pupils to work with objects on display in the Museum galleries. During the sessions pupils think about a variety of themes and issues relating to the particular objects on which they are focussing. Sessions include the chance to discuss, debate and investigate as the pupils engage in a mixture of whole group and independent small group activities.

The sessions are led by a member of staff from the Education Department, though all accompanying teachers and adult helpers are requested to remain with the group throughout the session. All resources used by the pupils during the session are provided by the Museum.

Health and Safety Information

All accompanying teachers and adult helpers are reminded that these sessions will take place in the main galleries of the Museum. The galleries may contain members of the public who may also be viewing the display cases during the course of the session. If at any time during the session the Museum excavation alarm is activated the whole group will be evacuated from the gallery under the direction of the member of staff leading the session and Visitor Services staff on duty in the galleries.

COMPASS

Before and after your visit you may like to look at the British Museum's internet database of over 5,000 British Museum objects known as COMPASS which can be accessed at www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk/compass

There is also a children's COMPASS at www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk/childrenscompass

Explorer Pack Sessions

Some gallery sessions are available as Explorer Pack sessions. These sessions provide teachers with all the materials needed to run teaching sessions in the Museum galleries, training on using the pack and support from Education staff when delivering the session.

Please see *Information and Events for Schools and Teachers: 2002-3* for further details.

Curriculum Links

All gallery sessions link into the National Curriculum for History at Key Stage 3 and 4 and may include work on other subjects, such as Citizenship, during the course of the session.

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