

TEACHER NOTES

Historical Interpretation - The Past in the Present



Contextual Summary

The resource is a series of tasks that encourage students to identify and engage with the historical objects and items on display at the museum, and to analyse and interpret their usefulness, purpose and impact. Students have to interpret an original Isle of Wight network map and so are employing useful life skills that crossover to other subject areas, such as Maths and Geography.

This enables students to practise their interpretation skills whilst engaging with historical items and aspects of the Isle of Wight Steam Railway. The task is relevant to students in key stage 1 & 2.

Questions have been chosen because they link with core History skills as required at these key stages.

Task Implementation

It is suggested to teachers that they introduce the background of the railway, in particular the history of the Isle of Wight railway network and its demise, as a class pre-learning activity. Students should be keen to practise responding to the resource questions.

An understanding of the general history of transport and its development would also be useful preparation for this task.

When on site, students will be able to undertake the task elements and can practise their interpretation. The task is ideally undertaken on-site, to allow for the completion of all questions.

Ability Levels

There are 2 versions of this resource, one each for key stage 1, lower key stage 2 and upper key stage 2. These have been designed as mixed ability resources and teachers can adapt them as suitable. For example, SEN or lower ability students could complete fewer tasks.

Key skills practised in this unit:

- ▶ Identifying artefacts and items on-site
- ▶ Interpreting information
- ▶ Synthesising information
- ▶ Recording information

Relationship to Curriculum

The above skills are required to be taught and practised as per the National Curriculum 2014 and Curriculum for Excellence, at key stages 1 & 2 (and equivalents) in HISTORY.

SUBJECT

History

UNIT

Historical Interpretation

OPPORTUNITIES FOR USE

- ✗ Pre-Visit
- ✓ On-Site Activity
- ✗ Post-Visit
- ✗ Peripheral Task



15 - 30 Mins

APPLICABILITY



KS1, KS2



P2 - P7

CURRICULUM / SYLLABUS

- ✓ National Curriculum 2014
- ✓ Curriculum for Excellence

Applies to Resources Numbered:

1	0	1	3	0	1
1	0	1	3	0	2
1	0	1	3	0	3

Learning Opportunities

Pre-Visit

It is suggested to teachers that students undertake some research the background of the railway, in particular the history of the Isle of Wight railway network and its demise, as a class pre-learning activity. Students should be keen to practise responding to the resource questions.

During the Visit

Completion of the History resource/s linked to this document:

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Resource ID: **101301** (KS1), **101302** (KS2L), **101303** (KS2U)

Post Visit

Follow-up tasks could include:

- ▶ Whole class discussion about the responses to the questions
- ▶ Groups presenting back their collated ideas to the class
- ▶ Compounding learning by developing further skills, using more challenging questions

Enrichment Opportunities

Opportunities exist for the student to gain a more detailed knowledge of the history of Isle of Wight railways, and specific aspects of the Isle of Wight Steam Railway. It is anticipated that an enriched understanding of context will be gained, as well as good investigation practice.

Learning Outcomes

Students will be able to investigate the historical aspects of the Isle of Wight Steam Railway by interpreting the questions and challenges, answering the questions, and recording their responses.

See Also...

Other resources at Isle of Wight Steam Railway relevant to these age groups include:

101371	English	Comprehension of Information
101113	English	Review and comment
101191	English	Understanding railway texts
101131	History	Chronological order - railways
101231	History	Investigate the railway!
101041	Science	Forces
101071	Science	The Power of Steam!
101161	Maths	Applying simple maths to the railway environment

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- ▶ *Subject Finder* - to find other relevant Isle of Wight venues



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