

LANCASTER CITY MUSEUM

Explore The Museum

As you go around the museum today we're going to explore some of the key objects in the Museum. First *Find...* the objects listed, then answer our challenge questions using your History Detective skills.

Find... THE INSUS TOMBSTONE

This huge stone was found on the route of an old Roman road in Lancaster. We know it was made to mark the burial place of Insus Vodullius, a Roman soldier from the Treveri tribe, which means he originated from Germany.



Insus' Tombstone is one of-a-kind in the world of Roman tombstones because of what Insus is carrying.

What do you think it tells us about the type of Roman soldier Insus was?



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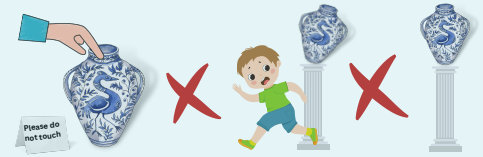
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What is a Museum?

Museums are places where objects, pictures and documents are kept that tell us about the past, help us to understand why the places where we live are like they are and who lived here before.

Sometimes they have dinosaur bones, or they may have furniture, scientific objects, rocks, letters, books, and much much more!

We don't have any dinosaurs here, (or do we?) but you will find lots of other cool stuff.



Remember
Have a good time, but not a smashing time!

Each carved symbol on the tombstone has meaning. Can you match the symbols to the carvings?

- Horse** : sign Insus was in the Calvary
- Sword**: sign of being a soldier
- Enemy's head**
- Decapitated body**
- Oak Leaves**: symbolise bravery
- Centurion's Helmet**
- Medusa**: Roman mythological woman who turned everyone she saw to stone.

Look out for these two carved Roman heads. Tick when you have found them



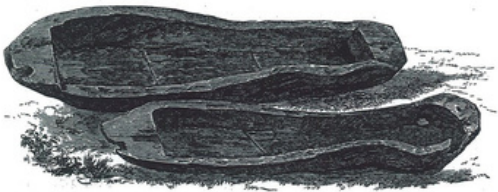
Find...

THE QUERNMORE BURIAL SHROUD

It might seem like not a lot to look at, but in this dimly lit case, there is all that remains of an Anglo-Saxon person and the boat-style casket they were buried in.

Look closely, what 3 parts of the body remain?

Three yellow arrow-shaped boxes pointing to the right, intended for writing answers.



Interior view of Oak Coffin.



External view of Oak Coffin.



What is this famous building in Lancaster?
Have you ever visited it?



Do you know that the castle dates back to Roman times and is owned by the current Monarch, King Charles III who is also known as the Duke of Lancaster.

400 years ago, the trials of the Lancashire Witches were held at Lancaster Castle as well as over 200 executions for anything from murder to stealing cattle!!

It is still used today as a Crown Court and was also a prison until 2011.

Find...

THE CASTLE KEY

Can you find and draw the key to Lancaster Castle?

A large rectangular area with a decorative border, intended for drawing the key to Lancaster Castle.



What was the name of the man who was hanged at the Castle on 6th September 1834?

"Have you heard of this famous proverb... which reminds us the value and importance of time..."

Time and tide waits for none

Find... A CASE OF WATCHES

Can you find our collection of watches? What kind of watches are they?

How many are there?

What time is on watch number 12?

Who did watch number 14 belong to?

What other objects are in the case?



Climb Aboard Crossword

Climb about our train carriage and rest awhile whilst completing the crossword

Across:

- 2) City of the National Railway Museum
- 5) The EuroStar travels under with body of water?
- 7) Famous steam train from Sodor

Down:

- 1) Famous Steam Train - The Flying ??
- 3) What trains run on
- 4) Colour of the Hogwarts Express
- 6) Where passengers disembark



THE WHITE LUND EXPLOSION

During World War One huge factories filling shells (or cases) with explosives to make bombs. In October 1917 a disastrous fire took place, meaning over 30,000 people from Morecambe and Lancaster were forced to flee to the countryside in the middle of the night to find safety.



Fossils are the remains or traces of plants and animals that lived long ago. Fossils give scientists clues about the past. For this reason, fossils are important to paleontology, or the study of prehistoric life.

Most fossils are found in earth that once lay underwater. They usually formed from the hard parts – such as shells or bones – of living things. After a living thing died, it sank to the bottom of the sea. Layers of earth and the remains of other living things built up on top of it. Over time, these layers turned into rock. Other fossils are made when the item is no longer there, such as footprints. These are called trace fossils.

Find

IGUANODON MODEL

Meet 'Iggy' a treasured mistake within our collection! This is what scientists thought an Iguanodon looked like back in Victorian England, when the first fossilised remains were found. This is what the real Iguanodon looked like.

Can you see anything wrong with our model?



The man who found the first Iguanodon fossil, and who 'coined' or invented the word 'Dinosaur' was born in Lancaster. What was his name?

Find...



THE WHITE LUND EXPLOSION SHRAPNEL

What is shrapnel?

Ammonium nitrate and what other explosive do you think went inside the shells in this picture?

Have a guess: The White Lund Munition Factories site measured the equivalent to how many tennis courts?

2100

3255

4030

Find



OUR FOSSIL COLLECTION

Draw your favourite fossil from the collection. Write a bit about it.



KING'S OWN ROYAL REGIMENT MUSEUM

The King's Own Royal Regiment was a line infantry regiment of the British Army, based in Lancaster. Formed in 1680, the KORR has served under various titles and fought in many wars and conflicts.



Find... ROYAL LANCASHIRE MILITIA UNIFORM



This uniform you see before your very eyes is over 260 years old!

This is the oldest complete military uniform in the world and was originally worn by a member of our very own King's Own Regiment Captain Thomas Plumbe. Captain Thomas served with the King's Own from 1760 up until his retirement in 1766. His uniform was donated many years after his service and now stands before you in our own museum for the whole world to enjoy and catch a glimpse of how military soldiers would have dressed back then.

Challenge

Have a really good look at all the details on the uniform you see in front of you, then in the space provided, draw a picture of yourself wearing this uniform. Really focus on the small details, the buttons, the shows and even the belt buckle.



Draw yourself wearing a uniform like this.





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Challenges

1 - We're Going on a Santa Hunt...

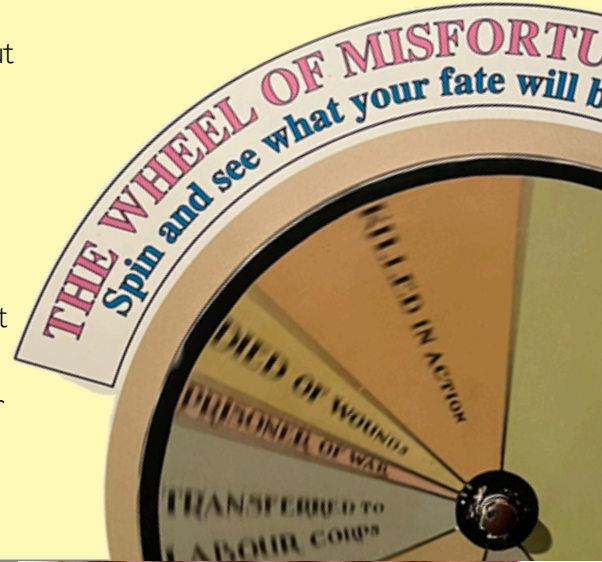
Somewhere in this gallery Father Christmas is seen on a photograph visiting the troops of the Kings Own Regiment, which country is he in?

And on what animal is he riding?

2 - Spin The Wheel of Misfortune

The First World War was a very dangerous period, not just for soldiers, but for civilians as well. A total of 9 million servicemen were lost across all nations throughout this conflict, 1 million of which were from the British Empire.

What this wheel tries to tell you, is what your chances of survival would have been like if you had served during this war. Your challenge is to give it a real good spin and then in the space below write down what your fate would have been in the Great War. Hopefully the odds are stacked in your favour!



3 - Discover some real heroic tales

The Victoria Cross was a medal awarded to soldiers for the highest level of bravery during war. This was often awarded to soldiers who showed great heroism, putting themselves in grave danger to try and protect their fellow soldiers.

You needed to be very brave to earn one of these medals!

In this museum we have a collection of Victoria Cross medals, can you find them? If so, **how many are you able to find?**

Can you tell us the story of why one of these soldiers was awarded this medal? Please use the space below to write out your answer!