

LANCASTER CITY MUSEUM

Self-Guided Worksheet



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HISTORY DETECTIVES

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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, 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!

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In what year was Lancaster City Museum opened?

To celebrate our **BIG** birthday we have selected some of most treasured objects for you to enjoy!

Hunt down the objects numbered below and complete the challenges.

When you've found them all, vote for your favourite object, telling us why you choose it. Don't forget to add your name and which school you are from to be in with a change to win a prize!



Object no. 13 - 10th Century Comb

Did you know that the Vikings are thought to have been proud of their appearance. Combs, tweezers and razors are often found in Viking graves of both men and women.

This comb is made of bone or antler and was found in a grave of a Viking woman in Heysham.

Challenge

How many teeth are still intact?

(pretty perfect for a 1000 year old comb!)

Object no. 56 - 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?

Challenge

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



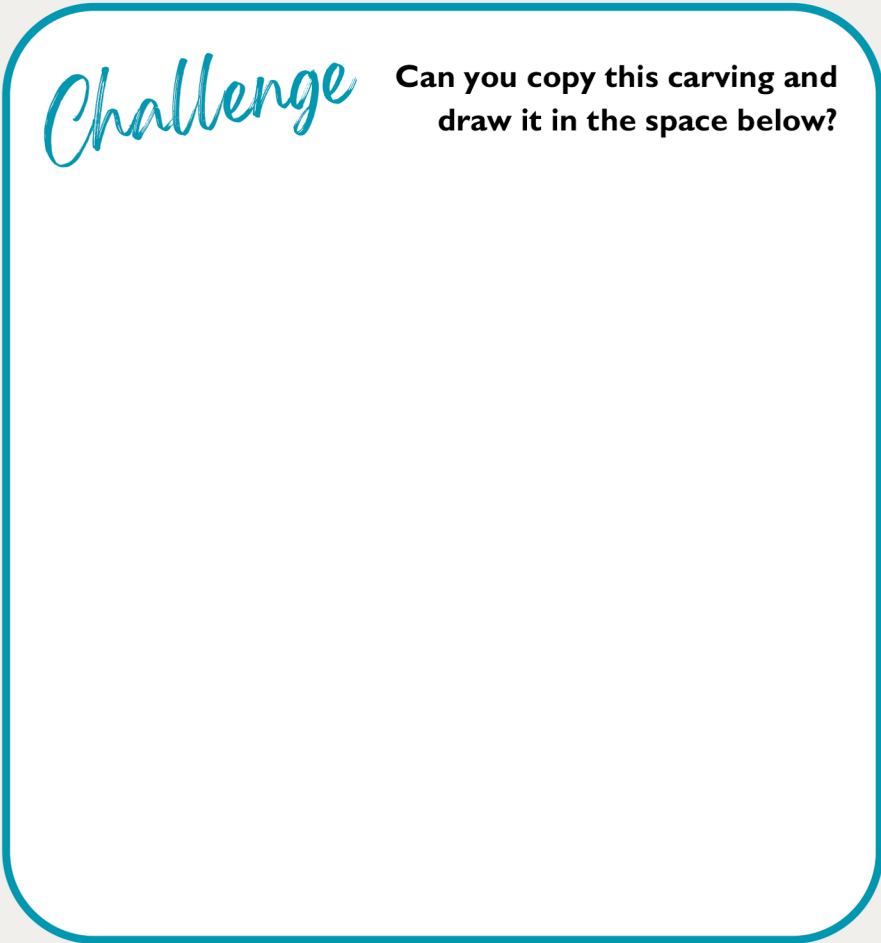
Object no. 3 - Celtic Stone Head

This stone carving is over 1700 years old!

We know very little about this object, which is what makes it even the more intriguing and special. Who do you think made it? Is the face a man, woman, a God or even a iron-age selfie?

Challenge

Can you copy this carving and draw it in the space below?



Object no. 80 - Morecambe Cross-Bay Swimming Badge

Swimming badges aren't just awarded for swimming in your pyjamas in the warmth of your local pool.

This one was awarded for swimming across Morecambe Bay!

The first person to complete the swim was Professor Sterne in 1907, who after entering the water found his swimwear was weighing him down - so completed the 9 miles naked.



Challenge

Can you list some reasons why you shouldn't swim the across the bay today?

Object no. 33 - Police Criminal Ledger Book

This book is full of Victorian people who were arrested for lots of different crimes.

Look at the page that it is open on; it describes a 20 year old women called Agnes.



Challenge

Investigate the entry for Agnes and complete your own report below:

What crime did Agnes commit?

How long was she sentenced for?

What was Agnes's 'distinguishing mark' listed as?

Do you think she should have been imprisoned for longer, or was it too long?

Object no. 11 - 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.

Check-out Insus, riding a horse, in full armour, brandishing his sword.

Challenge *Gruesome Warning!*

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

What is it? _____

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

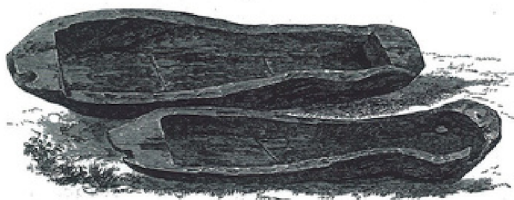


Object no. 13 - The Quernmore Burial

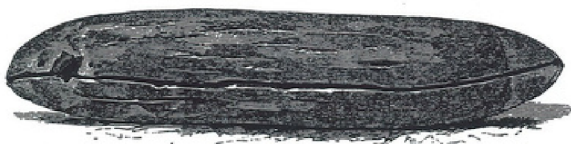
It might seem like a lot to look at, but in this dimly lit case, there is all that remains of an Anglo-Saxon person and the boat-style casket they were buried in.

Challenge

Look closely, what parts of the body remain?



Interior view of Oak Coffin.



External view of Oak Coffin.

Object no. 99 - Phoenix Foundry Bicycle

I hate cobbles!



This iron forged bike was built in Lancaster and is one of the oldest bicycles made in the United Kingdom!

Also known as the 'bone-shaker', this bike shows just how far cycling and design has come in 150 years!

Challenge

Which of these parts can you identify on the bone-shaker? Circle your answers.

- mudguards
- gears
- handlebars
- pedals
- bell
- spokes
- brakes
- chain
- comfy seat
- suspension

Object 47 - Shrapnel from the White Lund Filling Factory

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.

This object is called shrapnel, which is part of one of the bombs that exploded on that night.



Challenge

How far away could the explosion be heard?

Object no. - Lighthouse Reflector

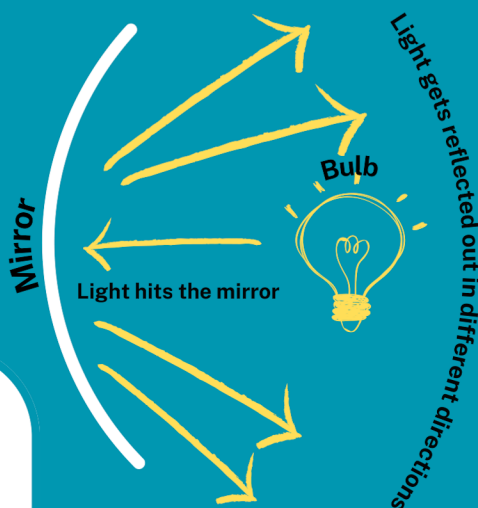
This lovely thing is a parabolic mirror. Parabolic just means that it is curved and reflects light in different directions. It comes from a local lighthouse.

This is how it would work:

Challenge

How many pieces of glass do you think make up this lighthouse mirror?

- a) 515
- b) 617
- c) 689



We hope that you had lots of fun today and enjoyed visiting the museum. Visit us again soon!



Ask your teacher to cut along this line so that you can hand in your vote.

Congratulations on completing our trail challenge.

Now its time to vote!

Which of the objects that you've seen today is your favourite?

Draw it here and tell us why you like it the most.

By _____