

Let's explore

Lancaster Maritime Museum

On the Ground Floor of the Custom House

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, but you will find lots of other cool stuff...

Q: **What does *Maritime* mean?**



See if you can find this picture hidden in the room with the model boats. It shows the river that runs through Lancaster.

Q: **What is the river called?**

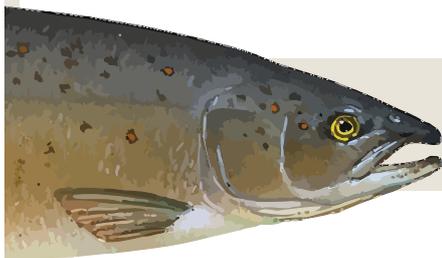


St. George's Quay was built to help large sailing ships to come into and sail out of the city. A large shipbuilding yard used to be along the Quay.

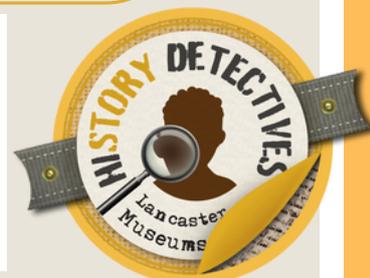
Q: **What was it called?**

The River Lune silted up too much for it to continue being used by large ships. So it can not be used for trade anymore.

Q: **Can you find clues in this picture that show how things on the river changed? Circle the things that look different. Look carefully at the bridge - why do you think that it looks like that? (the boats might give you a clue).**



Q: **What kind of fish and shellfish are caught in the River Lune and around Morecambe Bay? Can you draw and name them?**



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Q: Can you find the model of Dalton Square?

Tick each thing off as you find them somewhere in the model:

- A Christmas tree on a sledge
- An escaping horse
- A man telling his dog to go home
- A choir singing
- A fruit and vegetable stall
- A man sitting in the snow

Q: If you know Lancaster, what is missing from the model of Dalton Square?

Why do you think it isn't there?



Q: Look for this portrait. What kind of person do you think he is? Does he look like a nice person?

Q: Now read about him on the label about the portrait. Do you feel the same way about him?

Q: What three things can you smell in the aroma boxes?



Q: In the 1700s and 1800s, if you were wealthy, your home would be filled with things produced on plantations worked by slaves. Can you match the Word to the product?

Mahogany Furniture Coffee

Rum Cotton Rice

Tobacco Sugar



Q: Have you found the shackles used on slaves? How do they feel?



In the Warehouse

The Custom House was a building where ships' Captains would meet the Collector to pay their customs duties. This meant that they could bring goods into the port of Lancaster. The Warehouse is where many of those goods would have been stored for a while.

Q: How Many different sizes of barrels can you find in the Warehouse?



See if you can find this picture hidden in the room with the stagecoach. It shows a carriage crossing Morecambe Bay. Now climb the steps and sit in the carriage. Imagine what the journey was like as you listen to people describing it.

Q: Circle the words that best describe it here:

Bumpy Relaxing Frightening
Smooth Cramped Dangerous
Fun Easy Smelly Comfortable

Many children lived on canal boats with their families. Can you imagine squeezing beds, a table and stove into such a small space? Sometimes canal children had to live in lodgings during the week as their parents were always on the move. They would only meet up with their families at weekends, usually at bridges that crossed over the canal. If their parents could not get there, they would leave a message under stones.

Q: What would you write to your family? Write them a quick note here:



Maritime Museum Puzzle Time

Can you find the 12 words in the puzzle?

B C D R K M K C H B K U Y E G
G R A V O P R C G O H S R L P
R H H U R A H Z D A L T O N T
P T O N C C C C J H C G N X K
G I B Y C K T F R H A E C T O
G H M R H E T I G S U O O H R
U X S C O T R G C A U R C B Y
K E D U I B G U G L E G K A D
E H U R G O S R L M C E L K E
C O T C W A R E H O U S E H S
R A L J N T R H O N S Q S R R
L E S K H R M E K R T U H T I
G X J R A A J A Y P O A I H Y
C G G B K S G D A K M Y P D O
G R I V E R L U N E A Z N J X

BARREL COCKLES CUSTOM DALTON FIGUREHEAD PACKETBOAT
RIVERLUNE SALMON SHIP STGEORGESQUAY SUGAR WAREHOUSE



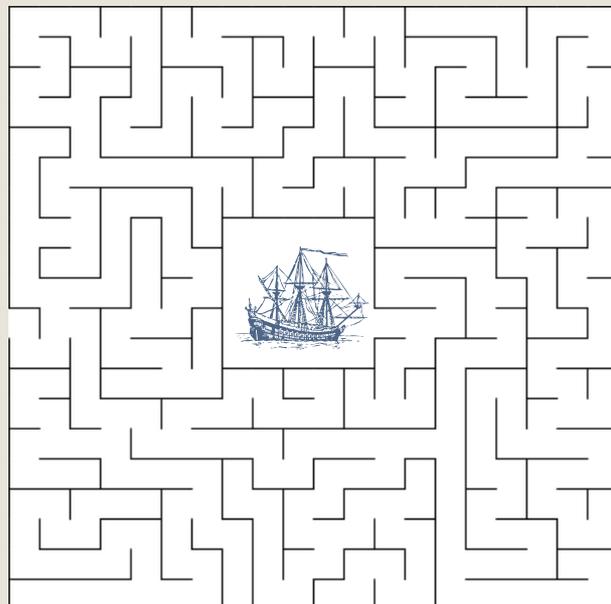
Did You Know?

Some pirates were **legally** allowed to pinch stuff?.

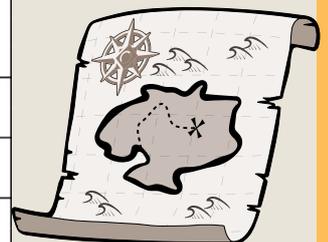
They had permission from the king or queen to steal ships and cargo from other countries that England was at war with at the time.

These pirates were called 'Privateers'.

Did you find our model of the *Thetis*, which was used by privateers?



Oh no, the pesky pirates have captured you. Can you find your way out of the maze and escape them?



Well Done!