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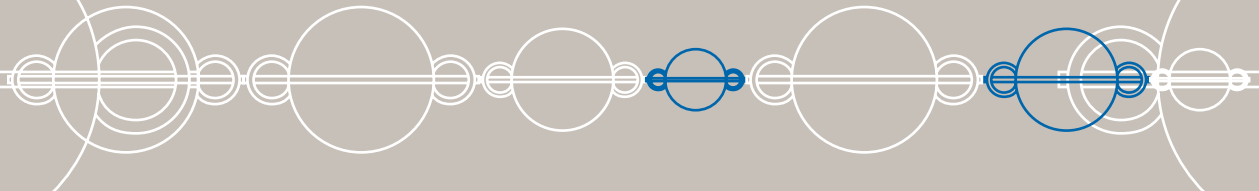
Preparing to use

Museum on the Move: Picts

Museum on the Move (MoM): Picts is one of 3 themed resources developed by National Museums Scotland (NMS) with partner local museums and schools, launched in 2007.

The other Museum on the Move resources are:

- Egyptians – developed with Shetland Museum & Archives, Lerwick; Paisley Museum & Art Galleries, Renfrewshire and The Dick Institute, Kilmarnock, East Ayrshire
- Romans – developed with Stranraer Museum, Dumfries & Galloway



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What is ‘Museum on the Move’?

It’s a handling resource, but bigger than most museum loans boxes. It is almost a mini touring exhibition that contains replica objects and activities to be used by your class in groups, pairs or for individual work.

Through hands-on activities, Museum on the Move: Picts will deliver four main themes about the Picts:

- WHO were the Picts? – their name means painted people but it’s unlikely this is what they called themselves. Other peoples, such as the Romans, have written about them.
- WHERE were the Picts? They lived and flourished in only a few specific parts of Scotland.
- HOW do we KNOW about them? The Picts left a legacy of impressive stones, one of the main sources of evidence about them: from these we try to understand about their lives and activities (hunting, fighting, status, beliefs).
- WHAT did they believe? The Picts gradually embraced Christianity.

How does this meet A Curriculum for Excellence?

Museum on the Move: Picts has been designed to meet the needs of teachers and pupils delivering A Curriculum For Excellence (ACE):

Developing successful learners

MoM: Picts can

- extend children and young people’s horizons of time and place and challenge them to look at the world in new ways
- encourage them to learn to access and use information from different kinds of sources, and think critically about evidence and arguments in order to arrive at their own conclusions

Developing confident individuals

MoM: Picts can

- enable children and young people to understand more about their sense of identity
- develop an understanding of the political and social changes which have shaped Scotland
- build confidence to communicate their own views on social, political and historical issues

Developing responsible citizens

MoM: Picts can

- encourage children and young people to learn about the values, beliefs and cultures of societies at other times
- encourage respect for the natural and historic environment, monuments and other sources of evidence about people in the past

Developing effective contributors

MoM: Picts can

- develop skills which will be important to children and young people for their life and work, for example volunteering with a local Young Archaeologist Club.

What is in Museum on the Move: Picts?

MoM: Picts offers 9 themed activities contained in 4 crates. Most of these will be numbered and labelled to assist with putting it together in class or museum. The crates are also designed to be work stations, ie you can unpack the contents and assemble these, in trays, on top of each crate. Information panels slot into the back of each tray.

Two activities – a map and a timeline – can be used on the floor or a table top.

A separate Resource – Using MOM: Picts – gives detailed notes to help you prepare and work through the resource.

Here is a quick summary of Museum on the Move: Picts:

Theme	Description	Activities	Approx time
Archaeologist's Bag	An optional additional element that encourages exploration of material evidence to piece together a picture or story about a person.	Exploring personal objects in the bag	15 mins
Timeline	WHEN were the Picts?	Assemble timeline 'Jigsaw'	5 mins
Map	WHERE were the Picts?	Assemble map 'Jigsaw'	5 mins
Dress like a Pict	Pict clothing	Dress up	10 mins
Daily Lives	What Picts ate, wore and used as food vessels	Grind grain	5 mins
		Spin wool	5 mins
		Make pot	10 mins
Symbols in Stone	What do the symbols on stones tell us?	Ink-stamp your own symbol stone (worksheet)	5 mins
Picts in Stone	What can we learn from scenes of people on stones?	Use clues and keys to find objects	10 mins
Christian Symbols	How did Christianity change Pictish stones?	Assemble jigsaws	10 mins

Allow at least 1–1.5 hours to work through MoM: Picts.

Pupils will need to be split in to small groups or pairs to work at each activity.

We have given you guidance on approximate time to spend on each theme.

Check your total session time with your local museum.

How can schools access Museum on the Move: Picts?

Visits

Your local museum will manage Museum on the Move: Picts, on behalf of National Museums Scotland.

You can visit and use it at your local museum. The local museum may also provide staff to facilitate your visit. You may be able to combine your booking with an exhibition or gallery visit.

Please check details in advance of your visit.

Borrowing

We also want schools to borrow MoM (or parts of it) for work in class.

Remember – it is a large resource and will need at least 2 adults to lift, carry and assemble it and a large car (hatchback) or small van to transport it to your school.

For details of ALL school bookings contact:

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