

Guidelines for Teachers



Essential preparation before your visit

Thank you for booking your Time Odyssey experience at Name Museum! These guidelines provide everything you need to prepare in advance. **Please note: teachers, teaching assistants and adult helpers will facilitate the experience on the day, so it is essential that you are familiar with the app in advance, using the resources and links below.** Please share these guidelines with any colleagues who will be with the group. Thank you!

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What is Time Odyssey?

Time Odyssey is a blended learning adventure which is played on a tablet. Pupils work in small groups of 2 or 3 per tablet, assisted by teachers and museum staff. At its centre is a dynamic, user-friendly app which encourages children to learn through play and storytelling. But it's not all digital! Pupils are involved in choosing and analysing museum objects, as well as teamwork, creative activities, photography and discussion.

What happens?

Pupils meet characters lost in time - Revna - the Viking of the Sea, Cheng - a Trainee Scribe from Ancient China, Felix - future Centurion from Roman Britain, and Hori - a tomb painter from Ancient Egypt. **Pupils choose a character, then take on a series of challenges to help send them back home.** How? By gathering enough energy from museum objects to open a time portal!

How does it work?

Watch the Teacher Introductory Video [here](#). ▷

It is essential that you watch this video before your visit and share with colleagues or adult helpers (parents/carers) who will be with you on the day. It shows how the app works, explains the technology, gives an overview of activities and offers top tips that we have learnt from other teachers!

Show pupils the Introductory Animation Video [here](#). ▷

This 1 minute video invites pupils to take on the Time Odyssey challenge and gets them excited about their visit! Please show this to them in advance.



Your visit schedule

You will be sent a schedule for your visit in advance by your museum. This shows you where the different activities will take place in the museum. Please contact your museum for information to support your Risk Assessment and any specific access needs.

Curriculum links

Time Odyssey supports a range of KS2 subjects and skills. Please see below for a summary of the curriculum links, themes, topics and skills.

Museum map and star objects

Your museum may provide you with a map and information about "star" objects, where available, to help you become familiar with the museum layout and some of the objects you are likely to see on your visit.

Top Tips for a great visit!

Be ready to divide the class into groups

Your class may be split into two groups, or more, for the Time Odyssey experience. If this is suggested by your museum, divide your class into groups beforehand.

Ideally bring and brief at least 5 adults

For the best visiting experience, each group of 30 needs at least 5 adults (teachers, TAs, parents). Each adult will guide between 3-6 pupils each (e.g. 2 groups of 3, 2 groups of 2, 1 group of 3). A ratio of 1:6 is strongly recommended.

Pre-select pupil groups of 2s and 3s

Place pupils into groups of 2s or 3s in advance, as they will work in these small groups during the experience. Teachers tell us mixed ability groups work best.

Re-group after each challenge

Make sure the lead teacher in the group brings everyone together after each challenge to share what pupils have done, and move on together to the next challenge!



Photo: Colin Davidson

Travel Grants for coach costs

Schools can apply for travel expenses to take part in a Time Odyssey experience – up to a maximum of £500 GBP per coach. To apply for financial support, please click on this link for more information, or email: timeodyssey@artexplora.org

Pre-visit materials



1 How to use the app

Watch the Teacher Introductory Video

This is essential watching! Please share this with all teachers and adult helpers who are taking part in the trip as they are responsible for leading the experience. This video shows you:

- How the Time Odyssey Teacher app and Student app work
- The different challenges that pupils will take part in
- Tips from teachers to get the most out of the experience

2 Preparing pupils

Talk with pupils about their visit

Ask children if they have ever been to a museum before, what they think it will be like, and what might be inside.

You could use some of these questions (left), or show this short PowerPoint presentation which gives them a taster of what to expect!

- *Have you been to a museum before?*
- *What do you think museums look like?*
- *Why do we have museums?*
- *What kind of things might we see there?*
- *Who do the objects belong to? (the public)*
- *How do we need to behave in a museum?*
- *What is an Odyssey?*
- *What is a Time Odyssey?*

[Download the pre-visit PowerPoint](#)



3 Taking on the challenge

Show pupils the Time Odyssey film

Show your group this 1-minute animation film in advance which invites pupils to take on the Time Odyssey challenge! (This video is also in the app so they will have the opportunity to watch it again or to skip).



Post visit materials

Ideas for follow up activities in the classroom.

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Reflect and share

What did we see?

Ask children what they enjoyed most about their visit. You could use some of these questions (right), or show this short PowerPoint presentation which provides some prompts for reflection.

[Download the post visit PPT](#)

- Was the museum how you expected it to be?
- What did you like? What did you dislike? Why?
- Did anything surprise you?
- Which objects do you remember seeing?
- What did you think of your Time Odyssey?
- Which character did you choose?
- What can you remember about them?
- Which was your favourite Timeless Treasure?

Get to know the characters

Animations and quizzes!

Pupils can see their characters again and meet new ones. After watching the amazing animations from the Time Odyssey app, children can test their knowledge in a fun quiz. Follow this link.



Classroom activities

Activity templates

Downloadable templates to use in the classroom including fact files, postcards, maps, games and creating Timeless Treasures! [Follow this link](#).

Time Odyssey Gallery

Share your pupils' work!

We'd love to see what your pupils got up to on their Time Odyssey, or have been making back at school. Please upload to the gallery [here](#).

Timeline

What was when and where?

A visual timeline showing where their characters came from, from prehistory to the Vikings. [Follow this link](#).

