Discovering Worlds



FIND Gallery 11 Finders Keepers? (upper floor) 7 The sinking ship

Find the case with a model ship.

This is a model of HMS Endeavour which Captain James Cook commanded on his first voyage of discovery to Australia and New Zealand.

You are an adventurer and have collected many wonderful things from around the world. They are in this cabinet. Disaster! The ship catches fire and is sinking. You can only save 3 objects to take into the lifeboat.

Which ones will you save and why? Take time to choose and then, in turn, tell everyone else your reasons.





FIND Gallery 15 Ancient Worlds

1 Get the picture

Find the ancient Greek helmet. It would have been worn by a soldier who fought on foot with a spear. Maybe it was worn in the battle of Marathon in 490BC when the Greeks defeated the much larger Persian army. Someone found it on the Greek seashore in 1870.

Split into 2 groups. Group One: consider what was happening at the time the helmet was being worn. Group 2: think about what was going on when it was found. Each group: mime your answers to the other for a couple of minutes. After each mime, you might want to explain what was going on.





FIND Gallery 10 Case Histories (upper floor) 8 Who, what, why, where, when & how?

Find 'Cochise's shield'. Read the label about the shield (ask an adult if you need help).

We are not sure if it belonged to Cochise or not.

Using 'how and the 5 w's' ask the shield questions and decide on good answers.

Afterwards, who thinks it did belong to Cochise and who doesn't?



FIND Gallery 14 Egyptian Tomb

2 Picture this

In the Egyptian tomb is a mummified person called Shep en-Mut. She lies within her beautifully painted cartonnage which would have then been placed within the wooden coffin. The images and hieroglyphs tell us about her life and her journey to the afterlife.

Sketching: either choose some of the decoration on the cartonnage to sketch or, something in the wall cabinet.





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FIND Gallery 13 World Cultures North, Central & South America

3 Guess what

In this gallery are objects from the Americas.

Pick one person to go to a cabinet and secretly choose an object. The rest of the group should ask 1 question each to be answered.

For example: What colour is it? Is it something to wear? Is it made of wood?

Then guess which object it is. Is the group correct? Now pick someone else to choose another cabinet and object.



5 Find a family

Find the Faces of Africa display. These are masks and headdresses that would have been worn for many reasons.

Imagine you collect masks and you like to display them in groups.

This could be because they look similar, or because you think they look good together.

Study them closely and decide on a group of 4. What's your favourite mask?

Take turns to tell everyone why.





FIND Gallery 12

4 Three's company

Look for the African Encounters case. You might know what some objects are, but if you don't, imagine what they could be used for.

Work in pairs. Choose 3 objects and work on a quick story involving them all.

Share your story with the others.



6 Commercial break

Look for the Japanese dance mask from the mid 19 century. It shows the character of a male lion and was worn in ceremonial dances.

There were two types of dances. One used slow circular movements for quiet and elegance. The other used quick leaping and jumping for energy and action.

Work in pairs. You are making a 30 second television commercial for one of these performances. One of you does the voice-over advertising the performance. The other performs the movement. Which dance will you choose?



