

Guidelines for Teachers

Essential preparation before your visit

Thank you for booking your Time Odyssey experience at **The Yorkshire 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!



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

Your Booking Confirmation Form contains a visit schedule, which outlines the itinerary for your visit. You will also receive a copy of our site risk assessment for visiting schools.

Curriculum links

Time Odyssey supports a range of KS2 subjects and skills. Please see a summary of the curriculum links on the second page of this document.

Free teacher pre-visits

To help you become familiar with the museum and the objects on display, we recommend you arrange a free teacher pre-visit to the museum. You can book a pre-visit by contacting schools@ymt.org.uk.

Top Tips for a great visit!

Divide your group in half in advance

Your group will be split into two for the Time Odyssey experience, starting at different points in the museum. If possible, divide your class 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!



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 class for coach travel. To apply for financial support, please click on [this link](#) for more information, or email: timeodyssey@artexplora.org

Time Odyssey KS2 Curriculum Links

As well as igniting imaginations, increasing confidence and stimulating curiosity, Time Odyssey takes a skills-building approach that can be applied to any historical period of study. It also enhances a range of other KS2 subjects, topics and skills as outlined below.

