

Teacher's notes for Victorian Lives session at Hollytrees Museum

Museum led hands-on history session (2 hours)

This is the main part of your day at Hollytrees. It is led by museum staff and gives the pupils opportunities to handle historical objects use census returns to examine different sources of evidence and discover what life was like for the family and servants living in Hollytrees in 1881.

Whole class: looking at the dolls house of 1881 and using a census return to find out who lived there. Building a family tree and hierarchy of servants from the primary evidence given to them.

In groups a carousel of activities, which include:

- Victorian Washing: looking at washing artefacts and sequencing the activities involved in cleaning clothes.
- Victorian costume: looking at a replica corset and bustle –you will need to choose a girl to act as a model for this. Also looking at some mystery clothes objects.
- Mystery household objects: working out the identity of mystery objects.

Teacher led session: Moving images – making a zoetrope (2hours)

(Including time for lunch and shop)

This part of the day gives your pupils the opportunity to explore the science behind early moving images as they make their own zoetrope to take back to school. All resources for this activity will be laid out for your group. See the instructions below for a more details about this activity. A 'Toys Riddle Trail' will also be available for pupils to use to explore the Toy gallery.

Briefing adult helpers:

During the hands-on session your class will be split into 3 groups and rotate round the activities. An adult helper will need to supervise each group to assist the pupils in looking at objects and helping them to work out how they would have been used.

Facilities:

There are toilet facilities in Hollytrees with a wheelchair adapted toilet adjacent to the building. There is also a lift to all gallery floors. There is an indoor lunchroom.

Moving images – zoetrope instructions

In Victorian times zoetrope's and flick books were popular toys. Play with the zoetrope and flick books to find out how they create the illusion of movement from a series of separate pictures.

Make your own zoetrope:

1. Carefully cut out the 2 black strips and and sello-tape them together to make the zoetrope 'drum'.
2. Put zoetrope 'drum' on the plate, fold the tabs up and sellotape them to it.
3. Put a dowel into a wooden wheel. Peel the double sided tape off the wheel and stick on the underside of the plate, in the centre.
4. Put a strip of pictures inside the zoetrope. Slip a straw on to the wooden rod. Hold the straw, spin the rod.

Now make your own zoetrope strip.

1. Draw a simple picture in the first box on the plain strip of paper. Make it something simple that you can draw lots of times, changing something a little bit in each picture.



You could do a stickman jumping up and down with moving arms and legs, a flower growing, a bouncing ball.....

2. Put it in your zoetrope and try it out!

