

Information for Teachers

Walk Like an Egyptian
at the
Dorman Museum



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**Dorman Museum
Linthorpe Road
Middlesbrough
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www.dormanmuseum.co.uk

Visiting the exhibition

You can book a museum delivered workshop or a self-guided visit. The delivered workshops are only available on certain dates. Please check the following link for details:

www.dormanmuseum.co.uk/WWW2/documents/WhatsonschooolsSpringSummer2010.pdf.

Self-guided Visits

Before arranging your visit please contact the **Education Team on 01642 358114/ 358108** or e-mail dmeducation@middlesbrough.gov.uk This will ensure that your visit doesn't clash with other group bookings and that you get the best out of your time in the museum. It is helpful if you have several alternative dates in mind. Please give your contact details, the number in your party and whether you require a space for lunch. It's advisable that you don't have more than 30 children in the exhibition at the one time. There are plenty of other interesting things to see in the museum, so you may like to split into smaller groups and spend time in the other galleries. A preliminary visit is recommended to familiarise you with the exhibition and other facilities in the museum.

What's in the Exhibition

You will find a diverse collection of original artefacts and replicas displayed in an exciting and imaginative way. Children will love the interactive exhibits, which include a mummy (not real) to embalm, toys, games and costumes for dressing up. Sections are themed to enable you to easily locate relevant topics. Use your map of the exhibition to help you plan your visit. **Please note that the 'Death and Afterlife' section contains human remains which may upset some visitors.**

Loans from museums in Manchester, Aberdeen, Durham and Birmingham support the Dorman's own collection. Students from Cleveland College of Art & Design at Hartlepool created the sets and interactives.

Guide to the Exhibition

Lots of supporting information can be found on the panels in the exhibition.

Your journey begins here:

Display of Artwork

Local schools and families attending workshops at the museum created this display of art and craft.

A shabti is a small human figure that was placed in the tomb with the mummy. They represented servants and were believed to come back to life to help the deceased in the afterlife. These shabtis are made from air-dried clay and covered in acrylic paint. The funerary masks were made by a secondary school using mod roc. If you would like advice on recreating any of these techniques please contact the Education Team.

Discovering Ancient Egypt

This section includes a replica of the Rosetta Stone and explains how hieroglyphics were eventually deciphered. Using a simplified alphabet, children can translate an inscription and write their own names. Pens and paper are provided. Through gaps in a reconstructed rock face you can peer into the newly discovered tomb of Tutankhamun.

Egypt Today

Images, sounds and objects represent the vibrant culture of modern day Egypt.

Egyptian Influences

Discover how Ancient Egypt has been portrayed through film, literature and art. Includes movie posters, books, decorative art and kitsch.

Dressing up Area

Tunics and fancy collars are provided. Extra costumes for up to 35 children are available if booked in advance.

Gallery Entrance

This dramatic doorway represents Nut, the goddess of the sky and is part of the Ancient Egyptian creation story.

Exhibition Gallery

Costume

Here you will find original artefacts including amulets, cosmetic trays, tweezers, hair comb, necklaces, and a mirror. There is also a replica net dress and model of an Egyptian lady in costume.

Home and Family Life

Furniture and everyday objects are displayed in room settings. Topics include food and drink, childhood, marriage, health and pastimes.

The Nile

Stand on the banks of the Nile and discover its wildlife and vegetation. A replica shaduf and colourful wall paintings bring this area to life. The importance of the River Nile to the Egyptians is explored through information on farming, hunting, fishing and leisure time. The large skull that is part of the trail is from a hippopotamus.

Animals

Several mummified animals are displayed including a cat, birds and crocodile.

Death and the Afterlife

The process of mummification and the afterlife are explored. Two real mummies of the Roman period are in the tomb area. Here you will find amongst other things canopic jars, funerary masks, shabti box, heart scarab and funerary boat.

Religion and Beliefs

This area contains a mixture of original artefacts and replicas of popular gods including Osiris, Horus, Anubis and Bes.

The Community

Egyptian society was based on strict hierarchical codes. Different occupations are covered and a game of chance enables you to climb the social ladder.

Pharaoh's Court

Here you can have your photograph taken with royalty.

Additional Information

Resources

'Walk Like an Egyptian' trail You can download and print it for free or we can do it for you at a charge of 30p per colour copy. Please let us know the number of copies you want at least a week in advance.

Loan Boxes We are developing loan boxes to accompany the exhibition. For further details please contact the Education Team.

Education Suite

This is located on the 1st floor and may be available for use during your visit. It is a self-contained space that can seat up to 60 children for packed lunches and has its own toilet facilities.

Shop

There is a wide selection of 'pocket money' gifts including many Ancient Egyptian items. **We can also provide 'Walk Like an Egyptian' goodie bags for £1.00.** These include a souvenir badge, pencil and a selection of puzzles and colouring sheets. These must be **ordered** at least a week in advance. It is helpful if visits to the shop can be staggered and made in small groups.

Supervision

Children must be supervised at all times. Please be especially vigilant in the exhibition space as vibrations and touching or banging on the cases could cause items to move or fall.

Photography

Flash photography is not allowed in the exhibition apart from in the Pharaoh's court.

Fire alarms

A member of the staff will advise you on the location of fire exits. The assembly point is Albert Park gates.

For general information about your visit to the museum please check the museum's website <http://www.dormanmuseum.co.uk>. If you require further information or clarification on any points please contact either museum reception on 01642 813781 or the Education Team.

We hope you enjoy your visit