

Teachers' Notes – Standing the Test of Time Trail

Target group: KS2

Learning Objectives

- To enable pupils to make links across different periods
- To encourage pupils to find out about aspects of British history
- To provide an opportunity for pupils to consider the achievements of people in the past

Information for adult helpers

This is the complete inscription on Scott's statue:

CAPTAIN ROBERT FALCON SCOTT RN CVO
BORN 6TH JUNE 1868 DIED ABOUT 29 MARCH 1912
DURING HIS RETURN FROM THE SOUTH POLE
IN HIS JOURNAL FOUND 8 MONTHS LATER HE WROTE
THE GALE IS HOWLING ABOUT US WE ARE WEAK
WRITING IS DIFFICULT BUT FOR MY OWN SAKE
I DO NOT REGRET THIS JOURNEY WHICH HAS SHOWN
THAT ENGLISHMEN CAN ENDURE HARDSHIPS
HELP ONE ANOTHER AND MEET DEATH WITH
AS GREAT A FORTITUDE AS EVER IN THE PAST
WE TOOK RISKS WE KNEW WE TOOK THEM
THINGS HAVE COME OUT AGAINST US AND
THEREFORE WE HAVE NO CAUSE FOR COMPLAINT
BUT BOW TO THE WILL OF PROVIDENCE
DETERMINED TO DO OUR BEST TO THE END

Extension questions/Ideas for discussion

Power and bravery are difficult to show but the statues try to convey these ideas. How have they done so?

Henry VIII, Scott, William III and Benbow were all famous in their day. How many of them are generally remembered today? Reputations change over time and fame doesn't always last!

In the past, statues were only of the rich and powerful. Today, we are aware of the contribution and importance of 'ordinary' people e.g. field-gunners. All these statues are of men – what does that tell us about the position of women in the past?

For discussion: who would the children suggest deserves a statue today and why?

Notes

We suggest allowing 30-45 minutes to complete the trail.

The trail can be done from any starting point within Portsmouth Historic Dockyard.

A map is available at www.historicdockyard.co.uk/dockyard/historiclandmarks.php

Henry VIII statue - outside the Mary Rose Museum

Scott statue – between Porter’s Lodge and Mary Rose Museum

William III statue – in the Porter’s Lodge Garden

Benbow – outside Boathouse Number 7 (Lunchroom and toilets)

Field gun crew – between the Royal Naval Museum and the bow of Victory

You may like to walk around Victory to see where the new Mary Rose Museum will be built.

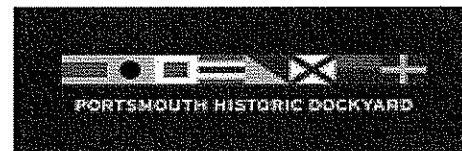
There is artwork and photographs of the ship on display which make a good class photo opportunity. There is also the opportunity for exceptional schoolwork to be featured on the hoardings for everyone to see. Please ask for more details.





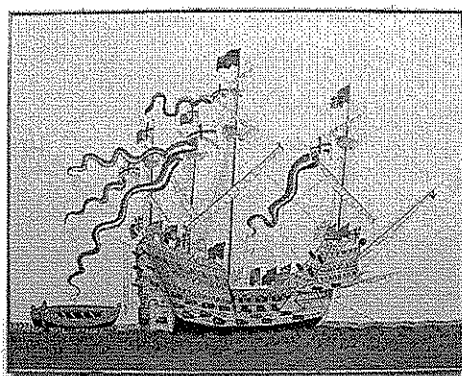
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During your visit to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard you will meet some famous people from history.



King Henry VIII (1509-1547)

He built the Mary Rose and created the first Royal Navy.



Can you spot Henry VIII outside the Mary Rose Museum?

He wanted to look powerful – how did he do this?

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Scott of the Antarctic (1868-1912)

He was a naval officer and famous explorer who reached the South Pole in 1912 but died on the return journey. He is remembered for his bravery.



At the time 11-year-old Mary Steel wrote a poem which ended:

Though nothing but a simple cross
Now marks those heroes' grave,
Their names will live forever!
Oh England, Land of the Brave!

Why do you think Scott is shown with a dog?

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□ **King William III (1650-1702)**

While he was King, he enlarged the dockyard in Portsmouth.



This golden statue shows King William III wearing a Roman costume.

What does this tell us about how the King wanted to be seen?

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□ **Admiral Benbow (1653-1702)**

He was badly wounded in battle but continued to lead his men.



His bravery made him a celebrity at the time.

He had a ship named after him.

This is the figurehead from the bow (front) of that ship.

What does he look like?

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□ **Field Gun Crews**

1947-1999



This statue commemorates the commitment and courage of the ordinary men who trained and took part in field gun tournaments over nearly 50 years.

Their motto is 'To the Limit and Beyond.'

What do you think this means?

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