

about the history zone

Overview

In this zone, pupils use their imagination to travel back in time, finding out about life in Victorian Britain and discovering the story of how William & Catherine Booth started The Salvation Army. Pupils explore artefacts, objects and clues from a time capsule or character bags, or take part in a drama in which they play different characters involved in the story. The zone ends with a picture activity or quiz to help reinforce what pupils have learnt.

Points to note

- If the school have brought a camera this zone could provide some good photo opportunities!
- For Key Stage 2 the zone can include a DVD clip of some footage of William Booth's funeral. Some pupils may be particularly sensitive about the topic of death and funerals and so it may be wise to ask the teacher whether this could be an issue for anyone before the visit.

Setting up the zone

- This zone can work well by simply placing the time capsule box or character bags in the middle of the zone and inviting pupils to sit around it/them. However, you may also want to dress up in Victorian costume and add some extra Victorian-style props and scenery to help create the feeling of travelling back in time to a different era.
- Although not essential, the Key Stage 2 drama might be enhanced by using the PowerPoint slides provided on the USB if you have a large screen and projector available.

Resources provided

- History zone A3 sign
- Display stand for A3 sign (orange)
- Odd One Out cards (Key Stage 1)
- T/F cards (download from USB)
- Props etc for time capsule/character bags/drama (listed opposite)
- Details of character bag/time capsule contents (download from USB)
- Drama/story scripts (download from USB)
- PowerPoint slides for drama (USB)
- DVD Clip: William Booth's funeral
- Picture quiz cards
- Caps and bonnet templates for pupils (order from the Resource Hub)
- Caps and bonnet instructions (USB)
- KS1/2 history scripts (download from USB or check the website for the latest version)

You may also need

- DVD player/laptop/projector/CD player
- A 'time capsule' – large bag, box or chest
- Bell or similar for KS2 drama
- Extra Victorian artefacts/costumes/scenery etc
- Display boards with picture trail cards (loan separately from the Resource Hub)

History props (provided)

- Top hat
- 2 x Victorian-style caps
- 2 x Victorian-style bonnets
- Old Bible
- Old mug
- Money bag
- Tankard
- Copper pipe fitting
- Lights in darkest England matchbox
- Victorian-style slate and pencil
- Character bags x 8 (KS2)
- Time capsule sign and clues (KS1)
- '1912' newspaper
- Diary excerpts, photos, letters etc

You will also need

- Old SA bonnet*
 - Old SA cap*
 - Shawls (optional)*
 - Black umbrella
 - Extra old SA uniforms (optional)
 - Blanket/old cardboard box
 - Old worn out socks, shoes or clothing
- * also available to loan from the Resource Hub (see 'Resources' section)

Adapting the zone

- Make the zone shorter:
Keep it fast-paced and simple with a short introduction, main activity and short plenary.
- Make it longer:
Use a longer plenary and include some or all of the extra activities.
- Whole class session:
This zone is jam-packed with artefacts, drama and other activities which would work very well as a whole class session. The class could be divided into eight groups for the character activity, or if you use the drama, ask for volunteers to take part whilst the rest of the class act as the audience. Order extra sets of cards as necessary.

