



CANAL DETECTIVES

A museum trail for schools

ALL THE INFORMATION YOU NEED TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS CAN BE FOUND IN THE MUSEUM. YOU WILL NEED TO LOOK ON BOTH FLOORS.



The cartoons of Henrietta, the museum horse, will show you where the various activities are.

Name: _____

Coronis

Coronis was a working narrow boat in the 1930's, and her cabin is no different from that of a Victorian boat.

As you go inside the cabin imagine you are going back in time and discover how people lived and worked on board nearly 200 years ago.

Living accommodation

1. Whole families lived and worked on the boat. What was the decoration like?
2. What was kept in a 'buckby can'?
3. Can you find the beds?
4. What was the biggest part of the boat used for?

Gauging rod

It was important for boatmen to know how much cargo there was on the boat and how heavy it was. An easy way of telling this was, to measure how low it was in the water.

5. What did boatmen use to find out how heavy a boat was?

6. Why did the boatman need to know how heavy the boat was?

Get knotted!

7. Name one of the rope knots used _____

Now see if you can tie it!



Canal costumes

Boat men and women wore the same style of clothes for nearly a hundred years. They would have had three sets of clothes, one to wear, one to wash and one for special occasions

8. Draw the children next to their parents (you may have time to colour them too)



9. Look through the windows at the back of the Museum. This is Battlebridge Basin. Name 3 things you can see (try to be different)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



Bonus Question!!

What was the Basin called in 1822?

Go down the stairs to the weighing scales on your left

Lifting and handling

Weigh the sack of coal. (Work in a group with your teacher or other adult to use the weighing machine.)

A sack of coal weighs pounds.

Do you weigh more or less than the sack of coal?

You will need to touch the screen on the giant ice cubes to find the answers to the next 2 questions.

Carlo Gatti

10. Where did Carlo Gatti come from?

11. When did he start selling ice cream?



Do you think this would be a fun job?

Ice well

Look down into the big hole, this is where Carlo Gatti stored his ice!

Facts

Water freezes and becomes ice at 0 degrees centigrade. The ice from Norway may have been as cold as – 20

Ice was stored in the ice well by the canal to keep it frozen

12. Apart from making ice cream, what else was the ice used for in 1857?

13. Why couldn't they use a fridge freezer?

The boats that carried the ice were pulled by horses. In this building they were kept on the first floor. If you go upstairs you might see one.....

Stable

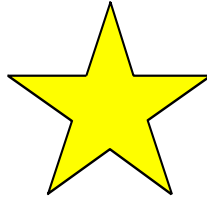
14. How did the horses get upstairs?

Have a look at the items on the table and use the information to find out what they are all used for.

15. Draw one of the items and label it.

Have a look at the items hanging up on the other side and use the information to find out what they are all used for.

16. Find the 'blinkers'. Why did the horses wear them?



Congratulations you are now a successful Canal Detective!

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