



Look, Learn, Sketch: Exploring Wartime Art and Objects – Activity Ideas

Before your visit

Before you bring your class to the RAF Museum, you may want to prepare your pupils by using some of these ideas.

Discussion

- What is a museum? Has anyone been to one before?
- Why are we visiting the RAF Museum?
- What are we going to see at the Museum? How can we find out? rafmuseum.org.uk/london/
- What is wartime art?

Activities

- Collage a wartime mood board to help pupils tune in to feelings, colours and textures before sketching real objects at the museum
- Soundscape sketching. Play short audio clips of sounds (plane engines, radio static, marching feet) and ask pupils to sketch the lines and shapes that come into their minds.

During your visit

- Explore the collections and locate examples of artwork that portray the following emotions: hope, determination, despair, misery, joy, pride
- Pupils sketch their favourite aircraft and objects in the museum
- Enjoy your workshop– see your booking confirmation for session times.

After your visit

- Memory drawing – pupils draw their favourite aircraft and objects from memory, not looking at their original sketches
- Explore feelings in artwork – pupils choose a feeling and create some wartime artwork which expresses this feeling. Consider colours, lines and texture. Pupils can ask their peers to guess which feeling they are drawing
- Create a classroom gallery exhibition of the wartime artwork and invite other year groups or parents to visit. Pupils can write their own gallery style interpretation panel to describe the inspiration behind their work.