LONDON MITHRAEUM SPACE Bloomberg

Family activities

Discover the secrets of Roman London at London Mithraeum Bloomberg SPACE.

London Mithraeum Bloomberg SPACE is a cultural hub in the City of London showcasing the ancient Temple of Mithras, a selection of Roman artefacts, and contemporary art inspired by the site's archaeology.

Instructions

Take a virtual tour of London Mithraeum Bloomberg SPACE with the free **Bloomberg Connects** app.

Download it from your app store and use what you discover to complete these fun activities.

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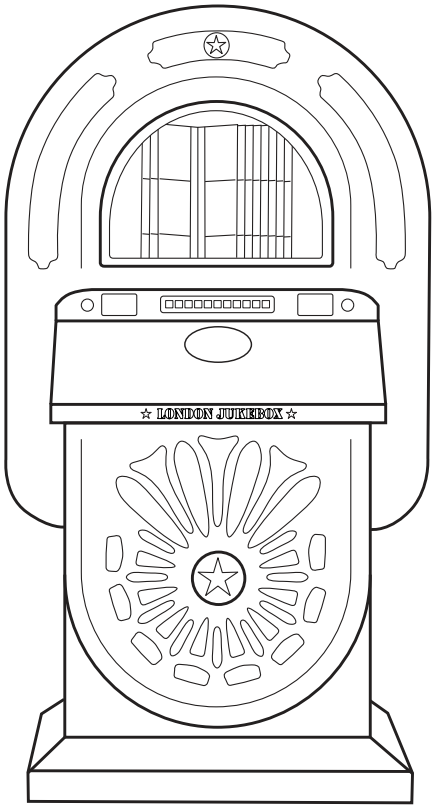
Explore the Exhibition

Challenges

Did you know that artist Susan Hiller collected 70 songs about London and created an artwork called *London Jukebox* now on display at London Mithraeum Bloomberg SPACE?

What is a jukebox?

Colour in the jukebox >>>>



What's your favourite song about London?

Use some of these words to write your own song lyrics:

London	lights	sing	roman	discover
Mithras	city	friends	is	you
in	artefact	shine	are	
street	home	the	your	
magic	and	we	archaeologist	

Play your favourite song, sing and dance along!

Explore the Artefacts Case

Challenge

Using **Bloomberg Connects**, explore the virtual artefact case. See if you can **find the following everyday objects** left behind by the first Londoners.

Coins

The Bull

Key

Amulet

Oil Lamp

Tablet

Shoe

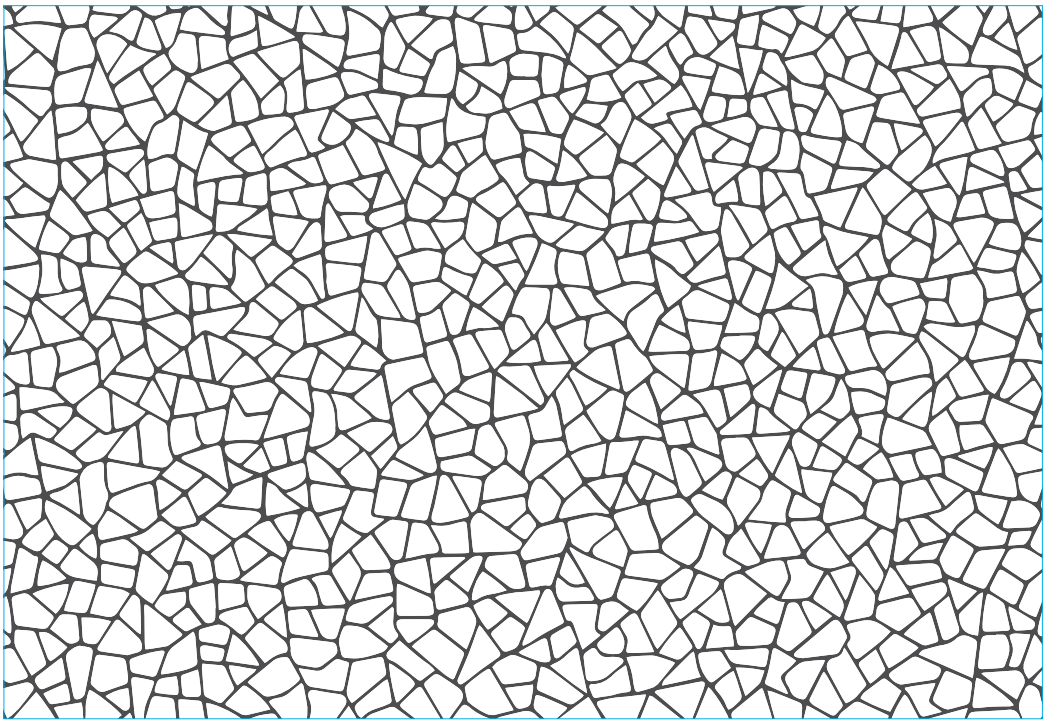
Flagon

Mosaic

Ring

Challenge

A mosaic is a piece of art created by assembling small pieces of coloured glass, ceramic, or stone into an image. Mosaic floors were a statement of wealth and importance in Roman times. Colour in the tiles to create a **pattern** or **picture**.



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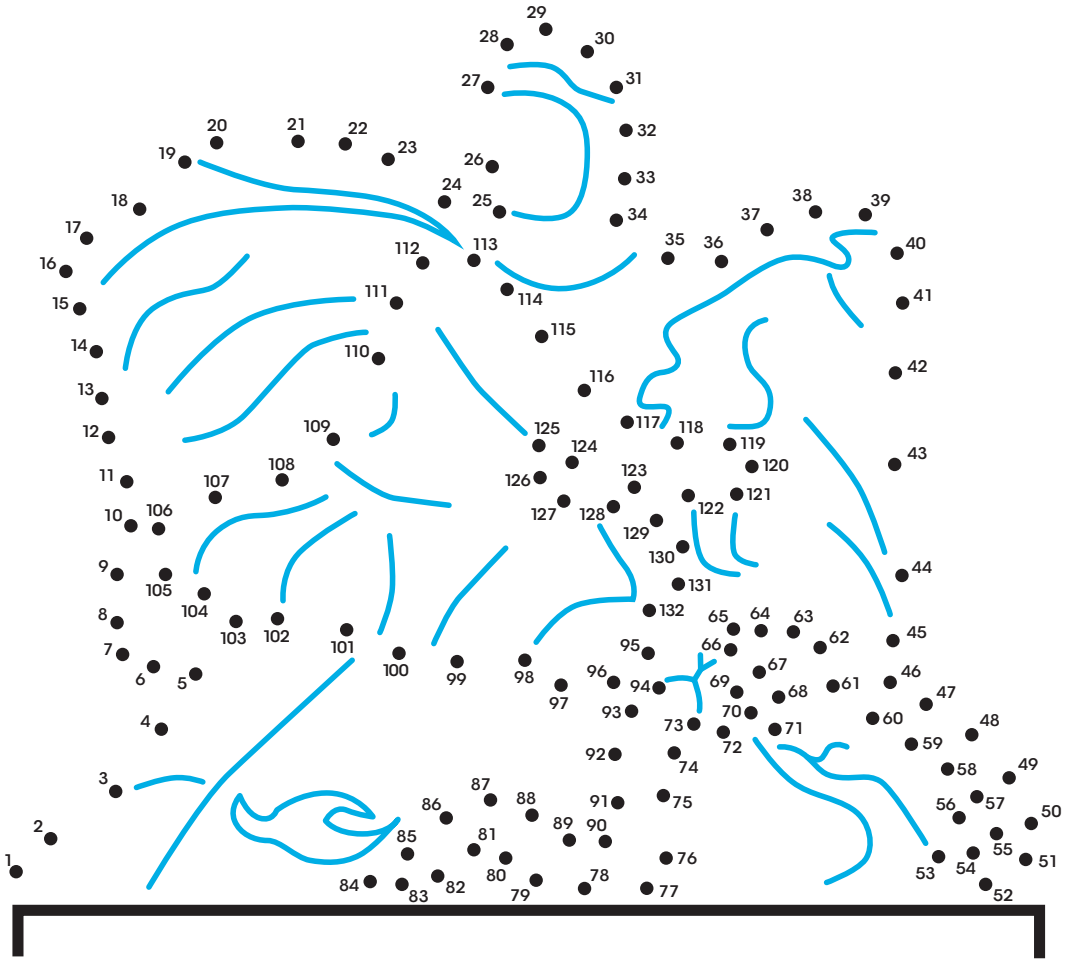
Dot to Dot

Challenge

Using **Bloomberg Connects** uncover the mysteries of Mithras and solve the below puzzle. **What object do you see?**



Roman London

Challenge

Use **Bloomberg Connects** to learn about the history of Roman London, then add the letters where they belong on the timeline:

AD 43	AD 61	AD 200	AD 240	AD 410
○	○	○	○	○

A

A defensive wall is built around the city. You can still see it today and it's called the London Wall

B

Boudica leads a rebellion against Roman forces and burns down Londinium

C

Britain is no longer ruled by the Romans

D

London Mithraeum is built next to the River Walbrook

E

Romans successfully invade Britain, led by Emperor Claudius

Roman Numerals

Challenge

Roman numerals are the **numbers** that were used in ancient Rome, which used a **combination of letters from the Latin alphabet**.

I = 1 V = 5 X = 10

For example, the numerals II equal two, and VI equal six.

Write the **correct numbers** for these Roman numerals:

XI = ____ VII = ____ XV = ____

VIII = ____ III = ____ XX = ____

Explore the Writing Tablet

Challenge

Roman Londoners wrote on small wooden tablets covered with a thin layer of wax instead of paper.

Write your name on this tablet using the Roman alphabet below.
You may need to be creative as some of our modern letters are missing!

Explore the temple of Mithras

Challenge

Using **Bloomberg Connects** watch the temple experience and imagine you are inside the Temple of Mithras.

What do you feel?

What language can you hear?

What musical instruments do you hear?

What do you think is happening inside the temple?

Would you like to live in Roman London? Explain why.

Mithraic Wordsearch

Challenge

Can you find all the words?
They could run vertically, horizontally, forwards or backwards.

ARTEFACT
BULL
CULT
MITHRAS
MYSTERY
RITUAL
RIVER
ROMAN
TEMPLE
TAUROCTONY
WALBROOK
ZODIAC

W	J	E	P	A	C	U	L	T
A	R	T	E	F	A	C	T	A
L	L	A	U	T	I	R	L	U
B	X	T	F	B	D	E	O	R
R	C	R	B	U	O	M	W	O
O	N	E	Q	L	Z	U	V	C
O	A	V	E	L	P	M	E	T
K	M	I	T	H	R	A	S	O
H	O	R	Y	E	O	R	P	N
Y	R	E	T	S	Y	M	U	Y

Quiz

Test how much you have learned about the mysterious Temple of Mithras with the quiz below.

A Mithraeum is a Roman temple or sacred space and the meeting place of the worshippers of the god Mithras. **True** **False**

The Temple of Mithras was built from clay bricks and stone on the banks of the river Walbrook in 240 AD. **True** **False**

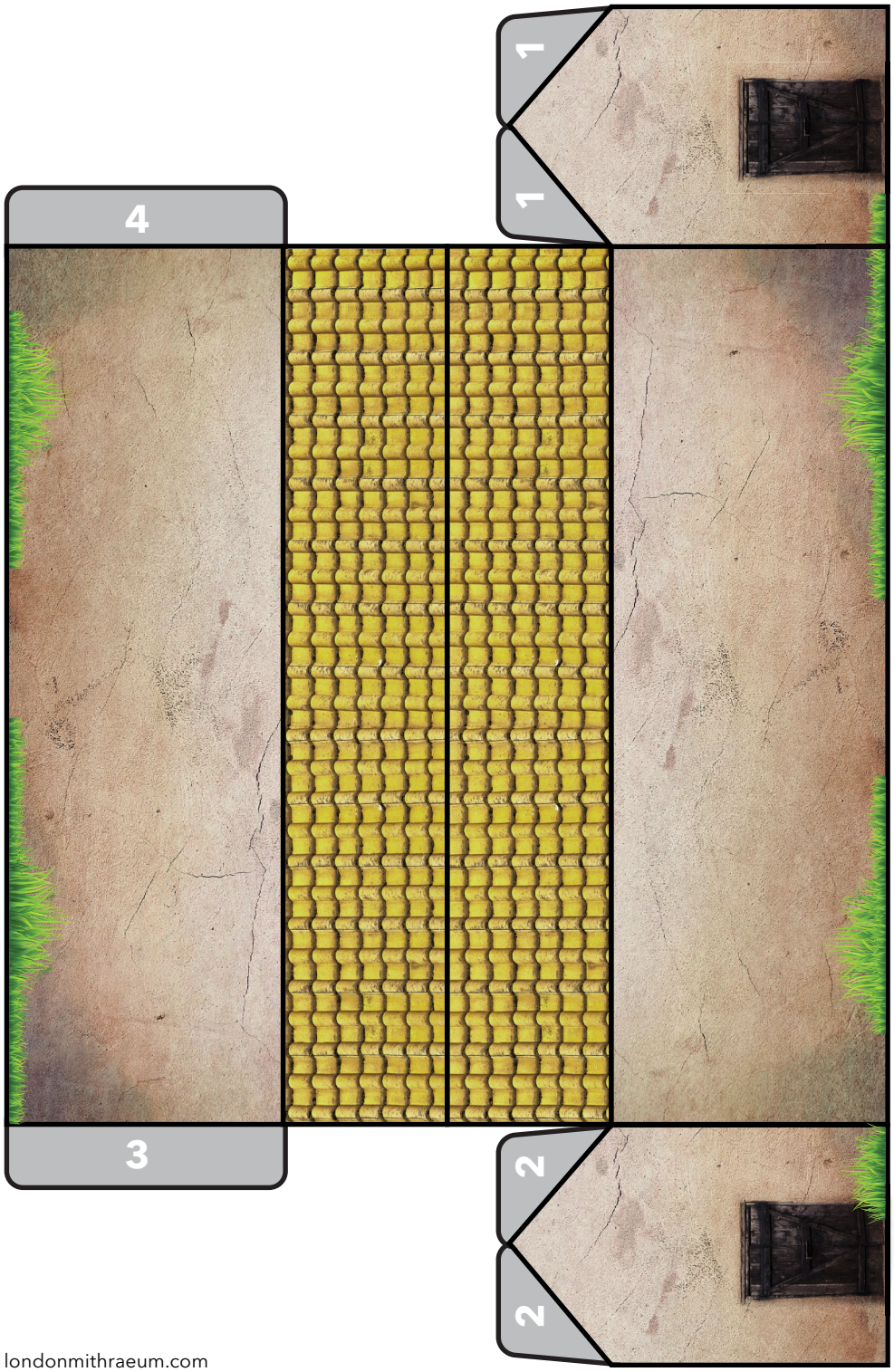
The Temple of Mithras in the City of London is the only one that has been discovered in the world. **True** **False**

The London Mithraeum was built underground. **True** **False**

The Mithras cult only allowed women to worship? **True** **False**

Build Your Own 3D Temple

Challenge

The Temple of Mithras was built of clay bricks and stone on the banks of the Walbrook. Like other mithraea, it was made to resemble the mythic cave where Mithras killed the bull and so was windowless, dark and secretive.

Cut out the model below and assemble into your own Roman temple. Fold and glue the grey tabs in the order shown (1-4).