

Take One... Powhatan's Mantle

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These guidance notes are designed to help you use one object from our collection as a focus for cross-curricular teaching and learning. A visit to the Ashmolean Museum to see your chosen object offers your class the perfect 'learning outside the classroom' opportunity.

Starting Questions

The following questions may be useful as a starting point for developing speaking and listening skills with your class.

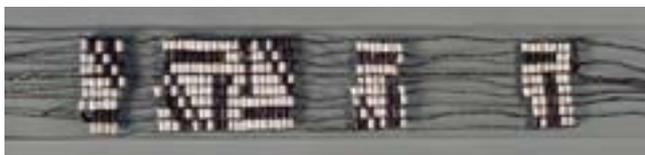
- What do you think this object is made from?
- How is it decorated?
- How many circles can you see?
- What do you think the images could represent?
- Is the object complete?
- Where might the object come from?
- What kind of person do you think would have owned this?
- Who could have made it?
- How could you use it?



Powhatan's Mantle is on display in Gallery 8, Ark to Ashmolean
The mantle measures 235 x 160 cm
A zoomable image of the mantle is available on our website.
Visit www.ashmolean.org/learning-resources



Inspired by the National Gallery's
Take One Picture programme



Wampum belt (beaded) from NE North American, before 1656, on display in Gallery 8

Tips for introducing objects to a class

- Display an image of the object in the classroom for a number of days with a tape recorder or 'graffiti wall' for children to add comments or questions about the object. Once the pupils' comments and questions have been gathered a class discussion can follow on.
- Cover the object and allow the children to feel it. Can they work out what it is without seeing it?
- Show the object to the class for a minute or two. Remove the object and see what they can remember.
- Introduce the object to the whole class in a question and answer session designed to develop the pupils' speaking and listening skills as outlined on page one.
- Work in pairs sitting back to back. One child describes the object and the other draws.
- Collect as many pictures or examples of similar objects from different time periods and explore the similarities and differences. Then try to sort the objects according to age.

"Thank you for a wonderful and stimulating day at the Ashmolean. I came away buzzing full of ideas."

Feedback after a recent Take One...INSET

Take One...Inspires

Take One... encourages teachers to use an object, painting or other resource imaginatively in the classroom, both as a stimulus for artwork, and for work in more unexpected curriculum areas. Work in many curriculum areas can be inspired by using a single object as a starting point.

The challenge is for teachers to use objects to develop culturally enriching, relevant and practical learning opportunities across the curriculum.



After a visit to the Ashmolean, yr1 pupils from West Oxford Community Primary School created this fabulous textile artwork inspired by Powhatan's Mantle.

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