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1 INTRODUCTION

This pack is designed for the use of groups taking part in adult learning to make their visit to the Burrell Collection more interesting and to make learning fun. It draws the students' attention to various exhibits and gives them the opportunity to express their opinions and ideas. The pack contains a range of materials suitable for different levels of student working on various aspects of literacy. It has been created by Culture & Sport Glasgow's Community Learning South West Team in conjunction with the Burrell Collection.



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Select worksheets appropriate to each student. (Clipboards can be obtained from information desk.)

Please note displays at all Glasgow Museums are subject to change, and exhibits may not be on public display at all times.

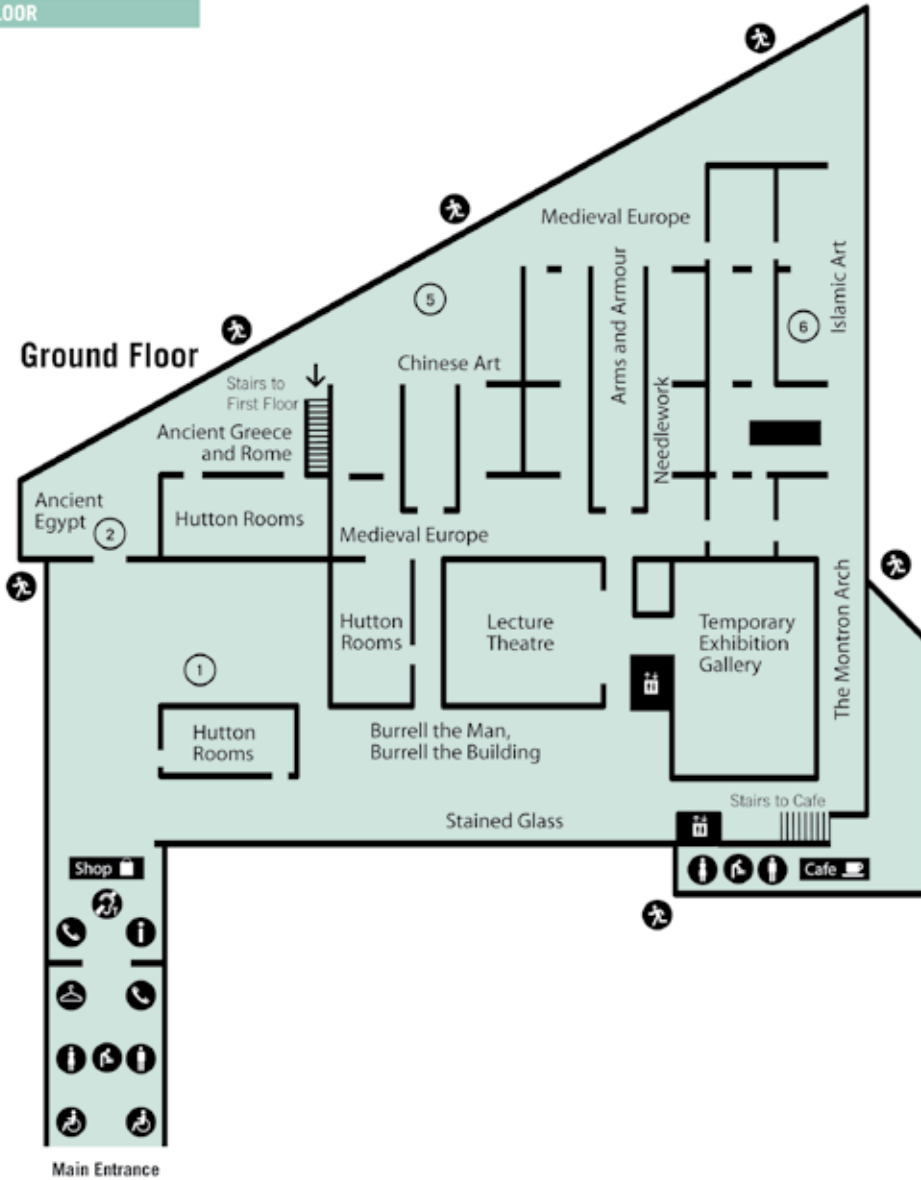


3 FLOOR PLAN OF COLLECTION

FIRST FLOOR



GROUND FLOOR



4 ABOUT THE COLLECTION

The Burrell Collection was given to the City of Glasgow in 1944. Sir William Burrell was a wealthy ship-owner who gathered this vast collection during his life-time. He was born in 1861 and died in 1958. The museum displays thousands of articles from every era including pottery, paintings, carpets, jewellery, statues and tapestries.

At the age of 15, in 1876, Sir William began work at his father's shipbuilding firm. His father gave him pocket money to buy a cricket-bat but he bought a painting instead. When his father died in 1885, he and his eldest brother took over the firm.

The Collection was donated to the city on the condition that it was housed in a rural setting, within 4 miles of Killearn in Stirlingshire and not less than 16 miles from the Royal Exchange in Glasgow. For this reason Glasgow City had a hard time finding a suitable location to display the Collection.

Fortunately, the Clean Air Act of 1960, together with the donation of Pollok House and Estate to Glasgow in 1967 by Mrs Anne Maxwell Macdonald, allowed the Collection to be displayed within the city limits.

A competition was held to design a suitable building in Pollok Park and the Burrell Collection was eventually opened by the Queen in October 1983.

5 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



1. In what year was the Burrell Collection given to Glasgow?

2. Name three types of things you can see at the Burrell Collection?

3. How old was Sir William Burrell when he died?

4. What industry was Sir William involved with?

5. What did Sir William buy with his pocket money?

6. What 2 things eventually enabled the collection to be displayed?

7. How many years has the Burrell Collection been open?

8. What is your favourite item? Give a reason for your answer?

6 LOOK FOR THIS TAPESTRY

Peasants hunting Rabbits with Ferrets



Peasants hunting Rabbits with Ferrets Tapestry. © Culture and Sport Glasgow (Museums)

Fill in the missing words.

rabbits	three	catching	eight
century	beginning	display	ferrets

There are people in this tapestry.

The people in the picture are hunting

..... of the hunters are wearing stripes.

They are rabbits to eat them and use their fur.

The tapestry was created in the fifteenth

This is showing the of the hunt. The rest of the hunt is on in San Francisco and Paris.



Lucas CRANACH THE ELDER, Judith with the Head of Holofernes. © Culture and Sport Glasgow (Museums)

Judith with the Head of Holofernes
 Lucas CRANACH THE ELDER,
 1472 - 1553
 German

Judith, a beautiful Jewish widow, seduced Holofernes and cut off his head because his Assyrian troops were about to take over her lands.

Use the words below to describe Judith.

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|-----------|--------|----------|----------|-------------|
| strong | cruel | powerful | sly | intelligent |
| pretty | old | young | small | colourful |
| beautiful | wicked | smart | silly | ugly |
| bright | dull | cunning | virtuous | sad |
| happy | kind | honest | brave | deceitful |

Match the Opposites (the first one has been done for you).

- | | | | |
|--------|-------------|-----------|----------|
| strong | small | beautiful | sad |
| stupid | white | happy | wicked |
| young | weak | brave | honest |
| large | intelligent | deceitful | ugly |
| black | old | kind | cowardly |

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LOOK FOR THIS PAINTING

Look for this painting upstairs

Reading the Letter
Edgar DEGAS,
about 1882 - 1884
French



Edgar DEGAS, Reading the Letter. © Culture and Sport Glasgow (Museums)

What is happening in this painting?

Where is this set?

What kind of place?

Is it a happy or sad picture?

What do you think is written on the piece of paper?

For Example

Anna is at work. She works in the laundry. She is checking her lottery numbers. "I cannot believe it! I have 5 numbers. Kathy fancy going for a drink tonight?"

Fill in the blanks with your own words.

Mrs Robertson has left her husband's for washing. He is a and works in She will be here to collect her laundry at 3pm therefore we must If she is not we will be

THE BURRELL 10 OBJECTS IN THE MUSEUM

The Dog Tomb Guardian (Watchdog)

This ceramic model of a dog wearing a harness is about 2000 years old. It was made to be buried with the dead. Before this, wealthy or high-ranking Chinese people were buried with their servants, slaves and animals so that they could be served by them in the next world.



The Thinker

This is a bronze sculpture by Auguste Rodin made in 1880 at the request of the French Government. As it was to be placed over a large doorway to the School of Decorative Arts in Paris, Rodin made the arms longer and the shoulders bigger so that when you look up at the figure, it appears larger and stronger.

Most of the answers to the following questions can be found in the text above.

1. Find a word that means the same as rich
2. Find a word that means the same as statue
3. Find a word that means the same as bigger
4. Name an animal that usually wears a harness
5. What is a tomb?
6. Paris is the capital of which country?
7. How old is "The Thinker"?
8. What is "The Thinker" made of?

The top 10 favourite objects chosen by visitors are:



- The Luohan
- The Thinker
- The Warwick Vase
- A Group of Five Nuns
- Case for a Mummified Ibis
- Le Chateau de Medan
- Prancing Grey Horse
- Roman Mosaic Cockerel
- Chinese Bactrian Camel
- Dog Tomb Guardian (Watchdog)

Can you find each item in the museum? Read the labels.

What does the label tell you?

What more would you like to know about each of these objects?

What is your favourite object in the museum?

Why do you like it? Can you find anything from Scotland in the Collection?



<p>The Luohan</p>	<p>Le Chateau de Medan</p>
<p>The Thinker (For Example)</p> <p>The Thinker, 1880, Auguste Rodin (1840 - 1917) Bronze (no more info on label) 7/8 The figure was intended to be seen from below, so Rodin lengthened the arms and enlarged the shoulders to give a towering and dominating effect.</p>	<p>Prancing Grey Horse</p>
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THE BURRELL 12 COUNTRIES AND ANIMALS

The Burrell Collection contains items from many different countries.

Animals can be found throughout the collection.

What animals can you find? What country are they from?

What kind of item did you find? Who is the artist? / What year is it from?

Make a list.

Can you find anything from Scotland? When you have completed this exercise locate each country on the map.

Animal	Country	Item / Exhibit	Artist / Year



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4. the burrell collection has paintings by many famous artists such as manet degas and cezanne
5. the thinker a sculpture by rodin is located in the bright and airy courtyard
6. tourists from all over the world come to scotlands biggest city to visit the museum
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A Night at the Museum

An eerie, high pitched, melodious sound echoed across the courtyard. It was two in the morning. Most of the city was sleeping soundly but nothing was asleep here. A flashing, amber light filled the courtyard. The sound died away and from the Blue Box emerged the Doctor... Doctor What.

The Doctor, dressed in a charcoal grey pinstriped suit, was accompanied by his beautiful assistant, Delia. (Delia loved to cook in her spare time...) She had long dark hair tightly held back in a ponytail, looked great in blue jeans and a loose fitting white cotton shirt.

"Why are we here Doctor?"

"Something's not right," he replied. "We were drawn here by an unknown force as we swung by Venus on that last turn. Let's have a look around."

"Wow, that's some vase!" Delia exclaimed.

"Oh! Roman, you know. The Warwick Vase, 2nd century AD, found in the ruins of Emperor Hadrian's Villa at Tivoli."

"What's that noise Doctor?"

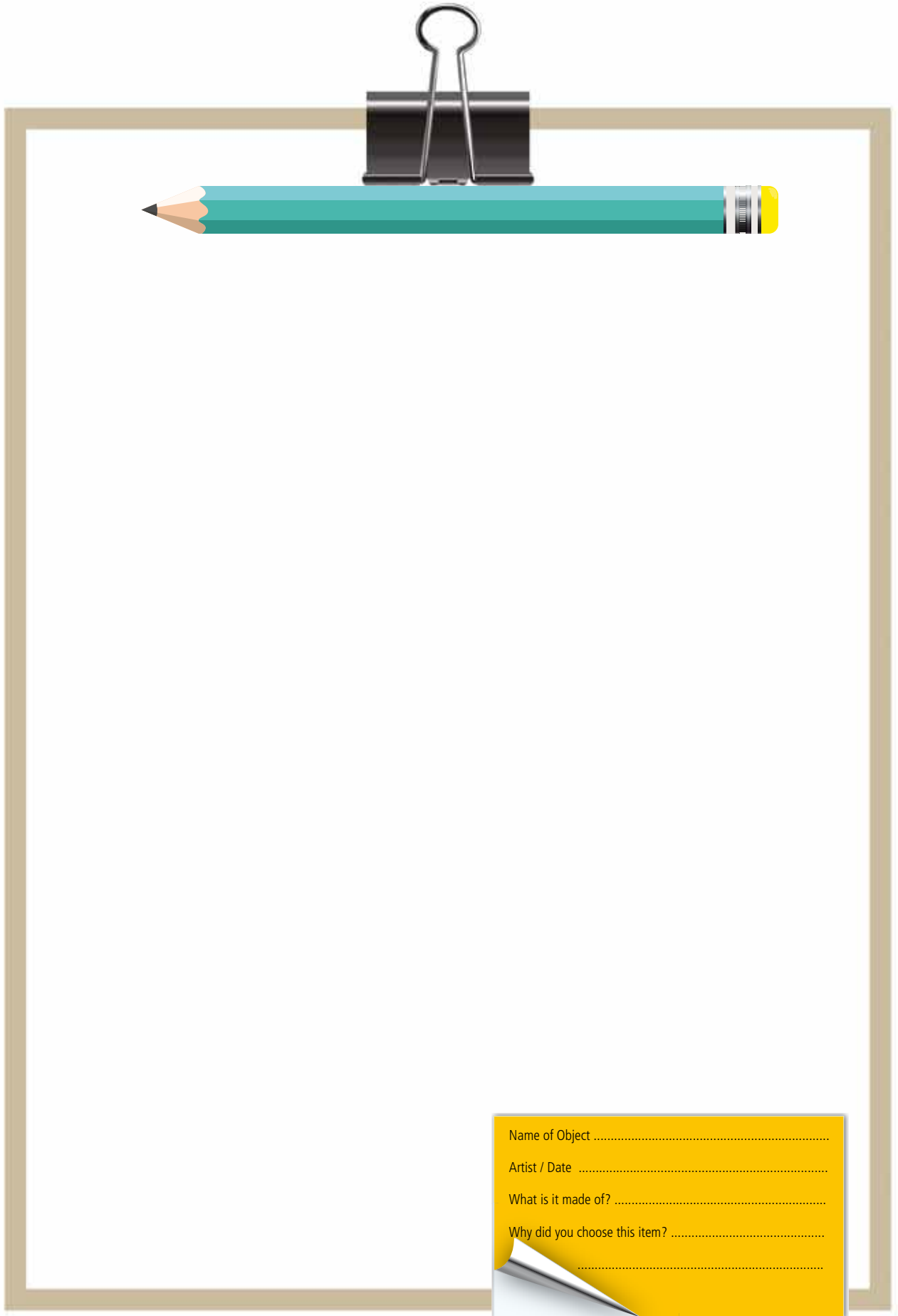
From the next room they could hear muffled noises. "What's going on...?" whispered Delia.

As they passed through the impressive sandstone portal, formerly of Hornby Castle in Yorkshire, the strangest sight met their eyes. There in the room was.....

Continue the story.
What do you think is
happening?

DRAWING - EXERCISE

Find an object in the museum you would like to draw.



Name of Object

Artist / Date

What is it made of?

Why did you choose this item?

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