

ST GEORGE'S GARRISON CHURCH

WOOLWICH • LONDON

Teacher's Self-guided Worksheet - KS3

Introduction

Ask children to focus on the following themes when they are looking around the church:

What is its significance as a memorial?

What is its significance as a historic building?

What is its significance as part of the history of the Royal Artillery in Woolwich?

What is its significance as a record of the Royal Artillery's presence on a global scale, during the British Empire period?

What connections can they make between the local communities today and St. George's?

Memorials

Who is being remembered in this church ruin? How are they being remembered?

(Royal Artillery Victoria Cross memorial and the Royal Borough of Greenwich Memorial).

Historic building

This is a Victorian church, built in 1863. What architectural and decorative clues indicate it is from the Victorian period?

(Coloured brickwork, ironwork construction, ornate interior decoration).



Survival & conservation

Which elements survived the bombing in 1944 and why? Consider the construction materials of the church. Look at the postwar plans to rebuild the church. What do you think of the design and why do you think this was not carried out? So far, over £100, 000 has been spent on conservation work. Why do people consider this an important heritage site worth saving?



Woolwich and its connections to the Royal Artillery

What do children know already? Can they name other buildings which are linked to the Royal Artillery in Woolwich?

e.g. RA Barracks & Parade Ground, Royal Military Academy

Woolwich Arsenal, Royal Herbert Hospital, etc.

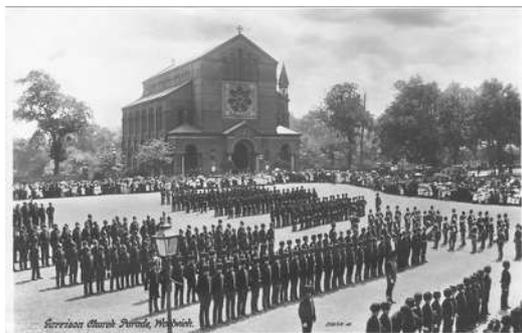
Short history: Raised by Royal Warrant at Woolwich in 1716, the Royal Regiment of Artillery, known as the Gunners, celebrated 300 years on 26 May 2016. A military academy was established at Woolwich in 1720 to provide training for Royal Artillery officers.

Around 800,000 men served as Gunners in the First World War and 48,499 of these gave their lives in the conflict.

Over 1.2 million Gunners served in the Second World War.

The RA mottoes 'UBIQUE' and QUO FAS ET GLORIA DUCUNT, mean 'Everywhere' and 'Where Right and Glory Lead'.

Britain's highest award, the **Victoria Cross**, was bestowed on 62 members of the Royal Regiment of Artillery.



Legacy of British Empire

What evidence can children find in the church, which provides reference points to the British Empire, its rise and its decline?

i.e. The 'Indian Mutiny' on the Victoria Cross Memorial.

(An 'empire' is a group of countries ruled over by a single monarch or ruling power. The British Empire comprised Britain, the 'mother country', and the colonies, countries ruled to some degree by and from Britain.

The British began to establish overseas colonies in the 16th century. By 1783 Britain had a large empire, with colonies in America and the West Indies. This 'first British Empire' came to end after the American Revolution. However, in the 19th century, the British built a second worldwide empire, based on British sea-power, India, and huge conquests in Africa).

Curriculum Links - KS3

History

Development of the Church and Local History Study.

Industrial & Victorian Era (18th & 19th Century)

WWI

WWII

Historical Skills - Memorials

The UK through time - Conflict/the British Empire

Geography

Local geography - Aerial maps

Increase locational knowledge - countries linked to conflicts

Art and Design

- to use a range of techniques to record their observations in sketchbooks, journals and other media as a basis for exploring their ideas
- to use a range of techniques and media, including painting
- to increase their proficiency in the handling of different materials
- about the history of art, craft, design and architecture, including periods, styles and major movements from ancient times up to the present day

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Beliefs, Teachings and Sources, Practices And Ways Of Life and Expressing Meaning, Places and Forms of Worship, Christianity

Literacy

Creative Writing, Debating, Drama

Numeracy

Outdoor maths problem solving workshop, Data collection - IT links

Philosophy - University of Greenwich 'Blooming Minds'