The Trafalgar Way tells a fascinating story of determination and adventure. These resources have been designed for KS2 students and home learners to discover this story for themselves through classroom-based learning, fieldwork and fun activities.

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How to use these resources

The resources are divided into six different topics, each of which builds upon knowledge acquired in the previous one but can also be used independently. They could therefore be taught as a series of lessons, or selected topics integrated into existing schemes of work.

There are six Discovery and Activity sheets that can be printed out. Depending on the age and reading level of the class, the Discovery sheets could either be read aloud by an adult at the start of a lesson, or by students themselves, working in groups or pairs.

The Activity sheets are designed for Upper KS2 students to complete independently, working in pairs or groups. Lower KS2, EAL and SEND learners will need adult support with reading and some activities.

Each Activity sheet includes two differentiated Add on tasks. These could be completed as homework or as extension tasks in the classroom. Some tasks suggest that students ‘find out more’; this could be by using the school or class library books or the internet.

This guide also suggests Explorer activities that link to each topic. These include games, puzzles, quizzes, experiments and craft activities. They can be completed in the classroom, on fieldwork trips or at home with families.

The resources support the KS2 National Curriculum for History requirement that pupils explore a theme in British history that extends their chronological knowledge beyond 1066. They could also be used to meet the requirement that pupils undertake a local history study.

In addition, there are National Curriculum links to English, Mathematics, Science, Art and Design, Design and Technology and Geography.
TOPIC 1 The Battle of Trafalgar

Resources
You will need to photocopy
Discovery sheet 1; Activity sheet 1; Where is Trafalgar? map; Nelson’s world map
You will also need
Atlases; coloured pencils; art and craft materials

Suggested Explorer activities
• Make a Royal Navy hat
• Aye, aye, Sir!
• In the frame
• Crack the code! (Upper KS2)
• Powder Monkey puzzles (SEND learners)

Activity sheet answers
Right or wrong!
at sea; October; Spain; Horatio; Admiral Nelson was killed.

Turning point!
Suggestions:
1 It stopped Napoleon from invading Britain
2 The British Navy now controlled the seas which helped Britain build an Empire.

Match them up!
allies: a group of countries working together in wartime.
sharpshooter: a soldier who stays on his own ship and shoots from a distance.
captain: the person in command of a ship.
fleet: a group of ships sailing together.

Word puzzle!
HIS MAJESTY’S SHIP; HER MAJESTY’S SHIP

Do the maths!
1 = 60  2 = 14  3 = 24  4 = 32  5 = 35

TOPIC 2 The urgent message

Resources
You will need to photocopy
Discovery sheet 2; Activity sheet 2; The Trafalgar Way map
You will also need
Atlases; coloured pencils

Suggested Explorer activities
• Race to the finish!
• Find the plaque
• Land ahoy! (Upper KS2)
• Yellow Bounder! (SEND learners)

Activity sheet answers
Order the events!
E, G, C, B, F, A, D

Do the maths!
1 = 10  2 = 14  3 = 24  4 = 32  5 = 35

Remember remember!
The Gunpowder Plot

Count the counties
Launceston: Cornwall
Exeter: Devon
Dorchester: Dorset
Salisbury: Wiltshire
Basingstoke: Hampshire
Staines: Surrey
TOPIC 3 The brave little ship!

Resources

You will need to photocopy
Discovery sheet 3; Activity sheet 3

You will also need
coloured pencils; art and craft materials

Suggested Explorer activities

• Boat building challenge
• Aye, aye, Sir!
• Make a Royal Navy hat
• How does it float?
• Land Ahoy! (Upper KS2)

Activity sheet answers

True or false?
F, T, F, T, F

Do the maths!

1 = 40  2 = 800  3 = 20

Wind power!
push; same; downwind; pull

Water resistance!
Suggestions:
1. The hull is long and narrow
2. The bow is pointed.

TOPIC 4 Horse-power!

Resources

You will need to photocopy
Discovery sheet 4; Activity sheet 4

You will also need
coloured pencils

Suggested Explorer activities

• Hit the road!
• Find the plaque
• Land ahoy! (Upper KS2)
• Yellow Bounder! (SEND learners)

Activity sheet answers

Two become one
post-haste; postilion; post-chaise; postmaster; postboy.

Suggestions:
postbox (or post box); Post Office; postman/postwoman; post code; freepost; post-it note; Postpak.

Do the maths!

1 = 30 minutes  2 = 1 hour and 15 minutes  3 = 2 hours and 45 minutes  4 = 32 miles

Can you see the sea?
some; rode; one; place; to; might; inn; night; way; hole; road; lose; their

Money matters!

1 = 15s  2 = £1 2s 6d  3 = £1 11s 6d
### Topic 5: Country life

**Resources**

You will need to photocopy
Discovery sheet 5; Activity sheet 5

You will also need
coloured pencils

**Suggested Explorer activities**

- House detective
- Our High Street: past, present and future (Upper KS2)
- The High Street: then and now (SEND learners)

**Activity sheet answers**

**Hard work!**

OSTLER
BLACKSMITH
POACHER
FISHERMAN
FARMER
MILKMAID
LACEMAKER
STABLE BOY

**Match the jobs!**

made wooden chests: B (arkwright)
made and mended wooden barrels: E (cooper)
looked after sheep: C (shepherd)
made beer: H (brewer)
made woollen cloth: G (weaver)
cut and laid stone in buildings: F (mason)
ground corn into flour: A (miller)
made metal objects: D (smith)

### Topic 6: Women and Children

**Resources**

You will need to photocopy
Discovery sheet 6; Activity sheet 6

You will also need
coloured pencils

**Suggested Explorer activities**

- Trafalgar Way quiz challenge
- Powder monkey puzzles (SEND learners)

**Activity sheet answers**

**Unequal lives!**

Suggestions:
1. They couldn’t do the same jobs. They were paid less
2. They were taught different subjects at school
3. They had to work. They didn’t go to school.

**Unequal pay!**

1 = 2s
2 = £10 11s 3d
3 = £1 1¼d

**Girl power!**

Northanger Abbey
Pride and Prejudice
Sense and Sensibility
Mansfield Park
EMMA
PERSUASION
Workshops and assemblies

A limited number of some of these are available free to publicly-funded schools situated along The Trafalgar Way. Follow the links below for details.

The Wooden World
Devised by The 1805 Club in association with an educational consultant, this full or half day workshop brings life on board ships in Nelson’s Navy to the classroom through drama, art, storytelling, music and film.
https://www.1805club.org/education

Assembly talks and classroom visits
From introductory talks, to story-telling sessions, drama workshops and a visit from Lieutenant Lapenotiere himself, these bring the story of The Trafalgar Way to life in your own school.
https://www.thetrafalgarway.org/storytelling-visits-and-assemblies

Websites for educators

The Trafalgar Way
Everything you need to know about The Trafalgar Way including historical articles, transport images, an interactive route map, upcoming events and competitions. Also suitable for Upper KS2 students.
https://www.thetrafalgarway.org/

The 1805 Club
The 1805 Club preserves and cares for the memorials and graves of those associated with the Georgian navy. Their website includes information on the Club’s free The Wooden World workshops, and a PowerPoint presentation on the Battle of Trafalgar, suitable for KS2, that can be edited.
https://www.1805club.org/

National Museum of the Royal Navy
Website for the National Museum of the Royal Navy. Includes a section on HMS Victory and downloadable resources for school visits to the Museum at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard.
https://www.nmrn.org.uk/

Nelson and the Battle of Trafalgar
Part of the BBC History website. Includes articles on Nelson and the Battle of Trafalgar, including life at sea and women in the navy, and an animation of the battle.
http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/empire_seapower/

Royal Navy Timeline
Interactive timeline that tells the story of the Royal Navy, through key events and historical figures. Also suitable for Upper KS2 students.

National Maritime Museum
The Picture Library for the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich, the world’s largest maritime image collection. Includes portraits of Nelson and paintings of the Battle of Trafalgar. Low resolution files can be downloaded for free to use in the classroom.
http://images.rmg.co.uk/en/pages/pricelist_page.html
**Films**

**Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World, Twentieth Century Fox (2003)**
Loosely based on several of the novels by Patrick O’Brien set during the Napoleonic wars. Atmospheric and spectacular. Rated 12, but extracts (such as the storm) may be suitable for KS2 students.

**Tom and William: A Battle of Trafalgar Tale**
Short (7.45 minute) animated YouTube film, made as part of an educational project. Suitable for Upper KS2 students who already know the story. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EnhNynuFcDM&feature=youtube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EnhNynuFcDM&feature=youtube)

**The Battle of Trafalgar**
Short (6.19 minute) extract from an animated video game, with voice-over commentary. Suitable for KS2, particularly as a stimulus for discussion about Nelson’s plan and its risks; some spelling and punctuation errors that students could be asked to spot!
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7QRXBYAWbRE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7QRXBYAWbRE)

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**Non-fiction books for children**

**Nelson, Famous Lives series**
Minna Lacey, Usborne Publishing Ltd. (2005)

**Hoorah for Horatio Nelson**

**Georgian House Picture Book**
Abigail Wheatley and Maja Kastelic, Usborne Publishing Ltd. (2018)

**Nelson, Snapping-turtle guide**
Pieter van der Merwe, Ticktock Publishing Ltd. (1995)

**Horrible Histories: The Gorgeous Georgians**
Terry Deary, Scholastic Ltd. (1998)

**The Georgians, Usborne History of Britain**
Ruth Brocklehurst & Hazel Maskell, Usborne Publishing Ltd. (2008)

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**Fiction books for children**

**The Powder Monkey**
Maureen Rylance and Robin Lawrie, Oxford University Press (2005)
Part of the TreeTops Fiction structured reading programme; suitable for Level 15. Set in 1805, 11 year old Harry’s dreams of going to sea become a nightmare when he’s press ganged into the Royal Navy! Fun adventure story with lots of illustrations.

**Powder Monkey: The Adventures of Sam Witchall**
Paul Dowswell, Bloomsbury Publishing PLC (2008)
An adventure story set during the Napoleonic Wars. The narrator, 13 year old Sam, discovers the harsh reality of life at sea, first on a merchant ship and then in the Royal Navy, press ganged to work as a powder monkey. Well researched, exciting historical adventure story, suitable for able readers aged 10+

**My Story: Trafalgar**
Account of the Battle of Trafalgar, as seen through the eyes of a 13 year old midshipman. Lots of historical detail, including how midshipmen were trained, the running of a ship and how battles were fought at sea. Suitable for ages 9-12.

**The Secret Diary of Kitty Cask, Smuggler’s Daughter**
Philip Ardagh and Jamie Littler, Nosy Crow Ltd (2019)
Fun adventure story set in 18th century Cornwall, mixing fact and fiction and including lots of illustrations. Suitable for independent reading by able readers aged 7+.

**The Case of the Missing Moonstone**
Jordan Stratford, Yearling (2016)
The first in the Wollstonecroft Detective Agency series, in which the author imagines that Ada Lovelace and Mary Shelley meet as girls and form a secret detective agency in Georgian London. Suitable for independent reading by ages 8-12; younger children will also enjoy having the stories read aloud.
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Ways you can help

You can help us to embed the story of The Trafalgar Way in your students’ memories, promote it to new audiences and raise funds for ongoing projects through the suggestions below.

Certificates and stickers

Reward your children for all their hard work on the topic! Order a pack of certificates and stickers for them to take home and share the story. [www.thetrafalgarway.org/stickers](http://www.thetrafalgarway.org/stickers)

Run 271 miles

Have fun and help your students to stay healthy while fundraising! Divide the length of The Trafalgar Way by the number of students in your class. Can each student run (or walk!) the distance of their ‘leg’ of the journey? It doesn’t have to be all in one day! Ask family and friends to sponsor the class and record the mileage on a wall chart until you reach your total.

All the fun of the fair!

Hold your own Georgian Fair for friends and family with a Trafalgar Way theme! Research and include traditional games like apple bobbing, and invent your own such as ‘Guess the weight of HMS Victory’. Give out stickers and certificates as prizes! Charge a small fee to enter the different competitions and make refreshments to sell.

Find more FUN-draising ideas here! [https://www.thetrafalgarway.org/fundraising-ideas](https://www.thetrafalgarway.org/fundraising-ideas)
Where is Trafalgar?