

Britain

1500-1750

A history assessment based
on a visit to the Mary Rose



“Many of us today think that people who lived 500 years ago were uneducated, badly fed and always in poor health.”

Is this a fair picture of Tudor life?

Your task in the museum today is to try and prove or disprove this opinion. As you make your way round the museum you will have to investigate the many different primary and secondary sources available to you in the display cases.

Each section of this booklet is designed to help you to gather your thoughts in a logical manner. Over the next few pages there are sections on Health, Pastimes, Education etc. Each section contains a statement which you must prove true or false by using your enquiry and investigation skills. Each section also provides you with space to write down your ideas and to draw illustrations. You should aim to include an illustration of an object in each section and at least a paragraph explaining your opinion on the statement.

At school we will discuss what you have found and then you will write an extended piece of work based on your ideas. REMEMBER:

**If a source is primary, should we always trust it?
Compare different sources before reaching a
conclusion.**

**Think carefully about when a source was written/
created.**

REMEMBER: You do not have to do all the display cases in the order they appear in the booklet.

Galley Cases 13 and 14

Tudor Diet was limited and unbalanced. True or False?

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Hygiene Cases 63 and 64

People in Tudor times had low standards of personal Hygiene.
True or False?

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Religion Case 65

Religion was very important to the men of the Mary Rose.
True or False?

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Sick and Wounded Cases 58 and 59

Medical treatment was primitive and ineffective. True or False

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Pastimes Case 61

It was all work and no play for the men on a Tudor warship.
True or False?

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Literacy Case 66

Only the minority could read, write and add up, but other people found
ways of making their mark. True or False?

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Tools Cases 19 and 20

Tudor craftsmen had access to a wide range of tools, many still recognisable today. True or False?

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Clothing Cases 36, 37 and 40

Everyday clothing was adapted for working conditions. True or False?

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Weapons Cases 25 to 32 and 51 to 57

The Tudors had a wide variety of weapons that could be used over different ranges. True or False?

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Navigation Cases 44 and 45

Navigation was a hit and miss affair. True or False?

- REMEMBER 3 feet = 1 metre (approx.)
- Look at the maps

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