

What jobs are there for historians and how are documents preserved and made accessible for the future?

Key Stage: 2

Type: Online

Length: 45 minutes

Curriculum links: History

Key Themes: Local History, Careers

Learning Objectives:

- Understand, what a document is and which types of document are considered worthy of permanent preservation.
- Find out how a conservator preserves documents.
- Have a go at dating and interpreting documents.

Time	Activity	Details	Resources	
5 mins	Documents we look after	Talk through some examples of our most interesting and colourful documents	ppt	Whole class
15 mins	What Date?	Show individual documents on the screen with a list of possible dates down the bottom. Ask the class to try and work out which date the document is. Then move on to the next one and so on.	ppt	Small groups.
5 mins	What jobs are there in an archive?	Discuss some of the roles within the record office.	Ppt	Whole class

10 mins	How to handle documents	Look at image of someone looking at documents and work out what is wrong with the picture. Can discuss in small groups first. Pupils should be able to identify using pens, having food and drink next to the documents etc. They can write a list of those they come up with.	ppt	In small groups
10 mins	Role of the conservators	Watch a video of some of the work the conservators carry out and then see if you can remember what each object is used for. Write a list of which items are used for repairing/ storing maps, photographs, books or other.	Video chat, video	Whole class