

**Mamucium**  
410 AD

**Elizabethan**  
1558 - 1603 AD

**Stuart**  
1639 - 1652 AD

**Cottonopolis**  
1769 - 1870 AD

**1940's**  
1940 - 1949 AD

**Today**  
2006 AD

**Tomorrow**  
2006 +

# Guide to teachers and group leaders

**7** AGES  
OF how Mancunians  
**MANCHESTER**  
shaped our world **2006**

**MANCHESTER  
CIVIC  
SOCIETY**



## **7 Ages of Manchester Festival 2006**

### **Guide for Teachers and group leaders**

Welcome to the 7 Ages of Manchester Festival.

Manchester has played a leading role throughout history in all elements of life, from inventing to improving conditions for workers. The purpose of the festival is to bring the history of Manchester to life through hands-on activities and performances from Manchester's many museums and organisations across the city.

Our aim is to encourage everyone in Manchester to find out more about the history of our city by visiting the City's many museums and historical sites.

Another key aspect of the 7 Ages of Manchester Festival is about celebrating life in Manchester today and how we can all shape the future of our city.

We hope that you and your pupils will enjoy the Festival and be inspired to find out more about Manchester - in the past, today and in the future.

### What to expect at the Festival?

Museums from across Manchester and organisations such as the Sealed Knot and the BBC will be representing each of the 7 Ages.

There will be a stage with historical dramas and performances, dance and music. Also each Age will have a stall where you can participate in hands-on activities to bring history to life or help create a new Manchester.

<b>Age</b>	<b>Age Partner</b>	<b>Stall activities</b>	<b>Stage performance</b>
Mamucian Age 509 BC-476AD  Roman life in Manchester.	Manchester Museum	Find out what life was like in Roman Manchester by handling Roman objects from Manchester Museum.	Meet a Roman centurion who has been transferred from York to take charge of the garrison at Manchester. Through him you will find out about the tedium of Roman military life and the unsettled times of the late 2nd century AD. There will be opportunities to meet and talk to the Roman centurion and to take part in his tour of inspection. Have your swagger sticks at the ready!

<p>Elizabethan Age 1588-1603</p> <p>Life in Manchester during Tudor times.</p>	<p>Bramall Hall</p>	<p>Explore everyday life in Elizabethan Manchester with demonstrations by staff from Bramall Hall. Make your own piece of wattle and daub - materials used to in-fill timber framed buildings. Learn about traditional food for both rich and poor people. Create a marizpan chess piece which might have been used to decorate a high table, at somewhere like Bramall Hall.</p>	<p>Local Manchester school children will perform Tudor songs and dances.</p>
<p>Stuart Age 1603-1660</p> <p>Manchester in the Civil War.</p>	<p>Sealed Knot</p>	<p>What was it like in Manchester during the Civil War for both the the poor and the rich. Find out more from the costumed people from the Sealed Knot.</p>	<p>Watch the Civil War come to life as the Sealed Knot recreate a drill display of firing musketry simulating an infantry company in action.</p>

<p>Cottonopolis 1769-1870</p> <p>Industrial Manchester, including life in Victorian times.</p>	<p>Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester, People's History Museum</p>	<p>Explore the cotton industry of Manchester by handling objects from the Museum of Science and Industry In Manchester. Find out what the difference is between warp and weft.</p> <p>Join the People's History Museum and use historic symbols to contribute to a banner which will go on display in the museum.</p>	<p>Meet early Rail travellers the Chadwicks and find out about the trials and tribulations of early train travel in the 1830s from Manchester to Liverpool.</p> <p>Watch the Living History performances of <i>The Hard Way Up</i>, based on the story of local suffragette Hannah Mitchell.</p>
<p>1940s 1940-1949</p> <p>Life and times in Manchester during and after the Second World War.</p>	<p>Imperial War Museum North</p>	<p>What was life like for people n Manchester in the 1940s. Join Imperial War Museum North to find out more about life on the Home Front - try the Ration Quiz and hear about a brand new temporary exhibition about Bomber Command and pick up a free comic book and glider.</p>	<p>Lively demonstration of popular 1940s swing dance by GI Jive.</p>

<p>Today</p> <p>What is Manchester like today and how to make Manchester Britain's greenest city.</p>	<p>BBC Radio Manchester, Junkstoppers, Action for Sustainable Living</p>	<p>Become a Junkstopper and begin to assist us improve the environment through more effective reuse. Collect empty crisp packets, plastic bottles and four pack can ties and bring them along on the day to have them transformed. Get tips on making your life more sustainable with Action for Sustainable Living.</p> <p>And find out more about media technology with BBC Radio Manchester Studio 6.</p>	<p>Join the Manchester Civic Society for a walking tour exploring the history of Manchester.</p>
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<p>Tomorrow</p> <p>What will Manchester be like tomorrow?</p>	<p>Urbis BBC Radio Manchester</p>	<p>What do you think the future for Manchester could be? Build futuristic models of the Manchester skyline and invent a gadget for the future, with Urbis.</p> <p>BBC Radio Manchester are looking for 2,020 people to write a letter to themselves in the year 2020 with their hopes and aspirations. The letters will be sealed in a box and remain unopened til 2020. BBC Radio Manchester will be on hand to give tips for letter writing and to ask what you think Manchester will be like in 2020. These will be recorded and some will be used on BBC Radio Manchester and on the website.</p>	<p>Professors Plunge and Boom have just got back from the future and have some tall tales to tell. What's no joke though is the impending energy crisis that threatens to leave us all in the dark and what's worse the time machine has fused them together! Can they generate the 8 thousand kilowatts to perform a successful separation operation or more importantly can they do it without draining the world's energy reserves?</p>
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There is more information about each Age on the 7 Ages of Manchester website - [www.7agesofmanchester.org](http://www.7agesofmanchester.org)

## Visiting the Festival

Please bear in mind.

- The Festival is taking place in Cathedral Gardens and will be open to the public.
- Teachers and adults must supervise pupils at all times.
- There is no pre-set route around the Festival. You may be visiting the ages out of chronological order
- You are advised to split your pupils into small groups to rotate around the ages. There will be different activities at each age.
- Toilets are available in Urbis.
- There will be no storage facilities available.
- The Festival and activities are free.
- Refreshments can be purchased at Urbis.
- Muskets will be fired during the Stuart Age performance, so there may be loud bangs.



## **Suggested activities**

A visit to the Festival can be used to support and extend work for Key Stage 2 History and Geography. Topics covered by the Festival include Romans, Tudors, Victorians, World War Two and investigating our local area and improving our Environment. The hands-on activities and performances in the Festival can be linked to cross- curriculum areas, such as English, Design and Technology and Citizenship.

- Create a timeline of the 7 Ages. Draw pictures or build models representing each Age. Ask the children to put these in chronological order.
- Write a guidebook for the Festival.
- Cook some food from history. There are recipes from each age on the Festival website. Discuss what food children eat today and how this is different from food in the past.
- Throughout the 7 Ages of Manchester children have played games, some of which are still played today. Make and play the Roman game of knucklebones or play the Tudor game of hopscotch.
- Ask children to interview someone older themselves to find out about life in the past. Did the person live in Manchester? How was life different? How was life the same?
- How green is your school. Ask the children to do an environmental audit of their school or local area. What does the school do well and what could you do better. How green do you think Manchester is?
- One activity at the Festival is to write a letter to yourself in 2020. Discuss what's important to children in their lives today. What would children include in a letter to a child in another country about living in Manchester both today and in the future.

## Where to find out more

By visiting one of the many Museums and historic sites in Manchester, you can find out more about the history of Manchester. There are also many websites that provide information and curriculum activities for studying different historical ages and information about environmental issues.

<b>Mamucian Age Romans in Manchester</b>		
<b>Places to visit</b>		
Manchester Museum	<p>Manchester Museum's schools programme include Key Stage 2 sessions on Roman Manchester and archaeology. There are activities on their website linked to the World of Money gallery and Roman life.</p> <p>At Manchester Museum you can see Roman objects excavated from digs in Manchester, for example a Roman word square, showing Romans love of word puzzles.</p>	<a href="http://museum.man.ac.uk">http://museum.man.ac.uk</a>
Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester	<p>There is a Romans session as part of the Museum of Science and Industry's schools programme. On their website is a guide for teachers about Roman Manchester, including a walking tour of the reconstructed fort at Castlefield</p>	<a href="http://www.msims.org.uk">www.msims.org.uk</a>
Roman Fort at Castlefield	<p>Both Manchester Museum and MSIM can arrange visits to the Fort. The fort is based on archaeological digs in the 1970s and 1980s.</p>	

<b>Other websites</b>		
BBC	Information and activities on Romans and the Roman Empire suitable for Key Stage 2.	<a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/romans">www.bbc.co.uk/schools/romans</a>
<b>Elizabethan Age</b>		
<b>Places to visit</b>		
Bramall Hall	<p>Bramall Hall is a stunning example of a black and white timber framed building, set in stunning parkland. Visit Bramall Hall to see how both the rich and poor lived in Elizabethan and Tudor times.</p> <p>Their schools programme includes hands-on activities linked to Tudor life and covers topics ranging from social history to textiles.</p>	<a href="http://www.bramallhall.org.uk">www.bramallhall.org.uk</a>
Ordsall Hall	Tudor Hall in Salford.	<a href="http://www.salford.gov.uk/ordsallhall">www.salford.gov.uk/ordsallhall</a>
Little Moreton Hall	Little Moreton Hall is near Congleton.	<a href="http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-vh/w-visits/w-findaplace/w-littlemoretonhall/">www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-vh/w-visits/w-findaplace/w-littlemoretonhall/</a>
Hall I th Wood Hall	Tudor Hall in Bolton.	<a href="http://www.boltonmuseums.org.uk/html/hall-wood-museum.asp">www.boltonmuseums.org.uk/html/hall-wood-museum.asp</a>
<b>Other websites</b>		
BBC	Information and activities suitable for Life in Tudor Times for KS2.	<a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/walk/index.shtml">www.bbc.co.uk/history/walk/index.shtml</a>

<b>Stuart Age</b>		
<b>Places to Visit</b>		
Wythenshawe Hall	<p>Wythenshawe Hall was an important site in Manchester during the Civil War. The hall's owners were Royalist and was seiged by the Parliamentarians from Manchester.</p> <p>In Wythenshawe Park there is a statue of Oliver Cromwell.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.manchestergalleries.org/html/wythenshawe/wyth_home.jsp">www.manchestergalleries.org/html/wythenshawe/wyth_home.jsp</a></p>
<b>Other websites</b>		
Sealed Knot	<p>The Sealed Knot are a re-enactment society, whose members bring the 17<sup>th</sup> century and the Civil War to life.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.sealedknot.org">www.sealedknot.org</a></p>
<b>Cottonopolis</b>		
<b>Places to visit</b>		
Museum of Science and Industry	<p>The Museum of Science and Industry is located on the site of the world's oldest passenger railway station. Their vast industrial and science collections, include machinery from the cotton textile industry, which is demonstrated daily.</p> <p>The schools programme includes sessions for Key Stage 2 on living conditions in Victorian Manchester called Drains and Diseases.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.msim.org.uk">www.msim.org.uk</a></p>

People's History Museum	<p>The People's History Museum tells the extraordinary story of ordinary people and how they changed the world. It looks at working people's lives at work, home and leisure over the last 200 years. The Museum has the most important collection of banners in the UK which represent the beliefs of workers during the industrial age and beyond.</p> <p>Their living history schools programme includes characters William Cuffay a Black chartist leader and Hannah Mitchell, a local suffragette.</p>	<a href="http://www.phm.org.uk">www.phm.org.uk</a>
Bramall Hall	Their schools programme includes sessions on Victorian life.	<a href="http://www.bramallhall.org.uk">www.bramallhall.org.uk</a>
Quarry Bank Mill	A purpose built cotton mill and estate built by the Gregg family.	<a href="http://www.quarrybankmill.org.uk/">www.quarrybankmill.org.uk/</a>
<b>Other websites</b>		
Ancoats Building Preservation Trust	Ancoats was the world's first industrial suburb. Their community programme is called Skills, schools and stories.	<a href="http://www.ancoatsbpt.co.uk/">www.ancoatsbpt.co.uk/</a>
Spinning the Web	Spinning the Web brings together for the first time a unique collection of some 20,000 items from the libraries, museums and archives of North West England which tell the story of the Lancashire Cotton Industry.	<a href="http://www.spinningtheweb.org.uk">www.spinningtheweb.org.uk</a>
BBC	Interactive website about children in Victorian Britain.	<a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/victorians/standard">www.bbc.co.uk/schools/victorians/standard</a>

<b>1940s</b>		
<b>Places to visit</b>		
Imperial War Museum North	The Museum looks at how all our lives have been shaped by war. The Museum includes innovative audio-visual shows - in particular for KS2 are Children and War Big Picture Show and The War at Home Big Picture Show. The Museum has a range of hands on action stations, a children's trail and bookable sessions tailored to KS2 curriculum all of which are free.	<a href="http://www.iwm.org.uk">www.iwm.org.uk</a> <a href="http://www.againsttheodds.org.uk">www.againsttheodds.org.uk</a>
<b>Other websites</b>		
BBC	Information and activities about children in World War Two.	<a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ww2children/index.shtml">www.bbc.co.uk/history/ww2children/index.shtml</a>
<b>Today</b>		
<b>Places to visit</b>		
Urbis	<p>Exhibition centre focussing on city life.</p> <p>Their schools programmes for Key Stage 2 are especially suitable for geography, citizenship and media.</p>	<a href="http://www.urbis.org.uk">www.urbis.org.uk</a>
<b>Other websites</b>		
BBC	BBC Radio Manchester	<a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/manchester/local_radio/index.shtml">http://www.bbc.co.uk/manchester/local_radio/index.shtml</a>

Junkstoppers	A group of designers who promote recycling and show how creative you can be with ordinary rubbish and turn everyday waste items into useful things.	<a href="http://www.junkstop.com">www.junkstop.com</a>
Action for Sustainable Living	Action for Sustainable Living (AfSL) helps people to live more sustainably. We can all focus on simple changes that will make the world a better place to live in.	<a href="http://www.afsl.org.uk">www.afsl.org.uk</a>
Manchester is My Planet	The Manchester is my Planet campaign is running across the Greater Manchester to bring about a green energy revolution in the region. Over 12,500 people have already pledged to reduce Manchester's carbon emissions.	<a href="http://www.manchesterismyplanet.com">www.manchesterismyplanet.com</a>
Manchester Civic Society	Manchester Civic Society aims to inform people about the history of Manchester and its buildings, how it has come to be as it is and how it could change and develop in the future.	<a href="http://www.manchestercivic.org.uk">www.manchestercivic.org.uk</a>

## Activities

Many of the games we play today are based on games played throughout history. Have a go at these games from history, still played today.

### Mamucian Age

Romans enjoyed playing games. One popular game in Roman bath houses was knucklebones or astralgi. Players used the small anklebones of a sheep, which have six sides. A player would throw the bones into the air and try and catch them on the bank of their hand.

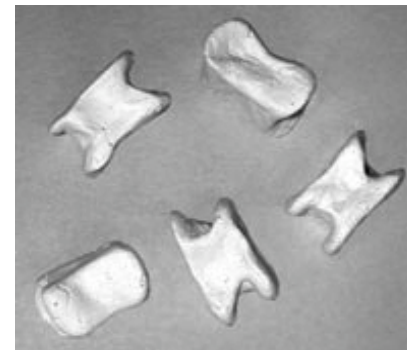
Make your own knucklebones.

You will need - self hardening clay  
poster paints.  
paint brush

1. mould the clay into 10 knucklebone shapes with 6 sides
2. paint the knucklebones.

You can also play with pebbles.

How to play Each player should throw in turn.  
Try and catch as many on the back of your hand as possible.  
Add up the number of those you manage to catch.





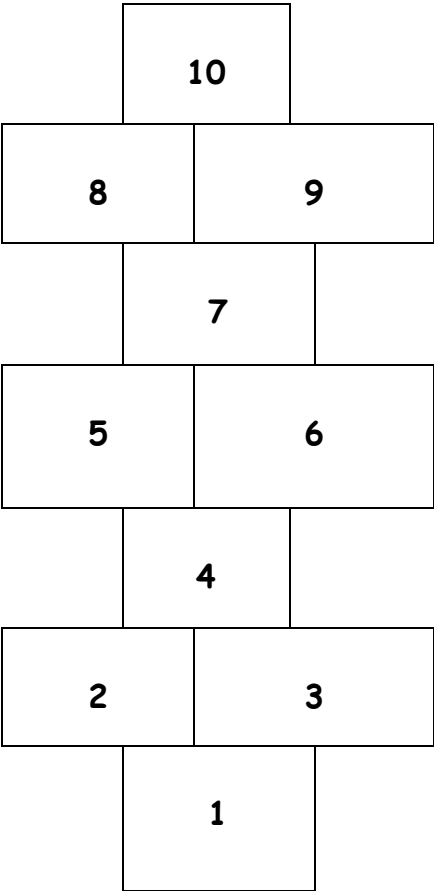
## **Elizabethan Age**

The playground game of hopscotch and a board game called *Merelles* are examples of games that children in Tudor times enjoyed playing. Why not try playing hopscotch. Use the internet to find out how to play *Merelles*. It was also known as *Miracles* in Cheshire.

### **How to play hopscotch:**

1. Draw a chalk grid with 10 squares, like the one shown.
2. Find a stone to use as a marker.
3. Throw the stone onto square 1 then hop over it, landing on 2 and 3 with both feet.
4. Hop onto square 4 on one foot, then onto 5 and 6 with both feet.
5. Carry on hopping across the grid like this to 10.
6. Then hop back and pick up the stone, missing out 1 again.
7. Next, throw the stone onto 2 and hop across the grid, missing out 2.
8. Carry on until you have done this for all the squares in the grid.

Hopscotch grid



Cheathams  
School Of  
Music

40m Diameter  
Safety Distance

URBIS

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Junkstoppers

1940's

Industrial  
Revolution

Drivers  
Jonas

Stuarts

Civic  
Society

Elizabethans

MCK/ASL

Romans

BBC  
Bus

Stage  
6m x 3m

Sealed Knot  
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First Aid

