

Fascinating facts

Suitable for students of all age groups.

Students could use a simple image labelling app like *Photo Label* to annotate an image from the resource with 'fascinating facts' about a revolutionary innovation, idea, person or event. Our Using objects, artworks and other sources to find out about the past guide ageofrevolution.org/education/guides/using-objects-artworks-sources-find-past/ includes plenty of tips for looking closely at sources and investigating further. Students should consider what might make a fact truly fascinating for someone who knows very little about the theme. Try linking facts to people and their everyday lives, or to something very famous; try expressing weights or distances in forms people can relate to e.g. 'it weighed as much as two elephants...that's as far as Edinburgh to London...that's the same as £5 in today's money...etc'.

Did you know...

- Today, smallpox is the only human disease to have been completely eradicated worldwide, largely as a result of vaccination – a revolutionary medical procedure discovered by Edward Jenner during the Age of Revolution
- After he was shot and killed at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805, Admiral Lord Horatio Nelson's body was placed in a barrel of brandy to preserve it on the six week journey back to England
- The first known flight to carry people took place in Paris, France in 1783, in a balloon
- In today's money, the final bill for the construction of the SS *Great Britain* would have been 13½ million pounds?