

# A HISTORY OF THE WORLD



## What is *A History of the World*?

- *A History of the World* project is organized by the BBC and the British Museum.
- At its heart is the BBC Radio 4 series, *A History of the World in 100 Objects* (broadcast on BBC Radio 4 during 2010), which tells global histories through objects supported by a website presence ([www.bbc.co.uk/ahistoryoftheworld](http://www.bbc.co.uk/ahistoryoftheworld)).
- In addition, CBBC is broadcasting *Relic: Guardians of the Museum* which follows a group of children as they explore the British Museum at night to unlock the mysteries behind 13 amazing objects. There will be an interactive game on the CBBC site.
- BBC Schools resources to compliment the project can be found at [www.bbc.co.uk/primaryhistory/worldhistory](http://www.bbc.co.uk/primaryhistory/worldhistory)

## I'm a school. How can I get involved?

- The project aims to encourage people to discover the power of objects and 350 museum venues have already contributed objects to the *A History of the World* website. The objects chosen all tell a story about how their local area has interacted with the wider world.
- We are looking for further contributions from across the UK and this is an opportunity to display objects about your school and the community it serves on a national stage.
- Use the school resources to explore world history through objects in the classroom or visit a local museum to discover local links to the wider world.

## How do we upload a school object?

- Create an *A History of the World* id for your school at <https://id.stage.bbc.co.uk/users/register/>
- Where you are asked to specify a user name and a 'name', use the name of your school, not a class.
- Choose the objects from your school that tell compelling stories about your school site area and its links to the wider world. You may want to ask staff and children to contribute personal objects. Research the objects and generate some commentary to help other people understand their significance.
- Upload your objects and your commentary to the site and help us tell the history of the world. Contributions to the site should only be made by teachers or adults over 16, and any browsing on the site should be mediated by a teacher or adult as there may be objects of an adult nature on the site.
- Images of the objects should not feature students from the school.