Second Floor

This carving of a baby bird is called a Netsuke. It is made from ivory and comes from Japan.

Netsuke are similar to toggles and were attached to cords worn around the waist.

Look for me in the small cube case near the entrance.

Twilight Trail

Can you find the Moche pots? Draw your favourite one here, or why not try designing your own.

Take a look around our exhibition about colour on the Ground Floor and then create your own kaleidoscope design above. Take your trail home and colour it in.
Ground Floor

Draw your own axe head at the top of this handle. See the example below.

Find me in the small cube case opposite the North West Coast display.

This little carving is a Shaman’s charm and comes from British Columbia. Shamans are religious or spiritual leaders and charms like this one were used in rituals.

Find me in the case near the reception desk.

This beautiful object is a polished axe made from a hard mineral called jadeite. It was found in Cambodia and dates from the Neolithic (4000-2500 BC).

Axes like this may not have been used as everyday tools, but as special objects to be treasured or traded.

First Floor

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Spot the Difference

There are 6 things missing from the figure on the right. Can you spot them all?

Find me in the Roman display case.

This pottery figure is probably of a mother-goddess. She was found with other figures in a grave near the Roman road at Arrington, Cambridgeshire.

The Romans occupied Britain between AD30 and AD41.

What are the other pottery figures of?
Ground Floor

Can you find your way through this Bronze Age maze?

This maze is based on the pattern found on the Bronze Age shield in the large Cambridge display case.

Bronze Age swords were often placed in watery places like rivers and bogs, possibly as offerings to the gods or ancestors. This one was found at Aldreth in Cambridgeshire. The Bronze Age starts around 2400BC and ends around 800BC.

Look for me in the large Cambridge display case. What other objects can you see?

Ground Floor

Find the Medieval gold ring in the large Cambridge case. The Medieval period began in 1066AD and ended 1485AD.

The portrait is of Medusa, a mythical Greek figure who was said to have snakes in her hair and the power to turn people to stone.

Design your own Medieval ring.