




THE BRITISH MUSEUM

In *Night at the Museum 3* Larry and his friends go to the British Museum, in London. It is one of the most popular museums in the world!

 In 1759 the British Museum became the first museum in the UK that was free and open to everyone. It is still free to visit today.

 More than 6 million people visit the British Museum every year and there are more than 7 million things to see.

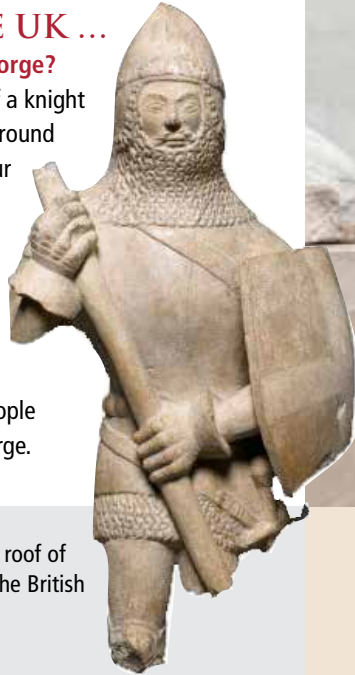
 Visit the British Museum to find out about the history of the world. There are exhibits from around the world. The oldest thing in the museum is a stone tool from East Africa which is two and a half million years old.

Come and see ...

FROM THE UK ...

A statue of St George?

This small statue of a knight in armour is from around 1400. On his armour there is a cross. The red cross of St George is the English flag and also part of the flag of the United Kingdom. Some people think this is St George.



The very large glass roof of the Great Court at the British Museum.



FROM GREECE ...

The Parthenon Sculptures

Many people from around the world have seen the Parthenon Sculptures at the British Museum. Some of these sculptures are from the Parthenon in Greece and are about two and a half thousand years old. A man called Lord Elgin brought them from Greece and sold them to the British Museum in 1816. More of the sculptures are at the Acropolis Museum in Athens.

Which of these exhibits would you most like to see? Why?

FROM EGYPT ...

The Rosetta Stone

The Rosetta Stone is more than 2,000 years old. There is Greek and Egyptian writing on it. People have learnt a lot about old Egyptian letters from this stone.



A mummified cat

Egyptian mummies of people and animals are some of the most popular exhibits in the museum!

What do these words mean?

You can use a dictionary.

history stone tool
cross flag roof
sculpture