

# Global Island KS3 History Explorer Card Version

- Print this document onto A3 card
- Cut out the individual object cards and laminate them
- Create a chronology on the classroom wall
- Create an Island map on the classroom wall or table
- Use in groups or as a class
- Suggested activities:
  - Students work in small groups (or 'mini museums')
  - Share out the cards across the groups (c. 6 each)
  - Each group introduces their objects to the class so everyone knows what the full selection is
  - Each group studies their own object selection, including looking at the place they were discovered on the Island using a map and using the chronology
  - Each group tells a short story about their objects in any creative form (including an exhibition), which can 'borrow' objects from other museum groups – this is presented to the class



For Isle of Wight Museums and Schools





**What am I?**

Doll in Inuit dress

**What period in history am I from?**

C19th

**Where in the world am I connected to?**

Blackledge Island, Nunavut, Canada

**How am I connected to the IoW?**

Made by Canadian Inuit people for Edgar Greenshield, a missionary from Newport

**Where am I now?**

Carisbrooke Castle Museum

Edgar was given a doll by 14 years-old Mollie Alderslade of Newport to present to an Inuit girl on one of his trips to Blackledge Island in the Canadian Arctic. On his return he brought this doll from an Inuit girl, Ahnerkoo, and her mother to thank Mollie.



**What am I?**

John Milne's travel diary

**What period in history am I from?**

C19th (1871 – 2)

**Where in the world am I connected to?**

Iceland

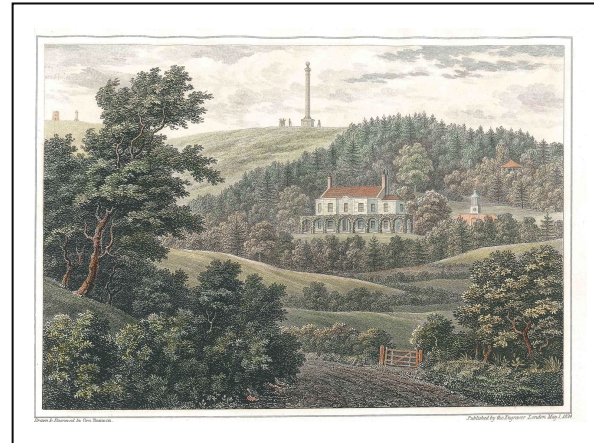
**How am I connected to the IoW?**

A record made by John Milne of his travels to Iceland. He later lived at Shide House, Newport

**Where am I now?**

Isle of Wight Heritage Services

Milne studied geology at King's College London and the Royal School of Mines. In 1871, aged 21, he set off on a lone expedition to Iceland – land of glaciers and volcanoes. As a result of this trip, he got a job as mining engineer in America.



**What am I?**

Print of a picture of the Hoy monument

**What period in history am I from?**

C19th (1824)

**Where in the world am I connected to?**

St Petersburg, Russia

**How am I connected to the IoW?**

Michael Hoy retired to the Isle of Wight after making his money as a merchant in Russia. He built the Hoy monument on St Catherine's Down

**Where am I now?**

Isle of Wight Heritage Services

About 500 British men, women and children lived and worked in Russia in the late C18th. Hoy went to St Petersburg and set up as a merchant, trading iron, timber, fur and goods.



**What am I?**

Sword pommel (part of handle)

**What period in history am I from?**

Viking period (1000-1100 AD)

**Where in the world am I connected to?**

Ireland

**How am I connected to the IoW?**

The design of this sword suggests it was made in Ireland. It was owned by someone buried on the Isle of Wight at Appuldurcombe Down

**Where am I now?**

Isle of Wight Heritage Services

Rare example of Viking links on the Isle of Wight. Vikings came from Scandinavia (Denmark, Norway, Sweden) and invaded England many times. In 1016AD a Viking (Cnut) became king of England.







**What am I?**

Coins

**What period in history am I from?**

Roman

**Where in the world am I connected to?**

Alexandria, Egypt

**How am I connected to the IoW?**

Discovered on a C19th shipwreck off the Needles, Isle of Wight, yet made and used in Roman Egypt

**Where am I now?**

Isle of Wight Heritage Services

Strange cluster of coins discovered at the wreck of HMS Pomone. They are 1500 years older than the Pomone and a coin rarely found outside Egypt. Are they from an earlier wreck or did a Pomone crew member pick them up in Egypt?



**What am I?**

Badge of the Free French Navy

**What period in history am I from?**

C20th (World War 2, 1939-45)

**Where in the world am I connected to?**

Dieppe, France

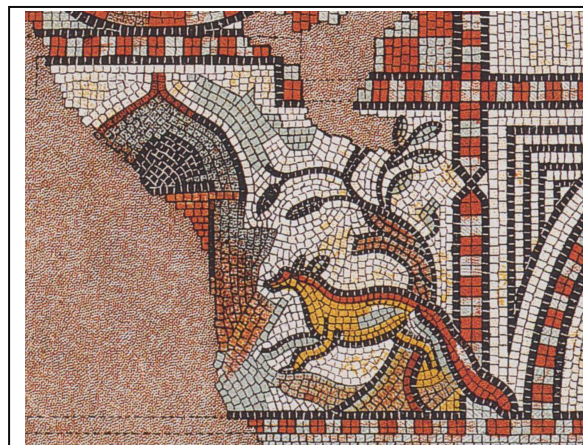
**How am I connected to the IoW?**

Members of the Free French Navy stayed in Cowes during WW2 and served in action during the liberation of Europe

**Where am I now?**

Isle of Wight Heritage Services

When France was invaded by Germany in 1939, a French officer called Charles de Gaulle escaped and set up the Free French Navy. Made up of French naval ships and crew that had also escaped. Two vessels were stationed in Cowes.



**What am I?**

Bacchus mosaic

**What period in history am I from?**

Roman

**Where in the world am I connected to?**

Hadrumetum (Sousse), Tunisia

**How am I connected to the IoW?**

Made in Brading but depicting a North African inspired scene

**Where am I now?**

Brading Roman Villa

Depicts various scenes including a fragment of an unusual domed building. Craftspeople made this using small cubes of pottery and stone (tesserae) sourced locally. Designs came from further afield, including the 'domed building with links to North Africa.



**What am I?**

Russian sword and grape shot

**What period in history am I from?**

C19th (1853-6)

**Where in the world am I connected to?**

Crimea

**How am I connected to the IoW?**

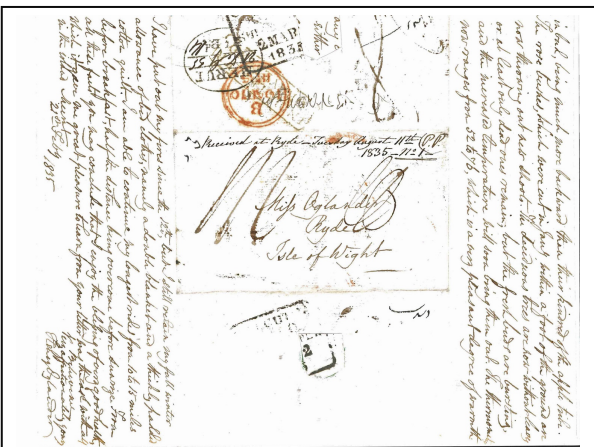
Somerset John Gough-Calthorpe, a resident of Ryde serving in the Crimea

**Where am I now?**

Carisbrooke Castle Museum

Calthorpe served in the British Army against the Russians in the Crimean War. He picked up this sword from an abandoned Russian trench. This war was one of the first to be photographed, recording the devastation of conflict for the public to see at home.





**What am I?**

Letter by Henry Oglander

**What period in history am I from?**

C19th

**Where in the world am I connected to?**

Meerut, India

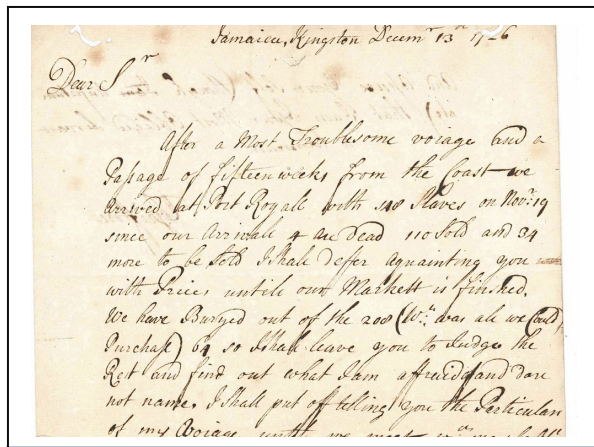
**How am I connected to the IoW?**

Written by Oglander to his sister in Ryde from India

**Where am I now?**

Isle of Wight Heritage Services

Oglander served in the British army. He was based in Meerut where an unsuccessful Indian rebellion against British East India Company control started in 1857. His letter home sister encourages his sister to plant seeds of Himalayan Rhododendron he has sent.



**What am I?**

Letter by T. Griffin to Robert Blachford

**What period in history am I from?**

C18th (13<sup>th</sup> December 1726)

**Where in the world am I connected to?**

Gambia and Jamaica

**How am I connected to the IoW?**

Written to Robert Blachford at Osborne (East Cowes) from Jamaica

**Where am I now?**

Isle of Wight Heritage Services

This letter is written by a trader in enslaved African people. It tells of a journey from West Africa across the Atlantic to the Caribbean from his perspective. The voices invisible are those of 208 enslaved and imprisoned Africans forced on this journey.



**What am I?**

Cooking pot

**What period in history am I from?**

C20th (1917)

**Where in the world am I connected to?**

Lagos, Nigeria (where SS Mendi stopped on route from Cape Town to France)

**How am I connected to the IoW?**

Found in the kitchen (galley) of the SS Mendi shipwreck off St Catherine's Head

**Where am I now?**

Shipwreck Centre

There were 1,000 men on board in February 1917, of which 823 were black South African troops travelling to serve in WW1 France. 646 people were killed when the Mendi sank on 21<sup>st</sup> February after being struck by a large cargo ship.



**What am I?**

10 Rupee note (piece of)

**What period in history am I from?**

C20th (1917)

**Where in the world am I connected to?**

Kolkata (Calcutta), India

**How am I connected to the IoW?**

Discovered on the shipwreck of the cargo ship SS Camberwell off the Isle of Wight.

**Where am I now?**

Shipwreck Centre

Trade between Britain and India continued during WW1. The SS Camberwell was travelling from Middlesbrough to India when it was hit by a German mine and sank. 7 men with Indian heritage lost their lives.







**What am I?**

Photograph showing the 'Catherine' lifeboat

**What period in history am I from?**

C20th (1930-1935)

**Where in the world am I connected to?**

Mumbai (Bombay), India

**How am I connected to the IoW?**

Made by J.S. White in Cowes

**Where am I now?**

Isle of Wight Heritage Services

The Bombay Port Trust was set up in 1873 to operate the new Bombay (Mumbai) docks. These transformed a tiny fishing village into a port that became the gateway to India. The Trust commissioned J.S. White to build a lifeboat in 1930.



**What am I?**

Marmaduke the merman (or Fiji mermaid)

**What period in history am I from?**

C20th (early 1900s)

**Where in the world am I connected to?**

Off south coast of China (?), Asia

**How am I connected to the IoW?**

We are not sure how this came to the Isle of Wight

**Where am I now?**

Isle of Wight Heritage Services

A traditional Japanese and Asian art form involved fishermen stitching the upper bodies of monkeys onto the bodies of fish, perhaps for ceremonial purposes. They were brought to Europe and America as curiosities by travellers.



**What am I?**

International Europe dinghy

**What period in history am I from?**

C21st (2000)

**Where in the world am I connected to?**

Sydney Harbour, Australia

**How am I connected to the IoW?**

Island resident, Shirley Robertson, won a sailing Gold Medal in the Sydney Olympics

**Where am I now?**

Classic Boat Museum

Robertson was the first British woman to win 2 consecutive Olympic Gold medals, and this is the International Europe racing dinghy in which she won her first Gold at the Sydney Olympics in 2000.



**What am I?**

Photograph showing Tone Horikawa

**What period in history am I from?**

C20th

**Where in the world am I connected to?**

Tokyo, Japan

**How am I connected to the IoW?**

Tone Horikawa married John Milne in Tokyo. Came to the Isle of Wight to set up an earthquake observatory at Shide Hill House, Newport

**Where am I now?**

Carisbrooke Castle Museum

Born on the island of Hokkaido, Japan, Tone grew up in a Buddhist community. She received a school education mixing ideas from Asia and Europe and became interested in science and geology.





**What am I?**

Photograph showing Robert Falcon Scott with John and Tone Milne

**What period in history am I from?**

C20th (1906)

**Where in the world am I connected to?**

Antarctica

**How am I connected to the IoW?**

Taken when famous Antarctica explorer, Scott, visited Milnes at Shide House

**Where am I now?**

Isle of Wight Heritage Services

Scott was a famous British explorer who led 2 expeditions to Antarctica. He died during the second in 1912, but the first in 1901-4 was a great success. Known as the Discovery expedition, Scott took one of Milne's earthquake instruments.



**What am I?**

Photograph showing a Mendoza class destroyer

**What period in history am I from?**

C20th (1929–1962)

**Where in the world am I connected to?**

Puerto Belgrano, Argentina

**How am I connected to the IoW?**

Built by J.S. White of Cowes for the Argentinian Navy

**Where am I now?**

Isle of Wight Heritage Services

The Argentine Navy paid for J.S. White to build a destroyer in 1929. Workers on the Island built the Mendoza, 100m in length and with a speed of 36 knots. The ship was used to defend Argentina until 1962 (remaining neutral in WW2).



**What am I?**

Charles IV Spanish dollar coin (piece of eight)

**What period in history am I from?**

C19th (1803-1808)

**Where in the world am I connected to?**

Lima, Peru

**How am I connected to the IoW?**

Made (minted) in Lima and discovered in a British Navy shipwreck off Needles

**Where am I now?**

Isle of Wight Heritage Services

Recovered from the 1811 wreck of HMS Pomone. The silver came from a mine in the Andean mountain range at Potosi. Enslaved people from West Africa and local (indigenous) labourers worked in the mines in terrible conditions.



**What am I?**

Photograph showing Joe Carstairs on the powerboat Newg

**What period in history am I from?**

C20th

**Where in the world am I connected to?**

Whale Cay, Bahamas

**How am I connected to the IoW?**

Joe Carstairs was a famous woman powerboat racer based in Cowes who retired to Whale Cay

**Where am I now?**

Classic Boat Museum

In 1934, Carstairs left the the Solent and powerboat racing behind. With family wealth made in America from oil, she purchased an island, Whale Cay; and turned it into her own world.







**What am I?**

Painting showing the launch of HMS Magicienne at Fishbourne

**What period in history am I from?**

C19th (1812-1845)

**Where in the world am I connected to?**

Naning, Asia

**How am I connected to the IoW?**

Built by shipbuilder, Daniel List, on the Isle of Wight at Binstead for the Royal Navy and sent to fight in Asia

**Where am I now?**

Isle of Wight Heritage Services

The Malay chieftom of Naning was founded in 1370. In 1831-3 it found itself at war with recently arrived British traders and settlers (British East India Company) who wanted their land.



**What am I?**

The rowing boat Britannia 1

**What period in history am I from?**

C20th (1960s)

**Where in the world am I connected to?**

Miami, Florida, USA

**How am I connected to the IoW?**

Cowes boat builder, Uffa Fox, made this boat for John Fairfax

**Where am I now?**

Classic Boat Museum

Rowed across the Atlantic by John Fairfax, the first person to row solo across an ocean, arriving in Miami in July 1969. Designed by Uffa Fox to be unsinkable and self-righting, drawing on his highly successful Airborne Lifeboat design.



**What am I?**

Racing catamaran BAR T1

**What period in history am I from?**

C21st

**Where in the world am I connected to?**

Bermuda

**How am I connected to the IoW?**

Sir Ben Ainslie built and tested this boat on the Solent while preparing for the America's Cup yacht race in Bermuda

**Where am I now?**

Classic Boat Museum

Constructed from light and strong carbon fibre materials, it was used on the Solent to test and improve performance of the hulls, wings and foils that make it 'fly above the water.'



**What am I?**

Peanut planter

**What period in history am I from?**

C19th – C20th

**Where in the world am I connected to?**

Isle of Wight County, Virginia, USA

**How am I connected to the IoW?**

Given to the Isle of Wight Council by people from Isle of Wight County in the USA

**Where am I now?**

Isle of Wight Heritage Services

The Isle of Wight in Virginia was founded by English colonists who arrived there from 1607. The local (indigenous people), the 'Nansemond' who had lived in the area for hundreds of years were often driven out of homes or killed.

