

Let's imagine: brooch

Each week the Museum is going to publish a 'Let's Imagine' activity sheet. This activity sheet will include a picture of an object in the Museum. It will tell you about the object and then it will be up to you to imagine a story, poem and/or picture inspired by this object. The sheet will include at least three questions or statements to help get you started and inspired.

This week's object is an Anglo Saxon brooch that can be found in the permanent exhibition, Lives and Landscapes. Read the information below the picture to find out more about this type of brooch.

Imagine you're an archaeologist who has dug up this brooch, describe the brooch in detail. Include its colour, decoration and shape as well as anything else you can see.

Design your own Anglo Saxon brooch – you can search online to see some Anglo Saxon brooches at other museums. Draw a large circle and decorate with patterns and colour in. If you create it on card, you can add a safety or badge pin to the back so you can wear it.

Write a story or poem about being transported back to Anglo Saxon Britain. What do you see and do?



This is a saucer brooch from Anglo Saxon times. It is a circular shape, which is the reason for its name. This brooch is made from gilt bronze and has a sun-like motif in the centre; it was discovered in East Shefford. It was worn, usually in pairs, to fasten clothing (as this was before buttons, zips or Velcro). Anglo Saxon metalworkers were artists and as such their jewellery is attractive; they loved patterns and with some designs they would weave in mythical and real animals, but you often have to look really carefully to see them!