

Let's imagine: gold coin (stater)

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 Iron Age gold coin that can be found in the special exhibition called Hoards, as well as the permanent exhibition. Read the information below the picture to find out more about this type of coin. **Imagine you're an archaeologist who has dug up this coin, describe the coin in detail. Include what material it is made from, its decoration and shape.**

Draw or paint a picture of this coin – make the coin really large so you can include lots of detail.

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



This is a coin (called a stater) from Iron Age times. It is made from gold and would have been used for a special purchase rather than for everyday goods, as it was a high value coin. The coin shows a stylized horse and cartwheel. The Iron Age gold coins (staters) on display at the Museum have been discovered as part of a hoard. A hoard is an archaeological term and refers to a collection of valuable objects, sometimes purposely buried in the ground by their previous owner. A hoard need not be just coins but can be jewellery, such as the Crow Down Hoard on display in a special exhibition at the Museum, or objects such as metal spearheads.