

# Bank of England Museum

## Activity Sheet no 4 – Discover the Bank

Age: 12-14 years

### The Stock Office

The Bank of England has a unique role in our economy. What is this?

Now climb aboard the boat and find out more about its work.

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What is inflation?

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What is the inflation target?

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What is the name of the committee that looks out for risks and weaknesses across the financial system?

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How many members are there on this committee?

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## The Early Years (1694-1800)

What do you think was originally stored in the iron chest?

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How much money was raised when the Bank opened in 1694?

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What form of gambling, that raises money for good causes today, was also popular in 1769?

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## The Rotunda (1800-1946)

What connection does Kenneth Grahame, the author of 'The Wind in the Willows' have with the Bank?

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Find a real bar of gold that you can pick up. How much does it weigh?

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The value of banknotes used to be directly linked to gold. This was called the Gold Standard. In which year did the United Kingdom come off the Gold Standard?

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## The Banknote Gallery

Which figure has appeared on every banknote issued by the Bank of England?

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When did the Bank start issuing banknotes?

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## The Modern Economy (1946-Today)

Which aim of the Bank helps to keep the cost of your shopping under control?

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In addition to HM Treasury, for whom does the Bank of England store gold?

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What is an iZettle reader?

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What two new security features were introduced with polymer banknotes?

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