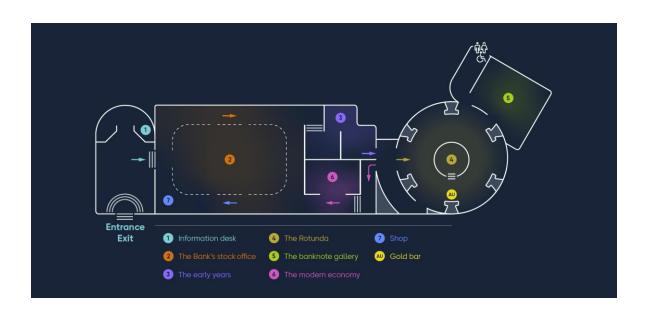
Bank of England Museum

Activity Sheet no 4 – Discover the Bank

Age: 12-14 years



The Stock Office

Sir John Soane is the architect most associated with the Bank of England. He came from humble beginnings. What was his father's occupation?		
In which year was a gallery added to Sir John Soane's Rotunda?		
The Goldsmiths were the first bankers in England. When did they start to provide banking services – 1300s, early 1600s or 1800s?		
When Charles II stopped repaying his debts many Goldsmiths became bankrupt?	how	

What do you think was originally stored in the iron chest? How much money was raised when the Bank opened in 1694? What form of gambling, that raises money for good causes today, was also popular in 1769? The Rotunda (1800-1946) Kenneth Grahame is best known as the author of "The Wind in the Willows". What connection does he have with the Bank? Find a real bar of gold that you can pick up. How much does it weigh? 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?

The Early Years (1694-1800)

The Banknote Gallery	
Which figure has appeared on every banknote issued by the Bank of England?	
When did the Bank start issuing banknotes?	
The Modern Economy (1946-Today)	
Which aim of the Bank helps to keep the cost of your shopping under control?	
In addition to HM Treasury, for whom does the Bank of England store gold?	
What is an iZettle reader?	
What two new security features were introduced with polymer banknotes?	1)
	2)