

Cultural Life of Great Britain

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Цель:

- 1) развивать социокультурную компетенцию;
- 2) формировать систему ценностей;
- 3) развивать у учащихся уважение к другой культуре;
- 4) развивать у учащихся коммуникативную компетентность, навыки аудирования и чтения с извлечением информации.



The British Museum

The main historical and archaeological museum of Great Britain and one of the largest museums in the world, created in 1753. Initially, the museum's collection of antiquities were collections from Ancient Egypt, Ancient Greece and Assyria, and the collection is constantly updated with new exhibits. It also hosts various exhibitions. The basis of the British Library, which is part of the British Museum, made three collections: the collection of the famous British physician and naturalist Hans Sloane, the collection of Count Robert Harley, as well as antiquarian Robert Cotton library. The library has more than 7 million printed books and about 105 thousand manuscripts.



Tate Modern

is the British Museum, located in a former power station on the banks of the Thames, holds one of the world's largest collections of contemporary art. Here are exhibited famous paintings by Matisse, Picasso, Mark Rothko, Modigliani, Rodin and Andy Warhol, Matthew Barney, Chris Ofili and Gerald Ritchera. Particularly impressive is the Turbine Hall, which is even higher inside than it looks from the outside, and the view of the city opens from the upper gallery floor. There is obliged to visit for everyone, regardless of that, you come to London as a tourist or live here.



The Bank Museum

In this museum you will get acquainted with the intriguing history of the British financial system. Here are samples of all banknotes ever released by the Treasury. The permanent exhibition tells about the history of the bank.

London Transport Museum



Is located in a former flower market. Wonderful museum for children. The exhibition includes models of the first London buses, trams and railway, as well as a very interesting exposition dedicated to the London Underground of the 1920s.

The National Maritime Museum



The sea has always played an important role in the history of Great Britain. In the National Maritime Museum you will get acquainted with the history of the fleet of one of the greatest maritim powers of the world. The museum exhibition is organized thematically and includes three levels. The first tells about the numerous attempts to mariners from the Vikings to Franklin, the discoverer of the Northwest Passage. On the second level there is a large art gallery dedicated to the marine theme, called "The sea in the fine arts." The third level is a great place for children: here are two excellent interactive halls.



Science Museum

is located on seven floors and is filled with items that relate to a variety of research areas, including aerospace, telecommunications, measurement of time, computer technology, chemistry, photography and medicine. The museum regularly holds themed non-fiction show



Natural History Museum

It is the most beautiful museum in London. The collection dates from the natural history collection of Hans Sloane. After a lengthy modernization Museum impresses with its design. Visitors are particularly attracted to the collection of dinosaurs, cartoon exhibition "The Power of tremors," "World of Dinosaurs" and "Department of whales." Museum revealing the history of life on the Earth. It was founded in 1881.



London's National Gallery

by the volume of the museum's collection of the British Empire can't compare with the Louvre and the Hermitage. The British chose to create the number of quality. The museum catalogue of masterpieces contains fine art from Giotto to Picasso.

All paintings in the National Gallery are exhibited in chronological order, regardless of the nationality of the artist. A bit unusual, but why not? London gallery is different from most of the major European museums, not only the principle of placing the paintings, but also the fact that the meeting in principle demonstrate completely (of course with the exception of paintings exploring the exhibition).



Victoria and Albert Museum

Victoria and Albert Museum was opened in 1852. Range of exhibits is so wide that everyone will find here something interesting for themselves. The museum owns the largest collection of Indian art. In it there are also represented Chinese, Japanese and Korean facilities. It is a large collection of art of the Muslim countries. The museum's collection includes seven Raphael masterpieces, as well as a large collection of miniatures, watercolors, medieval sculptures. It is worth noting that the museum organizes interesting temporary exhibitions on a variety of topics in the arts, which are considered among the best in the UK.



Madame Tussauds

Be part of the celebrity world, visiting the world famous wax museum of Madame Tussauds. Visit the interactive secular party «Blush». Upon arrival, you will remove the paparazzi, then will be interviewed on the subject of the latest masterwork with your participation and advise that it is better to wear to the premiere. However, to feel like a star of the screen, you will have to endure rather big queue for tickets.

Sherlock Holmes Museum.



Sir Arthur Ignatius Conan Doyle lived in 221-B Baker Street. The heroes of his works lived in the house 221-B Baker Street, too. Today it is a museum of Sherlock Holmes. The museum is very well transferred to the atmosphere of the Victorian era. The famous study on the second floor overlooks the Baker Street is still preserved in the form in which it existed at the writer's life.

Answer the questions

- How many printed books and manuscripts does the British Museum contain?
- Where's the Tate Modern located?
- In which museum can we see the samples of all banknotes?
- Which museum includes models of the first London bus?
- Where can you get acquainted with the history of the fleet?
- Where's the collection of dinosaurs and cartoon exhibition?
- Where can we see the collection of Muslim countries?
- In which museum all the paintings are exhibited in chronological order?
- What was the address of Sherlock Holmes?



The Royal National Theatre

combines three theaters that show a variety of plays and performances. Besides musicals and actors, the theater is known for its ghosts, for example, the ghost of a man, dressed in a grey suit and a cocked hat. According to the legend he was killed in the theatre building in the 18-19 centuries. Another ghost named Joseph Grimaldi, a clown, which is said to help nervous actors on stage.



The Royal Court Theatre

The Royal Court Theatre, which is located in Kensington and Chelsea, made an enormous contribution to the development of modern theatre. It was founded in 1870. It's interesting that the original theatre was located in a reconstructed church, and only in 1888 moved to its own building on the same street. In repertoire there are British and foreign plays.



London's Piccadilly Theatre

London's Piccadilly Theatre is one of the newest venues, opening in April 1928. Since opening in 1928, the Piccadilly Theatre has been used for a wide range of entertainment, spanning from cinema to ballets and dramas. Their opening musical, *Blue Eyes*, starred one of the most celebrated actresses of the era, Evelyn Laye, after which it was taken over by Warner Brothers and used as a cinema. In 1936, Piccadilly Theatre was transformed into cabaret restaurant. It was renamed as The London Casino. During the World War II, a part of the building was destroyed with a bomb. In 1950, theatre was reopened after reconstruction.



The Globe Theatre

The Globe Theatre was a theatre in London associated with William Shakespeare. It was built in 1599 by Shakespeare's playing company. Unfortunately, the original Globe Theatre lasted only fourteen years. In 1613, it burnt to the ground during a performance of Shakespeare's *Henry VIII*.

Today, Globe Theatre building is located just a few hundred meters from its original location. As in the original Globe, the theatre is open to the sky and has a stage that projects into a large circular yard, surrounded by three tiers of seating. Plays are normally performed between May and the first week of October. In the winter, the theatre is used for educational purposes. Tours are available all the year round.

Sadler's Wells Theatre



In recent decades, the theatre Sadler's Wells gained a reputation as one of the UK's leading dance stage. If you want to attend the dance performance, we advise you to check the poster of the Sadler's Wells theatre. You can attend a musical here too. The most famous musicals are Cats, West Side Story, The Phantom of the Opera, Beauty and the Beast and Chicago.

In addition to the performances, visitors can get acquainted with the springs in the basement of the building. The theatre is fully equipped for visitors with disabilities.

