

Going for Gold: Creative writing competition for schools

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Buried and forgotten for almost 2000 years, this treasure has just been unearthed in a field in Suffolk.

Who did this treasure belong to? What is it? What are the pictures of? And why was it buried?.... What do you think?

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KS 1: design a coin with pictures that tell people about you.

KS 2: write the story about how and why this treasure was buried.

In Going for Gold folder in the Gallery section you will find lots of useful pictures and information about this treasure and its exciting discovery. Take a good look at this evidence first and use it to help you decide how and why this treasure was buried, then decide how you will tell your story.

- you could tell the story as the person or people who buried the treasure
- or as someone watching from a hiding place
- a number of short diary entries
- the story as a myth that has grown up around this buried treasure
- or even a journalist writing a newspaper report

Other useful websites with lots of information about the Iron Age that you could explore are:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/wales/celts/factfile/>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ancient/british_prehistory/launch_gms_ironage_life.shtml

Competition prizes:

First prize for KS1 and KS2 entries:

- KS1 winner coin design turned into 3D coin
- KS2 winner, visit from Boudica to tell your school to tell your story to your class or whole school
- your coin or creative writing on display alongside the treasure and on our website
- a year's free family ticket for Colchester Castle
- Highly commended coin designs and creative writing:

- your coin or creative writing put into a special story telling book displayed alongside the treasure and on our website
- a free family ticket for a visit to Colchester Castle

Competition entry and rules

- Competition closing date: 15 February 2012
- The aim of the competition is to inspire creativity. The competition is split into Key stage groups, with a focus on drawing at KS1 and creative writing at KS2. If your pupils follow a different curriculum to their age, please feel free to enter the most appropriate category.
- The resources in the Going for Gold folder on the website and contains background information and pictures about the treasure and life in Iron Age Britain, to provide some answers about the treasure and inspiration for rich talk and developing of ideas, before children put together their entry.
- KS1 coin design: children may use any media on paper or card, but no larger than A4. The design should reflect something about the child who has created the art work.
- KS2 creative writing: Archaeologists have gathered lots of evidence about this treasure but story of why it was buried remains a mystery. Encourage children to make use of this information to explain in their story why this treasure was buried.
- Creative writing will be judged on content and strength to the story telling not hand writing and spelling though it must be legible! Work may be hand written or word processed.
- One entry per child.
- Please put the following information on each entry.

Childs name and Key stage

School name and address and telephone number

- Send entries to:

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Or email competition entries to: caroline.hammer@colchester.gov.uk