



## Introducing World Civilisations

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**UNESCO** stands for *United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation* and was founded in 1946 after World War 2 as part of the United Nations (UN). It was set up to help build lasting peace through promoting international sharing and cooperation in the fields of education, science and culture.

An important part of their work is to create a list of the most important natural and cultural heritage in the world that deserves to be preserved for the future. This is called the **World Heritage Site List** and currently contains 1,248 sites in 170 countries around the world. Taken as a whole, the List celebrates and commemorates the rich mix (diversity) of our planet's human and natural history – the civilisations, endeavours, and challenges faced which have shaped our planet and who we all are today.

As we enter into new generations that look toward space and the stars, this List also helps us to better value and care for our unique and special Earth home story.



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*This mini-programme consists of 5 x 15-20-minute learning activities for use individually or combined to create 2-3 lesson plans, supporting History, Geography, Citizenship, and English (Oracy).*

*These activities are designed for engagement with 7-14-year-olds.*

*Learners become **History Detectives:***

- searching the globe for World Heritage Sites*
- mapping them to continents and time periods*
- Discussing patterns and insights that emerge*

*You will need online access to the **EarthMuseum Learn digital history explorer** map, a large printed world map (or equivalent), a class timeline, downloaded **EarthMuseum Learn UN Sustainable Development Goal cards**.*

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