

Pre and Post visit activities for **Journeys Tour**

Pre-Visit	Post-Visit
<p><i>Book of Constellations:</i> Please use the image below for classroom discussion</p> <p><i>Discussion points:</i> Astronomy and Astrology (Zodiac animals), Science Fiction, visual representations of the universe, space travel. Ask your class if they know their star sign. What does their star sign mean to them? Why are people fascinated by the cosmos?</p> <p><i>Fun activity:</i> Ask your class to design their own map of the universe to showcase their birth constellation. Think about the stars and what role do they play in our lives if any.</p> <p><i>Prepare:</i> This page may not be always be on display yet other examples of Islamic decorated pages or maps in the European collection will be available throughout the year.</p>	<p><i>Book of Constellations:</i></p> <p><i>Primary School:</i> Write up a short horoscope for the person who sits next to you according to their star sign. Build a model of solar system. Take into consideration the sizes of each planet and the distance between them. Design your own constellation inspired by the image below.</p> <p><i>Post-primary School:</i> Research a famous astronomer and present to the class the scientist and their findings. Consider the relation between the religion and the sciences used in travel. Do you think religion helped people understand the natural world? Did religions delay scientific and technological advancement or did they help the development of the navigation tools, transportation, reading of maps and celestial beings? Design a set for a sci-fi movie inspired by the astronomy books and historic representations of celestial bodies.</p> <p>Please send us some images of your classes completed work and we will try and post it on our social media pages. (Please do not send images of the children as we cannot display these, art works only).</p>

Classroom Activity Image



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Book of Constellations by 'Abd al-Rahman ibn 'Umar al-Sufi

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