

Statement of participation

Guest user

has completed the free course including any mandatory tests for:

An introduction to material culture

This 2-hour free course introduced the study of material culture: what it is, its origins and the concepts of 'object biography' and 'life cycles'.

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Course summary

This free course, An introduction to material culture, introduces the study of material culture. It asks why we should study things and outlines some basic approaches to studying objects.

Learning outcomes

By completing this course, the learner should be able to:

- understand what material culture is
- understand the origin of material culture as an area of study in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century
- understand the concepts of 'object biography' and the 'life cycles' of things.

Completed study

The learner has completed the following:

Section 1

Why study things?

Section 2

How to study material culture

Section 3

What is material culture?

Section 4

Conclusion