

Subject: History

Lesson Title: Defence of Malta During the Rule of the Order of St. John.

Year: 9

Duration: 40 Minutes

Digital Literacy Learning Outcomes:

- (4.1) I can review, revise, and evaluate information presented in a range of digital media.
- (5.1) I can use various tools to manage my own learning.

Subject Learning Outcomes:

- (11.2e) Identify the main types and features of coastal towers in Malta.
- (11.3c) Explain the historical and cultural significance of coastal towers in Malta.
- (11.2e) Compare and contrast different coastal towers in Malta.
- (11.3e) Locate and label some coastal towers in Malta on a map.

Materials and Resources:

- Interactive Flat Panel (IFP).
- VR Sets loaded with at least one of the Costal Towers VR experience.
- Costal Towers Microsoft Form*.
- Google Maps / Costal Towers Map Student Worksheet / Educaplay Activity 1 or 2 *
- Microsoft Teams Assignment for writing task.

**Note to use the Costal Towers Microaoft Form and the Educaplay Activity 1 or 2 students need to have their own digital devices.*

Introduction:	Explain that the coastal towers are small fortifications that were built along the coast of Malta by the Knights of St John between the 17th and 18th centuries to defend the island from attacks by pirates and enemies. Point out the difference between the types of coastal towers found in Malta.
Main Content and Activities:	<p>Using the VR sets, students can experience a walk through inside one of the costal Towers starting from the outside and going inside through the whole structure up to the roof.</p> <p>Students can be given the <i>Costal Towers Microsoft Form</i> as a digital worksheet to be filled in with their observations during the walk through.</p> <p>After the students finish the walk through, create a discussion activity where students will discuss the tasks completed.</p> <p>In conclusion, students can be asked to identify the location of the towers on the map of Malta either as a class activity by using Google Maps loaded on the IFP or individually through the printed <i>Costal Towers Map Student Worksheet</i> or by using one of the <i>Educaplay Digital Activities</i>.</p>
Conclusion:	Conclude the lesson by making the students aware that the coastal towers are an important part of Malta's heritage and culture, and that some of them are still standing today, while others have been demolished or restored.
Follow Up Tasks:	For homework students can write a short paragraph about the tower that they visited during the lesson. Students can submit their work through a <i>Microsoft Teams Assignment</i> .