

## Notes to Borrowers

Please read the following carefully and read relevant parts to your students/pupils.

- 1 Be aware that this is biological material. After handling objects you should **always** ensure that hands are washed thoroughly.
- 2 Handle objects over a table, especially if they are heavy. This helps prevent accidental breakage and helps protect you (eg. your toes), if a heavy object slips or is dropped.
- 3 Keep the objects out of direct sunlight, especially mounted animals, birds and skins. Sunlight increases the rate of decay and makes colours fade. Taxidermy should be stored in a cupboard.
- 4 Keep the objects away from kettles, sinks and radiators. Changes in levels of heat and humidity increase the rate of decay.
- 5 Keep the objects out of view from outside (windows, glass doors etc.).
- 6 Retain and return any breakages or pieces that have fallen off (this sometimes happens with teeth in skulls). Do not try to repair it yourself.
- 7 Return the objects by the agreed return date as other borrowers may be waiting for these items.

Questions or queries?

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