

# The History of HMS Unicorn

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This activity sheet will help you discover more about the history and design of HMS Unicorn.

To find the answers you will have to explore the ship, read the panels and look at the different objects on display.



Muskets from the 19<sup>th</sup> century

## Naming a Ship

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This ship is named after Scotland's national animal, the Unicorn. Ships in the Royal Navy were always given names and their figureheads often related to them.

If you built a ship, what would you name it? Can you design a figurehead that relates to the name?

HMS \_\_\_\_\_

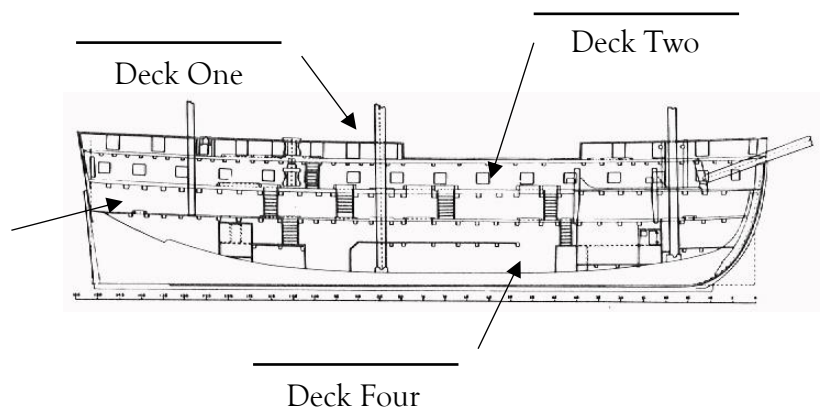


## Decks of the Ship

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Can you write the name of each deck of the ship in the correct space?

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Deck Three



# Building HMS Unicorn

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On the Weather Deck you can read about HMS Unicorn being built.

Can you complete the following statements by filling in the blanks?

1. HMS Unicorn was built in \_\_\_\_\_
2. Over \_\_\_\_\_ oak trees were needed to build the HMS Unicorn.
3. HMS Unicorn was completed and launched in the year \_\_\_\_\_
4. The ship was originally designed as a 46-gun \_\_\_\_\_
5. A ship the size of HMS Unicorn would have required a crew of \_\_\_\_\_ men.



The Wardroom or Gunroom on HMS Unicorn



Two carronades on the Weather Deck on HMS Unicorn

## Unicorn in Dundee

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On the Weather Deck you can read about the history of HMS Unicorn in Dundee.

Can you answer the following questions?

1. When did HMS Unicorn arrive in Dundee? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How long has the ship been in Dundee? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What was the ship used for in Dundee? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Recruits from HMS Unicorn served in both World War One & World War Two. What were the dates of these conflicts? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Thousands of women trained on HMS Unicorn as part of the WRNS. What does WRNS stand for? \_\_\_\_\_