

N M S National Museum of Singapore

SINGAPURA:
700
YEARS



BEFORE WE BEGIN THE JOURNEY...

The National Museum of Singapore is proud to present *SINGAPURA: 700 Years*, an exhibition that takes you on a journey through 700 years of Singapore's history beginning from the 14th century. Even as we celebrate the accomplishments of the rapid development and remarkable growth of our young nation, it is also important to reflect on the journey that we have taken.

This immersive exhibition draws on contextual references and elaborate displays to transport the visitor through a riveting exploration of Singapore's history. You will find yourself placed right in the midst of the defining moments in Singapore's history.

Experience Singapore's transformation through the ages from a humble fishing village to the pride of an empire, before finally achieving the status of being an independent nation-state as it is today.

The exhibition consists of six sections, *Archaeology in Singapore*, *Ancient Singapore (1300-1818)*, *Colonial Singapore (1819-1942)*, *Syonan-To (1942-1945)*, *Road to Merdeka (1946-1965)* and *Independent Singapore (1965-1975)*.

WE ❤️ NMS

We are responsible and considerate visitors of the National Museum of Singapore (NMS).

We have conversations about the exhibits in our museum voice.

We walk quietly in the gallery and wait for each other.

We touch only objects that are allowed so by the signs.

We use only pencils in the gallery.

We handle the audio-visual devices with care.

We take photographs without any flashlights on.

We enjoy our food and drinks outside the gallery.

LET'S SEARCH!

Learn more about the early pioneers of Singapore from the interactive multimedia stations located at the "Colonial Singapore" section. Search for the names of these pioneers below.

A	ATHISAYAM	AMBO	SOOLOH	LIM	BOON	KENG		
N	NARAINA	PILLAI	SEAH	EU	CHIN	TAN	TOCK	SENG

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Have a conversation! What qualities did these pioneers possess? How did these qualities help them overcome their difficulties and achieve successes in life?



LET'S LEARN!

Explore the various sections in the gallery and learn more about some of the historical figures in Singapore's 700 years of history.

SECTION 1 ARCHEALOGY IN SINGAPORE



Look for these objects on the left. What are these objects? Who uses these objects?

Answer:

SECTION 2 ANCIENT SINGAPORE

Who was the first source to mention the existence of Chinese residents in ancient Singapore?

Answer:

Do you know of other legends of Singapore? Share a story.



Find the Singapore Stone.

Answer:

Find the name of the fifth legendary king of Singapura.



Answer:

Who renamed Temasek "Singapura"?

Watch the film "Every Name in History is I" to find out more about the founding of Singapura.

SECTION 3 COLONIAL SINGAPORE

Who signed the agreement with the Malay rulers in 1819 to establish a settlement in Singapore?

Answer:



Who were the two Malay rulers who ceded Singapore to the British?

Answer:

Who was the first Resident of colonial Singapore?

Answer:

Watch "Crossroads of the East" to find out more about what Singapore was like in the 1930s.

SECTION 6 INDEPENDENT SINGAPORE

Answer:

Who was the first Prime Minister of Singapore?

SECTION 5 ROAD TO MERDEKA

Answer:

Who was known as the "Tiger of Malaya"?

SECTION 4 SYONAN-TO

Open the table tops to find out more about school life under the Japanese.

Who was the first President of Singapore?

Answer:



Who wrote the Singapore's national anthem?

Answer:

Talk to your grandparents to find out more about their life in the 1960s and 1970s. How were their life different from yours now?

Hum the tune of the national anthem together.



Let's talk! Have a conversation.



Let's find! Look around the gallery for objects and answers.



Smile for a picture!
Tag us on instagram #SG700.