

To give out food and clothing to the poor at the Abbey gates.

2. Look at the 'Table of the Spheres between Heaven and Hell'. What did they believe was at the centre?
A 'flat' Earth.
3. In which year did Archbishop Thurstan give land in the Skell valley for a new monastery? 1132
4. The monks who came from York and founded Fountains Abbey were Benedictines, but in October 1135 Fountains was accepted into the Cistercian order.
5. How long did the return journey to Citeaux in France take? About 3 months
6. What did the money from wool pay for?
 - a) day to day expenses
 - b) new buildings and repairs
 - c) looking after the poor
 - d) provide hospitality for guests
7. In 1291 the Abbey owed £..... to foreign wool merchants. This would be nearly £6m today!
8. On what date did Abbot Bradley sign the Deed of Surrender? 26th November 1539
9. The annual pension for the Abbot was £100, the Prior £8 and the other monks even less.
Does this seem fair? Yes/No
Why do you think there was such a difference?

Before you leave Porter's Lodge look at the model. Made in the 1950s, it shows how the model-maker thought that Fountains Abbey may have looked.

Fountains Abbey Mill and Porter's Lodge Trail - KS2

Teacher's Notes



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- The trail can be done with the children working in pairs or small groups.
- The mill has narrow passages and some small rooms so we ask that groups do not exceed 20 people. (One group could start at the Porter's Lodge.)
- The smaller the groups the more successful the activity.
- The trail follows the standard visitor route through the mill, starting downstairs in the audio-visual room, progressing through the downstairs floor, leaving the building and following the path to re-enter on the upstairs level, and finishes outside by the mill pond.
- There is a lift for disabled visitors.
- All the answers can be found within the interpretation in the building.

Ground Floor - Room 1

1. What was the name of the miller in 1555?
William Barnarde *video & interpretation board*

Ground Floor - Room 2

2. Which wood will not split apart? Elm *wood exhibit*

Ground Floor - Room 3

3. How many monks would 3.5 kg of grain feed?
8 *grain exhibit*
4. From where did the monks quarry their mill stones?
Sawley *interpretation board by large mill stone*

Ground Floor - Room 4

5. Whose name and what year can you find carved on the mill door?
William Leadley 1787 *name and date on the exhibited door on the right as you leave the room.*

Ground Floor - Room 5

6. List two tools used by stone masons.
Choose from—zinc template, mallet, punch, claw chisel, lead pencil *exhibit to the right of door*

First Floor

7. After 1928, for which building did the generator provide electricity?
Fountains Hall *panel by window to turbine*
8. Who used doors to patch up the floor?
William Aislabie *interpretative panel 'Above the race' at the end of passageway*

Second Floor - Room 1

9. Match the signs to their meanings

Wine C Salt D Cheese A Bread B

11. Name 3 herbs eaten by the monks.
Choose from sage, rosemary, thyme, mint & parsley
refectory table

12. Who did the manual labour at the abbey?
lay-brothers *video - credits at the end*

Second Floor - Room 2

13. Which Abbot wore his initial on his thumb?
Abbot Huby *second artefact case and flip book*

14. What were used as razors for shaving, as temper for plaster and in toothpaste?

oyster shells *artefact case and flip book*

15. How did an Abbot know the letter from the Pope in Rome contained good or bad news before he opened it?

Letters were tied with silk if it was good news and hemp if it was bad news. *artefact case and flip book*

16. What did the monks make from
a) soot black ink
b) hawthorn tree (early) or copper alloy (later) hooks
c) goose feathers quills

17. How many floors has the mill got? (Are you sure?)
3 *From mill pond side it looks as if the mill has two floors but the children will actually have visited three floors. This can be checked by looking at the front of the building again.*

In the Porter's Lodge.

1. As well as welcoming guests, what were the porter's duties?