

## **Having a go – Transcript**

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[Dawn Layland, archivist, sat at a table with a charter with wax seal]

This is the fun section – having a go! We're going to look at two archives from our collections and then do an art activity based on each of them.

[Overhead view of the charter with Dawn pointing out the top left hand corner]

The first archive is this fantastic charter. A charter is an official letter issued by the king or queen.

[Still image of the top left hand corner showing the word 'George', the 'G' is large and colourful]

Look at the way the first letter of the first word, George, is elaborately decorated. This is what we call an illuminated letter and they're really common in this type of archive.

[Dawn sat at a table with an old diary]

The second archive is this diary. We've got lots of diaries in our collections and some were made by children.

[Dawn holds up the diary and opens to the front page for the camera. It shows the name of the writer and a drawing of a hen]

This one was kept by Venetia Hildyard, who lived at Horsley Hall in Weardale and she talks a lot about her favourite pet, Broody,

[Dawn points to the drawing of the hen]

and draws pictures of her.

[Dawn puts the diary back on the table]

Your task is to create your own illuminated letter and a diary entry inspired by these two archives.

Have fun, and remember, the important thing is having a go and trying your best.

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