

YEAR 5 & 6 HOMEWORK

TASK : THE SS ARANDORA STAR

The 1930s was the great age of luxury sea travel, which was dominated by the great transatlantic cruise lines, such as Cunard, P&O and of course the Blue Star Line. Famous posters, brochures, menu cards and postcards from those times fetch high prices today in auctions of what we call ephemera, or paper antiques.

Create a portfolio of paper goods connected to the SS Arandora Star.

These might include :

- Posters advertising the various cruises around the world(see the website www.bluestarline.org/arandora for lots of original posters, postcards and plans of the ship)
- Brochures with details of sailings and prices
- Stationery, such as headed notepaper and embossed envelopes with a Blue Star logo
- Menu covers for dining at the Captain's Table
- Paper serviettes
- Postcards with images of the cruise liner.

To get some good ideas you might search the national papers and weekend magazines for advertisements for modern cruises. These (together with your own work) might form the basis for a classroom display on Cruise Ships Ancient and Modern.

You could also produce a 'spoof' section – advertising the Arandora Star as a troop ship, bringing British sailors safely home to Britain.

To research the history of the most famous cruise liners of the 1930s you need to look at the following websites:

www.pocruises.com
www.bluestarline.org
www.cunard.com

Homework is due in on 26th September 2011

