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Historical time walk. Create stations of objects, ephemera and textbooks which link to different time periods you study. Ask the visitors to tour the different stations to experience, touch and read all about these fascinating times!

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Re-enactments. Ask students or a local re-enactment group to stage an historical event. This could involve a real life Suffragette debate, a Tudor showdown or a political news broadcast. Entertainment for all!

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Hartbeat style gallery. Create a gallery wall or timeline wall of the different time periods you study and showcase your students' best work. Display the fantastic tasks you study along the timeline and complement it with photos of activities in action. You could question your visitors at the end ('According to our students' work, why did Parliament win the Battle of Naseby?').

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QR hunt. Add a bit of fun and competition to the evening! Create a quiz based on your department and the historical periods you specialise in. Place QR codes around the school and ask visitors to complete the quiz as they move around. Upon return with the correct answers, all participants receive a prize (e.g. departmental pencil or postcard).

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Come dine with me. Create a table of revolting, interesting or downright weird food for visitors to eat, smell and prod! You could label the foods with funny facts and information. The pictures below show 'Dare you dine like a Russian peasant?' which involved rye bread, saukraut and civil war sausage (containing horse!). You could set up something similar with WW1 trench food, a medieval banquet or WW2 rationing specials. Powdered egg anyone? Certainly a talking point.



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Real time mind mapping. Ask some of your students to help out at the event and ask them to carry out real time mind mapping. On a topic with which they feel confident, have them create a large scale mind map which details the key facts and ask them to make links between the different events. Visitors can then ask them questions and see their active learning.



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Prepare your propaganda. If your visitors take away a leaflet about department information and course details, why not print a selection of your students' thoughts about 'why we love History' on the back. Who better to sell the subject than your current budding historians?!

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Striking images. Prepare a PowerPoint of pictures of memorable events and remarkable people from the courses you teach and project it on a loop throughout the evening. You could also include photos from recent History trips or examples of excellent work. Ask student volunteers to talk to visitors about the pictures.

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Book bonanza. Parents often like to know which text books their students are reading, what historical fiction their children might read to extend their learning, and which revision guides are worth buying. Display a selection of your department's own books and journals, and ask your library/resource centre to prepare a selection of historic fiction to make available for browsing too.

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Get crafty (and musical!). Ask visitors to make models of ships in the Spanish Armada, mini Magna Carta, plasticine castles ... Whilst they're busy cutting and sticking, you can talk with them about all the fantastic opportunities your department offers. Why not play some music from the periods you study in the background as an extra talking point?