

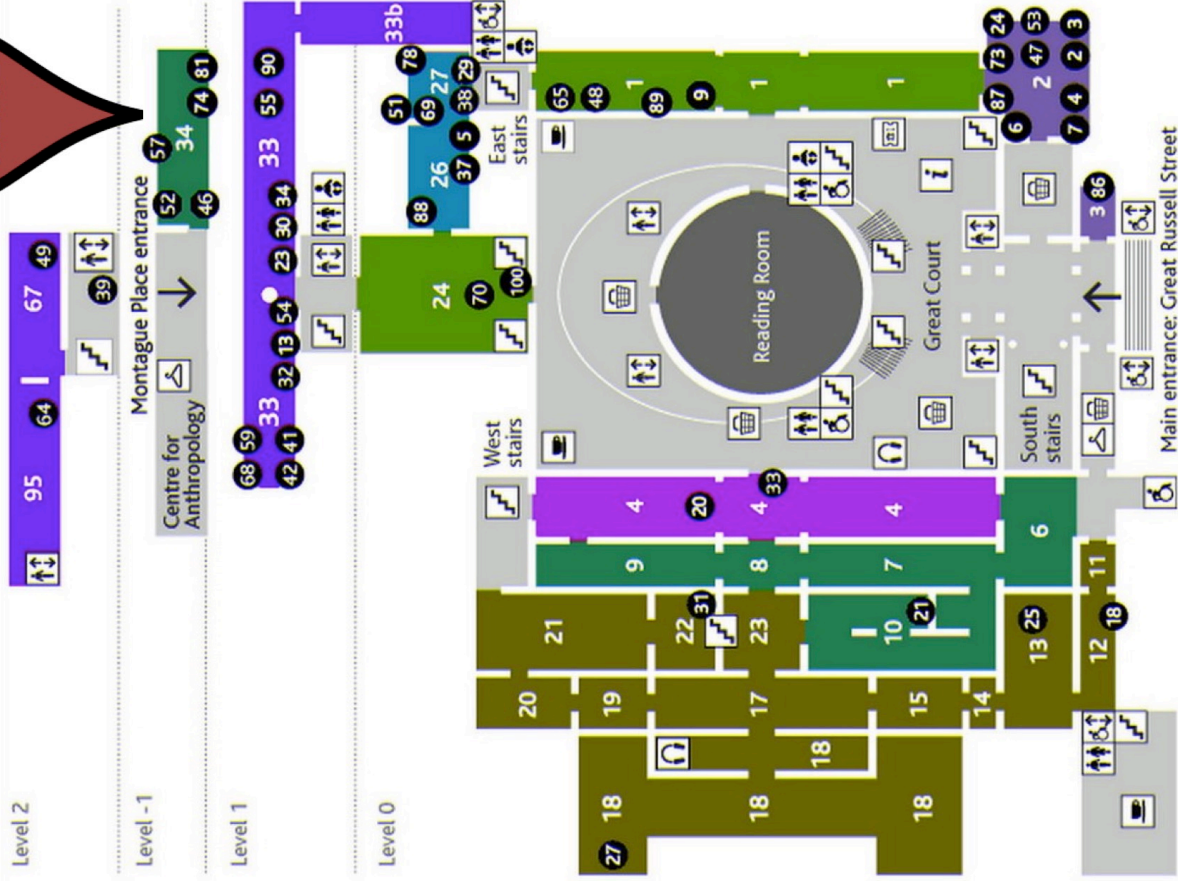
The British Museum

History of the World in

Objects



Welcome to the exhibit. This is your handy guide to world history as only we can present it. The sheer volume of objects tells a story of an institution with unprecedented access to the world's cultural patrimony. Lush descriptions and careful taxonomies convey authoritative dramas of distant epochs while laundering a host of recent imperial crimes. Meanwhile, the grand architecture of the building itself insists on the museum as a sober container of worlds, rather than an object in the very histories of empire it contains. We invite you to linger, dream, and enjoy the show!



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