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THE GREAT EXHIBITION ROAD FESTIVAL

WHAT CAN YOU SEE?

This is a drawing activity that begins with an old, mystery object from far away, and ends in your own neighbourhood, in the future.

YOU WILL NEED:

- Pencil
- Colouring pens or pencils
- This worksheet, printed out
- Your imagination!



Wow!

**What is this beautiful thing?
It looks like a little picture
of a landscape...**

It's actually a tiny piece of a pottery dish that was recently found in the sea in Venice, Italy. The dish was broken long ago, and it somehow ended up in the water.

We think it might be about 600 years old. It has been in the water for so long that its edges have softened and the decoration has faded.

I wonder what the world looked like back then. What kind of landscape did the person who decorated the dish live in? Perhaps the fragment can give us some clues, if we look closely...



1 What do you see in the fragment?

Write down a few words:

2 Think about the world you live in today...

If you were decorating the dish, what images would you include from your local area?

Think about your journey to school, or to a friend's house, or even the view from a window at home.

Write down some of the things you see:

3 On the blank dish on your worksheet, fill in just the little fragments with drawings of your local area, using the words you wrote down.

Imagine someone finding your little fragments in 600 years' time.

What would you like them to learn about where you live?

4 Next, fill the blank spaces around the fragments with drawings of the world you hope for in 600 years' time.

Imagine what your local area could look like in the future if we take good care of it.

Use your imagination and the fragments you have created to draw your ideal world.

Wow!

You're remaking the dish!

When you are finished, we would love to see your dish!

Take a photo of your drawing and send it to us at

drawing@rca.ac.uk and we will display it on our online gallery for everyone to see.

Go to **www.rcadrawing.com** to see your work as well as other beautiful dishes that people have made!

Happy drawing! From Lucy and Sarah at the Royal College of Art.

Your photo may be shared with Imperial College, London so that it can be posted online on the Great Exhibition Road Festival's website and social media

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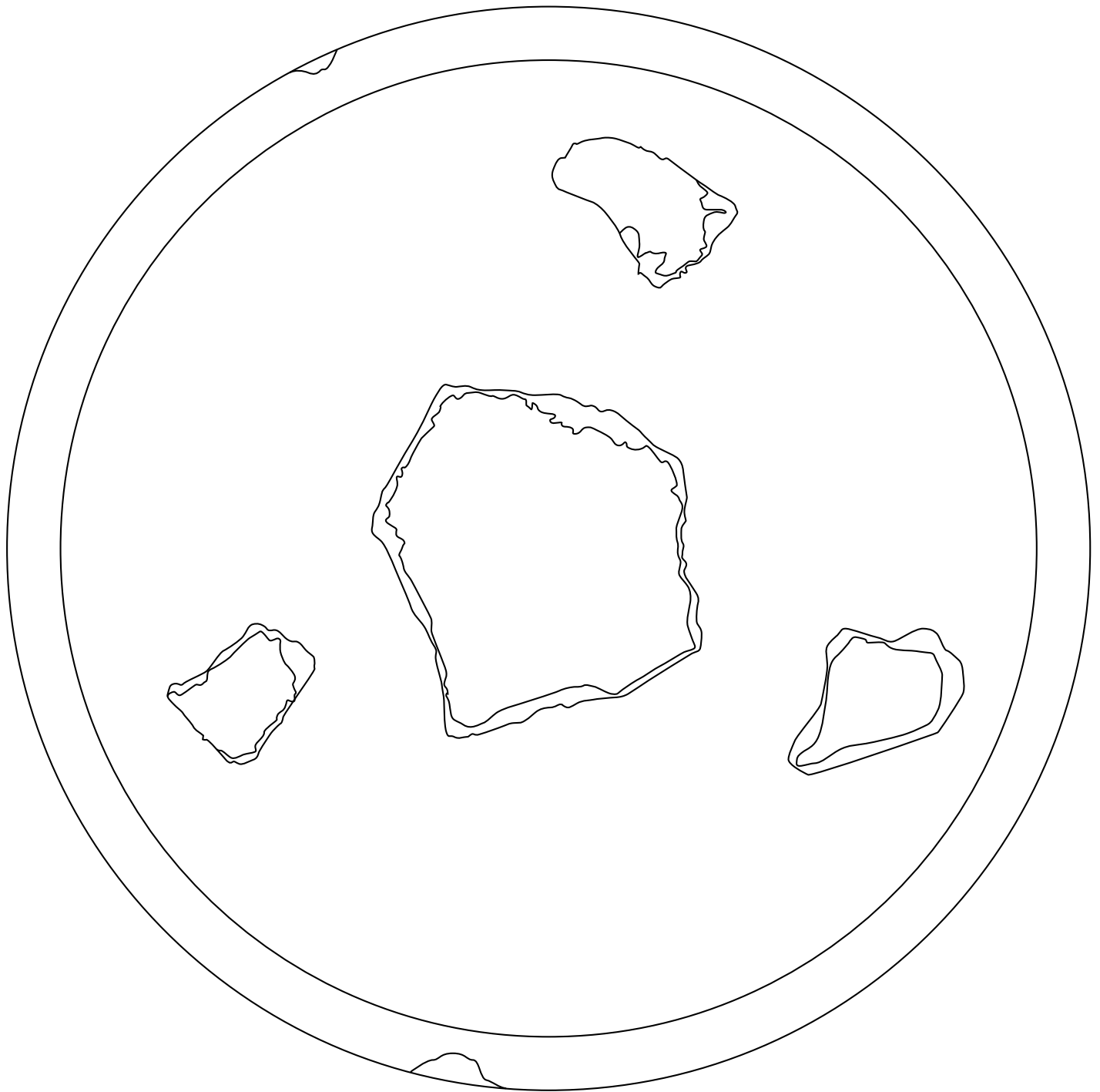




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BLANK DISH TEMPLATE