

Decorative Metalware

Time for Tea



Mary Endicott (d.1957), Mrs Joseph Chamberlain, John Everett Millais/Birmingham Museums Trust



Tea pickers in India (Top)



Typhoo a Birmingham tea company

Tea has played a huge role in British cultural life. The simple task of drinking tea has caused protests, created trade links, built fortunes and brought people together. Originally grown in China at the time of the Shang Dynasty, tea was introduced to East Asia where it is grown on a huge scale. Today most of the world's tea comes from China and India and after water is thought to be the world's most popular drink.

Make a list of all the phrases, sayings or mottos associated with tea. Fancy a brew?!