

2011-12

K-12

SCHOOL PROGRAMS Missouri History Museum



FROM THE PRESIDENT...

The Missouri History Museum is a significant community asset, and as such the education of our future citizens is essential to our mission. Assisting the teachers of those future citizens in creative programming is one of our most worthy and pleasurable pursuits. As you will see throughout this program booklet, the resources we offer are both abundant and readily available as tools in your classroom and beyond.

In exploring the past with its burdens and its beauties, we can learn how to develop a better future for our children, a healthier place to live in the present, and a more just society for us all. You have accepted that challenge and commitment. Thank you for allowing the Missouri History Museum to serve our community through you and your students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert R. Archibald".

Robert R. Archibald
President

Our programs are closely aligned with Missouri State Standards. Download detailed information at mohistory.org/schools.

During your visit, you and your students may be photographed by one of our photographers. These images may be used for publicity purposes. If you have any objections to this, please let the activity leader know.

The Missouri History Museum is accessible to persons with disabilities and seeks to accommodate the needs of our patrons. Please notify the Museum in advance if a member of your group requires a sign language interpreter or other accommodation by calling 314-361-9017.



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

NUMBERS AND NOTES

Reflections

Can you hear history? Dance a division problem? Use addition to express civil rights? This fall, we invite your students to experience numbers and notes in a whole new way! Engaging students with hands-on musical activities inspired by St. Louis history, this program features age-appropriate mathematics instruction aligned with Missouri's Grade Level Expectations.



DRUMS AND DECISIONS

The Civil War in Missouri

Offer young students a glimpse into the Civil War era through the eyes of children who lived during this tumultuous time. Explore the choices they made through a hands-on gallery tour, and then join us in the classroom to create storybooks that encourage connections to decision making and empathy skills. Blending character education with historical understanding, this field trip offers young students an age-appropriate introduction to major themes in the Civil War.



STOMPING GROUNDS

Mammoths and Mastodons

Designed in concert with Missouri's Grade Level Expectations, this program brings together Science Strands 3-5 (Living Organisms, Ecology, and Earth Systems). From the Pleistocene to the present, we'll explore the habitats of the mammoth and mastodon, their neighbors—such as the saber-toothed cat and short-faced bears—and journey with scientists who continue to study their living cousins, the elephants. In the classroom, grades K-3 will create artwork and grades 4-5 will participate in the Mastodon Matrix Project; see *Excavating Evidence* under "Middle and High School" for more details!



CELEBRATING MISSOURI

Seeking St. Louis

Celebrate the people and history of the "Show-Me" state at the Missouri History Museum. In a hands-on tour of the *Seeking St. Louis* gallery, students will explore Missouri folklore, from songs to storytelling. In the classroom, students will create their own folk art inspired by items in the Museum's archives.



Plus, don't forget about our Thematic Tours, Scavenger Hunts, and Theatre Programs!

If you asked teachers what an ideal field trip would look like, this would be it.

Middle School Principal

ENGAGING

THEMATIC TOURS

LIBRARY AND RESEARCH CENTER



LEARNING TO LOOK

Objects speak, if only we know how to listen. Bring your early elementary classes for a program that introduces them to museum experiences. As students encounter artifacts in our galleries, they will keep a log of their observations. Close examination, discussion, and writing about objects foster literacy skills and provide footholds for connections to other areas of curriculum.

| | | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|---|------|
|  |  |  |  |  | GLEs |
| K-2 | 1 hour | Free with reservations | Min. 15 Max. 60 | SS, CA | |

COME ONE, COME ALL

We are a country of immigrants, and Missourians come from all around the world. Who is here, and why and when did we arrive? By learning about the history of immigration in St. Louis over the past 250 years, students will discover the rich tapestry of peoples and cultures that make up Missouri.

| | | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|---|------|
|  |  |  |  |  | GLEs |
| 3-8 | 1 hour | Free with reservations | Min. 15 Max. 60 | SS, CA | |

THE JOURNEY WEST

Journey beyond the Mississippi River with the Missouri History Museum and discover the many worlds of the American West. Students will learn through hands-on activities about a place where new settlers with diverse backgrounds and native peoples collided, and where dreams of a new life failed or flourished.

| | | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|---|------|
|  |  |  |  |  | GLEs |
| 3-8 | 1 hour | Free with reservations | Min. 15 Max. 60 | SS, CA | |

COMMUNITY AND CONFLICT

What makes a community strong enough to withstand conflict? Students will explore our region's natural features, celebrate our diverse population, and learn how historic St. Louisans responded to challenges including the injustice of slavery and the devastation of natural disasters. This program invites students to discover how St. Louisans have found that joining together in a community can create the strength to overcome overwhelming odds. An optional scavenger hunt is available (plan on staying an additional 30 minutes).

| | | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|---|------|
|  |  |  |  |  | GLEs |
| 3-8 | 1 hour | Free with reservations | Min. 15 Max. 60 | SS, CA | |

Add dramatic flair to your Museum visit!

See the Theatre in the Museum section for drama presentations.

Find the facts! The Missouri History Museum's Library and Research Center at 225 S. Skinker Boulevard has vital resources and information to help teachers, students, and classes. Museum staff can help you locate historic resources to augment your lesson plans.

FOR TEACHERS: CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT

Working one-on-one with you, we can suggest and provide copies of our historic materials that you can use to develop or enhance your lesson plans.

FOR STUDENTS: INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH

Students may register to use the Library. Staff will provide a personalized orientation, suggest research strategies, and make photocopies. History Day students get 10 free photocopies per project. (Additional copies are 25 cents per page.)

FIELD TRIP: STRUCTURED RESEARCH VISIT

Teachers can submit a list of student research projects. For topics that are supported by the library's collections, the Library staff pre-selects materials for the students' research visit. A limited number of photocopies can be made to take home.

FIELD TRIP: ARCHIVE EXPLORATION

The session offers an overview of the Museum's Library and Research Center, with examples of actual historic materials for students to view. Sessions can be tailored to a class theme (1904 World's Fair, a time period, African American topics, etc.) or provide a general sampler of "cool old stuff."

| | | | | | |
|---|--|---|---|---|------|
|  |  |  |  |  | GLEs |
| 4-12 | 1-2 hours | FREE | Max. 30 | SS, CA | |

For more information or to make an appointment to bring a class to the Library and Research Center, call or e-mail librarian Emily Traxell Jaycox at 314-746-4508 or emily@mohistory.org at least one week in advance. For field trips to the Museum, please contact the reservations hotline at 314-361-9017.



MIDDLE + HIGH SCHOOL

A MEMORY DIVIDED *The Civil War in Missouri*

The Civil War divided Missourians across bitter lines, and today we still disagree about how to remember this brutal conflict. Empower your students to decide for themselves what's at stake in how we teach this part of our nation's history. This field trip is designed to help students think through events that transpired on Missouri soil, including guerrilla warfare, the imposition of martial law, and enslavement and emancipation.

| | | | | | | |
|------|---------|------------------------|--------------------|--------|---------------------------------|--|
| | | | | | | |
| 6-12 | 2 hours | Free with reservations | Min. 25 Max. 70 | SS, CA | Nov. 14, 2011 - May 11, 2012 | |

EXCAVATING EVIDENCE *Mammoths and Mastodons*



Just as Thomas Jefferson commissioned William Clark to search for mastodon remains after returning from the Lewis and Clark expedition, we're asking for your students' help in sifting through matrix from a real mastodon excavation site! Following their gallery experience, your students become citizen scientists through participation in the Mastodon Matrix Project. Your students' lab work will be used as part of the Pleistocene reference collection at the Paleontological Research Institution for professional researchers to study. This is a tremendous opportunity for your students to get hands-on experience that helps out the scientific community!

| | | | | | | |
|------|---------|------------------------|--------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|--|
| | | | | | | |
| 6-12 | 2 hours | Free with reservations | Min. 25 Max. 70 | SC, SS | Nov. 28, 2011 - April 15, 2012 | |

MOVEMENT IN BLACK & WHITE *Seeking St. Louis*

An intellectual understanding of civil rights isn't enough—we need to understand the importance of equality throughout our entire being! Movement in Black and White pairs a gallery tour with a dramatic movement workshop. Students will learn about key moments in the history of race relations in St. Louis, embody their own understanding, and realize the power of individuals to change their communities.

| | | | | | | |
|------|---------|------------------------|---------------------|------------|--------------------------------|--|
| | | | | | | |
| 6-12 | 2 hours | Free with reservations | Min. 25 Max. 100 | PA, SS, CA | Feb. 1, 2012 - May 11, 2012 | |

Especially for
language classes

A TOWN OF MANY TONGUES *Seeking St. Louis*

Missourians have spoken many languages over the years. Bring your French, German, or Spanish classes to the Museum to learn about the history of these languages right here in St. Louis. Using a language passport, students will pick up vocabulary throughout the gallery tour. In the classroom, a mystery waits—but it can only be solved by historians who can read the documents in question!

| | | | | | | |
|------|---------|------------------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------------|--|
| | | | | | | |
| 6-12 | 2 hours | Free with reservations | Min. 25 Max. 70 | FL, SS, CA | March 5, 2012 - May 11, 2012 | |

SPECIAL EDUCATION

WELCOME TO THE MUSEUM *You choose the exhibit!*

| | | | | | | |
|--------------|------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|--|
| | | | | | | |
| up to age 21 | 45 minutes | Free with reservations | Min. 5 Max. 30 | Social Skills | Oct. 1, 2011 - May 11, 2012 | |

Developed in consultation with special education teachers, this program is specifically designed for groups working on social skills. We'll provide a friendly introduction to museum going and help you explore a gallery of your choice. Don't forget that we're right next to a MetroLink station! That being said, special education classes are always welcome to book any of our school programs. Just call Education Coordinator Lisa Gilbert at 314-454-3116 to discuss any particular approaches you'd like us to use with your students.

SELF-GUIDED VISITS

Planning on bringing your students to the Museum but don't need a guide? Be sure to let us know you're coming by scheduling a self-guided visit!

Please note: Groups with reservations have priority use of our galleries. Walk-in groups are not eligible for free tickets to paid exhibitions and are not guaranteed access to the gallery of their choice at the time of their choice. Plan ahead and call 314-361-9017 to reserve today!

AMERICA I AM: The African American Imprint



This extraordinary exhibit responds to a question asked by W. E. B. Du Bois in 1903: "Would America have been America without her Negro people?" Exploring two galleries, your students will discover historical items illustrating the ways in which African Americans have had a profound impact on the nation.

America I AM: The African American Imprint is developed in partnership with Tavis Smiley and is organized by Cincinnati Museum Center and Arts and Exhibitions International (AEI).

America I AM is made possible by Walmart Stores, Inc., which serves as its presenting sponsor. The exhibition is sponsored by Northern Trust.

THE CIVIL WAR IN MISSOURI



Developed by the Missouri History Museum in honor of the sesquicentennial commemoration of the American Civil War, this 6,000 square foot exhibition focuses on those stories specific to Missouri. Learn more at civilwar.mo.org!

*Presented by Emerson
Additional support provided by Wells Fargo Advisors and
William T. Kemper Foundation*

MAMMOTHS AND MASTODONS



The colossal mammoth and mastodon roamed the northern hemisphere during a great ice age. Explore their habitats, their neighbors, and their human hunters. Investigate current theories about their DNA and extinction, and journey with scientists who continue to study their living cousins, the elephants.

This exhibition was created by The Field Museum, Chicago.

PERMANENT GALLERIES



30 minutes
per gallery

FREE
(reservations
needed)

- SEEKING ST. LOUIS
- THE 1904 WORLD'S FAIR
- LINDBERGH (*Closing Jan. 30, 2012*)

Some galleries have scavenger hunts available. Give your students a "treasure map" of the Museum's galleries and let them take an active role in their interpretation of the primary source objects on display!



The science teacher and I were very impressed with the classroom experience.

Middle School Teacher

We benefited from your planning and execution – how to keep 5 - 6 year olds engaged for 90 minutes...? You did it beautifully.

Kindergarten Teacher

There was a great balance between the gallery walk, the scavenger hunt, and the classroom. You couldn't have chosen a better activity and the time frame seemed just right, too.

High School Teacher

The tour guides were wonderful, patient, and engaging.

Special Education Teacher



THEATRE IN THE MUSEUM

BATTLEDRUM MetroTheaterCompany

Book and lyrics by Doug Cooney, Music by Lee Ahlin

The Civil War comes into sharp focus in this exciting musical play set in 1863. Three young boys are at the center of the story: Jackson, a drummer in the Union army; Rufus, a southern boy orphaned by the war; and George Washington, an African American making his way to freedom on the Underground Railroad. With lively action, rich music, and just the right amount of humor, BATTLEDRUM offers young people a compelling point of entry into the complexities of the war that divided our nation.

Staying after the show? Ask about our post-show activities!

| | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|---|
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 4-12 | 55 minutes | \$8/student groups of 10 or more | EA, SS, CA | January 2012 |

GALLERY + THEATRE

Add dramatic flair to your field trip! Choose from many historical characters and schedule a one-person play to be performed before or after your guided program. We're glad to provide suggested pairings. See the full list of characters available at mohistory.org/schools, and look for new plays to pair with *The Civil War in Missouri* and *Mammoths and Mastodons!*

| | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|---|
|  |  |  |  |  |
| K-12 | 20 add'l minutes | \$75 | Max. 60 | SS, CA |

HISTORY TO GO!

Bring history to life in your classroom with short, one-person theatrical interpretations! All Gallery + Theatre programs can travel to your school. Call 314-361-9017 for more information.

| | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|---|
|  |  |  |  |  |
| K-12 | 45 minutes | \$150* | 30 students preferred | SS, CA |

*To cover travel expenses, performances outside the St. Louis area may be subject to additional costs.



Don't forget our award-winning Teens Make History program and our professional theatre series, Missouri History Museum Presents! Check mohistory.org for more details or call 314-361-4305 to learn ways your students might benefit from these innovative museum theatre programs.



Actors perform on stage at the Missouri History Museum.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

COMMUNITY RECITAL

Coaching: March 5 - 7, 2012 Performance: March 19, 2012

Celebrate Missouri through music! On the evening of March 19, 2012, young musicians will take the stage at the Missouri History Museum. We're inviting your students to audition for a place on the program! From classical to jazz, the evening's performances will reflect the diversity of Missouri and the strength of its young musicians. All students will benefit from professional coaching in preparation for the recital. Visit mohistory.org/schools for more details, including the audition application form.

DEADLINE January 6, 2012

VISITING THE MUSEUM

SCHEDULING YOUR VISIT

All school visits must be arranged in advance, whether guided or self-guided — and the sooner the better, because our programs are popular and book up fast! Groups without advance reservations cannot be assured that their preferred galleries or times will be available. Call **314-361-9017** today to make your reservation!

CANCELING YOUR VISIT

In order to finalize your reservation, your principal must sign our cancellation policy, which states a \$50 charge will be applied to schools canceling their visits with less than 7 days' notice. Snow days are the only exception to this policy. If you have a change of plans (whether a change of group size or a complete cancellation), please call us at **314-361-9017** immediately. Please note that the Missouri History Museum reserves the right to cancel or reschedule programming on short notice due to staff illness or inclement weather.

CHAPERONES

One adult chaperone must be provided for every 10 students. Chaperones are crucial to the success of your experience and must remain with students throughout the visit. Groups with an insufficient number of chaperones may not be allowed to participate in tours and other Museum programs.

LUNCH

The Missouri History Museum hosts over 500 public events each year. Because of demands on building space, we regret that lunch space is not available on-site and encourage schools to consider possibilities for picnics in Forest Park.

BUSES AND PARKING

Please plan on arriving 10 minutes early to unload. Buses should unload at the Museum's group entrance, located on the north side (Lindell Blvd.) of the building, near the fountain. Museum staff will meet you and orient your students. Buses may park in the History Museum parking lot located southwest of the Museum building.

Questions about our school programs? Call us at **314-454-3116** for all the answers. Ready to book? Call **314-361-9017**.

Forest Park • St. Louis, Missouri
314-361-9017 • mohistory.org

Missouri
History
Museum

EDUCATOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

COHORT: TEACHING SLAVERY

When teaching the Civil War, we know it's important to talk about slavery. However, this topic can make us feel uncomfortable. This fall, join a supportive group of K-12 teachers in search of a secure foundation. We'll use primary sources, discussion, and top-notch facilitators to find our way through this subject. Download the application at mohistory.org/schools and send it back by August 29 to be considered for one of the limited spaces in this cohort. Those who complete the four-session course will receive a free one-year membership to the Museum.

DEADLINE August 29, 2011

DISTANCE LEARNING



OUR COMMUNITY IN THE ARCHIVES



Offered in partnership with Cooperating School Districts of Greater St. Louis (csd.org)

Uncover the hidden stories of the Civil War in your own community! We'll send you primary source documents and host a live video chat with your students to discuss the challenges of historical research. Your students' summary of their discoveries will then be hosted on an interactive map on our website, civilwarmo.org.

Internet connection and videoconferencing capability required. Limited to schools in Missouri. Only a limited number of sessions will be offered each semester, so preference will be given to those schools unable to visit the Library and Research Center for in-person research. Documents will be selected that associate with your community as closely as possible; please be aware not all records have survived over the years. For more information please call **314-454-3116**.

| | | | | |
|---|--|---|---|---|
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 4-8 | 45 minutes | \$150 | SS, CA | Jan. 16, 2012 - May 11, 2012 |