



# School Programs at the Vermont History Museum

**Self-Guided Museum Visits:** School groups are welcome to visit the Vermont History Museum at 109 State Street, Montpelier, and its award winning permanent exhibit, *Freedom and Unity: One Ideal, Many Stories*. Admission fee for students, teachers, and chaperones waived on pre-scheduled visits.

**Hands-On History Programs:** Student groups can explore focused stories in Vermont history through primary sources and artifacts as part of a guided program in the museum classroom. Select from one of these programs to supplement a self-guided visit to the museum. Hands-on programs are \$3 per student.

Recommended time - 45 minutes; appropriate for all grades.

- **You Be the Historian: Investigating an 1880s Vermont Farm Family** - students act as researchers, curators, and archaeologists to discover details about the Wheeler family who lived in Calais in the 1880s.
- **Mystery Artifacts: How Museums Help Share the Past** - (recommended K through 3) young learners will investigate how museums help share the past through a story time and close looking activity with artifacts.
- **From Italy to Vermont: Exploring Immigration through Primary Sources** - (recommended grades 6 and up) students investigate census records, photographs, maps and other historic documents to learn about immigrants in Vermont in the early 1900s, with a specific focus on Barre and the granite industry.
- **Mapping Vermont History** - students investigate a variety of Vermont maps from different time periods to identify the dates of mystery maps and to understand how Vermont has changed over time.
- **"Send me a box": Letters from Vermont Civil War Soldiers** - (recommended grades 6 and up) students read and analyze letters from Civil War soldiers, specifically focusing on items soldiers requested or received from home.
- **Pandemics Then and Now** - students analyze Vermont primary sources from the COVID-19 pandemic and 1918-19 Spanish Influenza pandemic and consider how archives document the experiences of ordinary people.
- **Learning from the Past: Town Meeting and the Green Mountain Parkway** - students examine arguments from the 1930s Green Mountain Parkway debate and participate in a mock town meeting discussion and vote.
- **The Buffalo Soldiers: Life in the 10th Cavalry** - (recommended grades 6 and up) students examine primary sources related to the 10th Cavalry, the first all-Black regiment stationed at Fort Ethan Allen, to learn more about the impact the soldiers had in Vermont.



## DID YOU KNOW?

Many school groups combine their field trip to the museum with a visit to the State House and Supreme Court

To schedule a visit or program in conjunction with a visit to the Vermont State House, contact:

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