

Field Trips to Portland Museum

Looking for an exciting field trip destination? It's not too late to make a date with Portland Museum! Bring this year's class to see the places, hear the people, and experience the events that make the history of 19th century river towns like Portland so rich and fascinating. Admission is \$4.00 per child with one free adult for every 10 children. Free admission for teachers who want to preview the Portland Museum tour before arranging a field trip.

We also offer educational materials, games and walking tours of the historic neighborhood to enrich your field trip experience. Portland Museum's education program works well with all ages but especially fits First through Fifth grade and 8th grade curriculum (See Core Content Relation below)

Museum Tour

An animatronic robot representing the first female steamboat captain, Mary Miller. She tells her story about the difficulties involved in getting a license for a traditionally male role back in 1884. Her story reflects the joys and hardships of a life spent on the Ohio River

Videos such as an animated film about boats on the Ohio River made by 3rd graders from Portland Elementary, original newsreel footage from the 1937 Flood, or a documentary on the life of artist and naturalist John James Audubon

An automated light-and-sound tour of our permanent exhibit "Portland: the land, the river and the people" that transports students back in time to see dioramas of historic scenes and meet four life-sized mannequins of important people in Portland history, including Jim Porter, "The Kentucky Giant"

A new exhibit about Portland's historic architecture that features artifacts, photographs, a slide show and an antique chimney pot display

Educational Games

First through Third Grade: "Shoot the Falls", a giant board game illustrating early boat travel along the Falls of the Ohio. Children play with different types of boats and learn about the difficulties one encountered while navigating the river before the Louisville/Portland Canal was built. (SS-EP-4.1.1, 4.1.2, 4.1.3, 4.3.2, 4.4.2)

Fourth and Fifth Grades: "Heave the Lead", a game about life as a 19th century River Boatman. Students will learn about riverboats and jobs, and then simulate the task of a leadsman measuring the water's depths by tossing ropes at targets. (SS-04-3.4.2, 4.4.1, 4.4.2, 5.2.3; SS-05-3.4.2, 4.4.1, 4.4.2, 5.2.3)

Historic Neighborhood Tour

Fascinating for all ages. Learn about the history of a 19th century river town. Hear the myths and the fascinating true stories of a neighborhood that once boasted many hotels, taverns, warehouses and a booming wharf docking sometimes 35 steamboats a day! Learn about 19th century architecture, much of which still stands in the Portland historic district for your class to see. The charge is \$1.00 extra per student to add the walk to the Museum tour. (First through Third Grades: ,SS-EP-3.4.2, 3.4.3, 4.1.3, 4.3.2, 4.4.2, 5.2.3; Fourth Grade: SS-04-3.4.2, 3.4.3, 4.1.3, 4.1.4, 4.3.2, 4.4.2, 5.2.3; Fifth Grade: SS-05-2.1.1, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 4.1.3, 4.3.2, 4.4.2, 5.2.3; Sixth Grade: SS- 06-4.2.1, 4.2.2, 4.4.1, 4.4.2, 4.4.3; Eighth Grade: SS-08-2.1.1, 2.2.1, 2.3.2, 3.1.1, 3.2.1, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 4.1.2, 4.2.1, 4.2.2, 4.3.1, 4.3.2, 4.4.1, 4.4.2, 4.4.3, 4.4.4; and High School: SS-HS-4.2.2, 4.4.1; Teachers may be able to get PE credit for the walk as well)

Core Content Portland Museum experience covers

First Grade, P2--weeks 19 through 36 History: It Happened in America, Historical People and Symbols, Geography: Finding Where Things Are, Places Where We Live, and Economics: Workers in the Community (SS-P2-2.1.1, 2.2.1, 3.1.1, 3.3.1, 3.3.2, 3.4.1, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 4.1.1, 4.1.3, 4.3.1, 4.3.2, 4.4.1, 4.4.2, 5.1.1, 5.2.2, 5.2.3)

Second Grade, P3--weeks 15 through 33 Culture and Society: Cultural Diversity, History: Communities of the Past, Special Times, People and Places, Geography: Learning About Our World, Our Relationship to Our Environment, and Economics: Goods and Services (SS-P2-2.1.1, 2.2.1, 3.1.1, 3.3.1, 3.3.2, 3.4.1, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 4.1.1, 4.1.3, 4.3.1, 4.3.2, 4.4.1, 4.4.2, 5.1.1, 5.2.2, 5.2.3)

Third Grade, P4--weeks 1 through 5 Government/Civics: Building a Community, weeks 12 through 16 Culture and Society: Social Groups and Cultural Diversity, weeks 19 through 36 History: Learning About the Past, History of Louisville and Jefferson County, Geography: Different Kinds of Communities, Geography of Louisville and Jefferson County, Economics: People Working and Making Economic Decisions, Economics in Louisville and Jefferson County. (SS-P2-2.1.1, 2.2.1, 3.1.1, 3.3.1, 3.3.2, 3.4.1, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 4.1.1, 4.1.3, 4.3.1, 4.3.2, 4.4.1, 4.4.2, 5.1.1, 5.2.2, 5.2.3)

Fourth Grade, 04--weeks 2 through 4 Geography: Map Skills and the Five Themes of Geography, weeks 11 through 18 Kentucky-The Land, Climate, and Regions, Native Americans of Kentucky, The First West-Explorers and Hunters, weeks 25 through 26 Life in Kentucky before the Civil War, weeks 33 through 36 Change Over Time in Kentucky (SS-04-2.1.1, 2.2.1, 2.3.1, 3.1.1, 3.2.1, 3.3.1, 3.4.1, 3.4.3, 4.1.1, 4.1.3, 4.3.1, 4.3.2, 4.4.1, 4.4.2, 5.1.1, 5.2.2, 5.2.3)

Fifth Grade, 05--weeks 19 through 21 A Growing Nation, weeks 35 through 36 Understanding the Past, Shaping the Future. (SS-05-2.2.1, 2.3.1, 3.1.1, 3.2.1, 3.3.1, 3.4.1, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 4.1.1, 4.1.3, 4.1.4, 4.3.1, 4.3.2, 4.4.1, 4.4.2, 5.1.1, 5.2.2)

Sixth Grade (SS-06-4.1.2, 4.2.1, 4.2.2, 4.4.1, 4.4.2)

Eighth Grade (SS-08-3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.3.1, 3.3.3, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 4.1.2, 4.2.1, 4.2.2, 4.3.1, 4.3.2, 4.4.1, 4.4.2, 4.4.3, 5.1.1, 5.1.2, 5.2.1)

High School (SS-HS-2.1.1, 4.1.3, 4.2.2, 4.4.1, 5.1.2, 5.2.2)