



The Landing School Programs

Bring history to life! We offer both on-site and outreach programs for all ages. For more information or to arrange a program, call 763.694.7784.

What is history?

The study of history (Minnesota, U.S., and World) helps students to see how people in other times and places have grappled with the fundamental questions of truth, justice, and personal responsibility, to understand that ideas have consequences, and to realize that events are shaped both by ideas and the actions of individuals.

The study of U.S. History helps students understand the democratic traditions of the United States and how these traditions were established and how they continue in the present. U.S. History also helps students understand that the United States is a nation built on ordinary and extraordinary individuals united in the on-going quest for liberty, freedom, justice and opportunity. It helps students understand how much courage and sacrifice it has taken to win and keep liberty and justice.

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Why study history?

American History should be studied because: "Unlike many other peoples, Americans are not bound together by a common religion or a common ethnicity. Instead our binding heritage is a democratic vision of liberty, equality, and justice. If Americans are to preserve that vision and bring it to daily practice, it is imperative that all citizens understand how it was shaped in the past, when events and forces either helped or obstructed it, and how it has evolved down to the circumstances and political discourses of our own time."

*Kenneth T. Jackson, chair of Bradley Commission on History in the Schools
Minnesota Department of Education*

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On-Site Programs

Let your students discover what life was like for early Minnesota settlers at our recreated 1800's farms and village, complete with historically clothed interpreters. Choose from interactive hands-on programs such as Playful Pioneers, Children and Family Life in 1889 or Journey to 1857 Minnesota: a guided walking tour, Travel Time; a Civil War School Day; or our Folkways of the Holidays program.

Site visits are available from April through December. Programs are two hours long and begin at 10:00 AM or 12:30 PM. Each two-hour time block includes a brief orientation and can accommodate groups of 10–150 people. We offer a curriculum packet with pre- and post-visit information and activities with each reservation.

- Two adults free with every 25 students
- Two-hour program: \$6.25 per student (\$75 minimum)
- Three-hour program: \$8 per student (\$100 minimum)
- Four-hour program: \$10 per student (\$100 minimum)

Playful Pioneers

Preschool

Students will explore our unique historic site by participating in a variety of activities designed to engage their senses.

The Playful Pioneers Program at The Landing – Minnesota River Heritage Park, is designed to take pre-school students on a journey of discovery. Students will learn about the world around them by taking part in activities that stimulate hearing, smelling, seeing and touching. These may include playing 19th century games, matching items from the 19th century to modern day objects, doing household and outside chores and identifying 19th century smells. Students will be introduced to the historical setting of the park and to a day in the life of a 19th century child.

► *Please note: The following programs include visits to a pre-selected number of buildings and some activities take place outdoors.*

Children and Family Life in 1889

Grades K-3

Students will experience what life was like in the Minnesota River Valley during the 19th century through hands-on activities and role-playing.

The Children and Family Life field trip, at the Landing – Minnesota River Heritage Park, is designed to help students understand the role of children in the 19th century, specifically 1889, and to make comparisons with their own life experiences. This program involves facets of the early child settler's life: chores, toys and games, one-room school, the environment and specific views of selected historic homes and businesses. It is recommended that the educational materials sent in our pre-visit training packet be used before your visit to make the student's field trip more meaningful.

On-site program may help to meet the following state standards:

U.S. History: I-A 1, 3

Historical Skills: IV – A 1, 2; IV – B 1

Journey to 1857 Minnesota

Grades 4-6

Stimulate your students to think about different aspects of immigration through a variety of hand-on activities that promote teamwork and the use of problem solving skills.

The Journey to Minnesota field trip, at The Landing – Minnesota River Heritage Park, is designed to encourage students to think critically about 19th century immigration, focusing on Territorial Minnesota in the year 1857, and forming connections to their own family experiences. This program features a number of facets of immigration: traveling by boat especially a steamboat, loading and packing a wagon, searching for a source of fresh water and food, building a log cabin and the importance of farm animals.

On-site program may help to meet the following state standards:

U. S. History: I – E 1, 2; I – G 1, 2

Minnesota History: II – B 1, 2; II – C 1, 2, 3; II – D 1, 2, 3; II – E 1, 2, 3

Historical Skills: IV – A 1; IV – B 1, 2, 3; IV – C 2; IV – C 3

Travel over Time

Grades 7-12 and Adult Groups

This program is designed for older students and adults and will feature a timeline history of the cultural, environmental and material changes in the Minnesota Valley during the 19th century.

The Travel over Time field trip, at The Landing – Minnesota River Heritage Park, is designed for older students and adults. You will get a glimpse of life during a 50-year period of the 19th century. As an historically-clothed interpreter leads you from an 1845 fur trader's cabin along a path to an 1889 village, you can reflect on the changes in architecture, agriculture, education and technology as the 19th century progressed. Facing the past will pique your imagination and be a topic of inspiration to share with others.

On-site program may help to meet the following state standards:

U. S. History: I – F 2, 3; I – G 1, 2; I – I 2; I – J 1

Minnesota History: II – B 1, 2; II – C 1, 2, 3; II – D 1, 2, 3; II – E 1, 2, 3

Historical Skills: IV – A 3

1889 One Room School

Grades 1-6

Students will experience what a one-room school was like in the late 19th century by role-playing and participating in a hands-on use of the curriculum of 1889.

The 1889 One Room School field trip, at The Landing – Minnesota River Heritage Park, is designed for students in grades 1 through 6. Students will be met by their teacher who will lead them through the 1889 Village on the way to occupy their desks in the rural one room school. The program will consist of the children role-playing the parts of 1889 students while actually doing the assignments, homework and chores of a 19th century student.

On-site program may help to meet the following state standards:

U. S. History: Grades K-3 = I – A 1, 3; Grades 4-8 = I – G 1, 3, 4

Minnesota History: II – E 1, 2, 3

Historical Skills: Grades K-3 = IV – A 1, 2; Grades 4-8 = IV – A 1; IV – B 1, 2, 3; IV – C 2

Civil War School Program

Grades 1-6

Students will learn about Minnesota's role in the American Civil War by meeting the soldiers, militiamen and the civilians of Minnesota who participated in the War Between the States. *This program takes place on April 30 only.*

The Civil War School field trip, at The Landing – Minnesota River Heritage Park is scheduled for a one day immersion in Minnesota's role in the Civil War. Activities will include meeting the soldiers and civilians who participated in the war, examine their homes and camps, participate in their drills and chores, and examine their equipment and food.

On-site program may help to meet the following state standards:

U. S. History: Grades K-3 = I – A 1, 3; I – B 1; Grades 4-8 = I – F 1, 2

Minnesota History: II – D 1, 2

Historical Skills: Grades K-3 = IV – A 1, 2; Grades 4-8 = IV – A 1; IV – B 1, 2, 3; IV – C 2

Folkways of the Holidays School Programs (December only)

Grades 1-6

Students will discover the rich Holiday traditions of many of the cultural and ethnic groups that settled in the Minnesota Valley in the 19th century.

The Folkways of the Holidays field trip, at The Landing – Minnesota River Heritage Park is designed for students in the 1st through the 6th grades. Participants will explore the buildings that housed our 19th century settlers and discover the various Christmas and Hanukkah traditions that unique cultural and ethnic groups brought to the Minnesota Valley; how those traditions changed from the Old World to the New; and how they eventually combined to become part of a modern 21st century Holiday.

On-site program may help to meet the following state standards:

U. S. History: Grades K-3 = I – A 1, 3; Grades 4-8 = I – G 1, 3

Minnesota History: II – E 1, 2

Historical Skills: Grades K-3 = IV – A 1, 2; Grades 4-8 = IV – A 1; IV – B 1, 2, 3; IV – C 2

Outreach Programs

Let history come to your classroom! Explore what it was like to come to America as an immigrant, or be a 19th century kid for a day by playing 1800s-style games or doing arithmetic on a slate. Programs are offered throughout the year, depending on staff availability.

- Mileage reimbursement may be charged.
- Groups up to 35 participants: \$110 for first hour, \$70 each additional hour of same topic
- Groups over 35 participants \$195/hour
- Booth program fee: \$150/hour