Dear Educators,

Our education staff and docents are dedicated to providing you and your students with the very best and most meaningful educational experiences. Programs are specifically tailored to meet your needs and carefully blend Detroit’s robust history as it ties to the arts, sciences and cultural history of our community. All school programs meet the Michigan State Learning Standards for Social Studies and Language Arts.

Did you know the Detroit Historical Society has two fantastic museums for your classes to visit? Our organizations operate both the Detroit Historical Museum in Midtown Detroit and the Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle. Our museums are a must-see for every student!

We offer guided tours, workshops and other educational programs at both museums. Participate in one program, or stay for lunch and take advantage of a full day experience. For our older students, visit the museums to conduct research projects or join us for our high school focused guided tours at the Detroit Historical Museum.

To help you in the classroom, we offer pre and post visit materials to support learning and instruction. Don’t forget to visit our Teacher Portal online for our expansive Lesson Plan Clearinghouse and multiple Classroom Outreach opportunities to help extend the value of your class museum experience.

We look forward to seeing you at our museums soon!

Detroit Historical Society Education Team
HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES TOUR
Appropriate for 3rd - 5th grade
During this 90-minute tour of the Detroit Historical Museum, students will learn about the significant geographic, economic, social, and cultural developments of the city. Students will travel through time to experience events that shaped Detroit. Great for the 20th century in the Streets of Old Detroit and followed will get to touch and examine unique inventions created at the turn of the 20th century in the Streets of Old Detroit and followed
Tour Times: Tuesday-Friday 10:00-11:30 a.m. or 12:30-2 p.m.
Cost: $10 per participant

INNOVATOR’S WORKSHOP
Appropriate for 3rd - 5th grade
In this 60-minute combination workshop and tour, students will explore Detroit’s past 200 years with a guided tour of the Advocate, Founders, Detroit, and the City. Utilizing a facility for training where students must work with each other to solve problems through teamwork and communication
Maximum 30 Students
Tour Times: Tuesday-Friday 10:00-11:30 a.m. or 12:30-2 p.m.
Cost: $50 per group

GREAT LAKES TRANSPORTATION WORKSHOP
Appropriate for 3rd - 5th grade
The Great Lakes are an integral part of our history, geography, and economy. In this 60-minute program, students will learn about transportation on the Great Lakes and the Detroit River from 1701 to the present day. They will look at the ships, the stories, and the role of a great river and map, attempt to navigate a waterway using only the sound of buoys and learn to communicate using body, whistles, flags and other languages of the trade.
Maximum 30 Students
Tour Times: Tuesday-Friday 10:00-11:30 a.m. or 12:30-2 p.m.
Cost: $110 per group

STORYLIVING PROGRAM
These programs can be performed at the Detroit Historical Museum in the comfort of your classroom. Students will work with museum educators to learn more about the migration of their family’s migrations and their experiences shaped who they were today. Join us as we highlight three women of Detroit and how the circumstances of their childhood affected their lives. Students will take part in discussions surrounding the significant economic, social, and cultural factors that led to the rise and fall of the city. They will learn to communicate using body, whistles, flags and other languages of the trade
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GREAT LAKES SHIPping TRAVELING TRUNK
This traveling maritime education program teaches students about Great Lakes maritime history and the role of mercantile ships on the Great Lakes. Students will learn about the geographic, economic, and social development of the state’s economy through the lens of the Great Lakes, including the history of the Great Lakes shipping industry. Great Lakes shipping includes items such asapproximately 50,000 ships and 15,000,000 tons of cargo were transported.
Tour Times: Tuesday-Friday 10:00-11:30 a.m. or 12:30-2 p.m.
Cost: $110 per participant

MICHIGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
The Michigan Historical Society provides educational programs that encourage students to develop 21st-century skills, such as critical thinking and problem-solving. These programs help students connect to their own history and the history of their communities, fostering a sense of place and belonging. The programs cover a wide range of topics, from local history to national events, and are suitable for students of all ages.

MICHIGAN HISTORICAL DAY
Michigan History Day is a year-long educational program that encourages students to develop 21st-century skills. Through research, students learn about their family’s history and the larger historical events that relate to their research. The program culminates in a daylong event where students present their research. These projects can be entered into a series of competitions, from the local to the national level, where they are evaluated by professional historians and educators.

TRADING POST WORKSHOP
Appropriate for 3rd - 5th grade
During this 90-minute combination tour and workshop, students will discover more about the Underground Railroad and the new Detroit played out.
Tour Times: Tuesday-Friday 10:00-11:30 a.m. or 12:30-2 p.m.
Cost: $200 per group

Maritime History
Tour Times: Tuesday-Friday 10:00-11:30 a.m. or 12:30-2 p.m.
Cost: $10 per participant

Planning to stay for lunch? Add a lunchroom to your reservation for an additional $50. Traveling Trunk is a perfect complement to your day on Belle Isle. Plan a field trip and take part in additional activities.

STANDARDS ALIGNMENT
School programs at the Detroit Historical Museum in Midtown and Ocean Great Lakes Museum in Buffalo take place with state and national standards for social studies and English language arts.

TEACHER RESOURCE PORTAL
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PLANNING YOUR VISIT
1. Class size (hats to 100 students) or a day of the week that works for you.
2. Make a list of programs you wish to attend. (Note capacities and grade levels.)
3. Invite other classes from your school and get a complete count of teachers, chaperones, and students.
4. Know your school’s policies related to address, age, and district.

SETTING UP YOUR FIELD TRIP
1. Contact our education staff at 313.833.7979 or kaylac@detroithistorical.org (A minimum of two weeks’ advance notice is required.) November, December, and April field trips are extremely popular and should be scheduled as soon as possible.
2. Reserve shuttle service for the maximum number of youth and adult pairs expected. Some programs may be scheduled and not available to accommodate additional groups on the day of your visit.
3. Please list any student-specific accommodations that are needed, such as an ASL interpreter, wheelchair, or other assistance for children.

To schedule a Field Trip Experience, or for more information, contact the Field Trips Team at 313.833.7979.

DETROIT 67: PERSPECTIVES
Appropriate for 6th - 12th grade
During this 90-minute facilitated experience of the Detroit 67: Perspectives exhibition, students will take part in discussions surrounding the significant economic, social, and cultural factors that led to the rise and fall of the city. They will learn to communicate using body, whistles, flags and other languages of the trade
Tour Times: Tuesday-Friday 10:00-11:30 a.m. or 12:30-2 p.m.
Cost: $110 per participant

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS
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