SCHOOL PROGRAMS Planning Guide 2020-21
Whether in-person or virtual, museum educators will lead students through an interactive tour of key museum exhibits. The tours have been designed to meet Grade Level Content Expectations and Common Core Standards for 3rd – 8th grades, but tour guides can accommodate students at all grade levels.

Teaching online this year?
All our on-site tours are available digitally! Virtual tour experiences allow students to go behind the scenes with our staff as we highlight objects from our collections while delving into more detail about our city’s history.

Virtual tours are offered via Zoom.

VIRTUAL TOUR TIMES: Mondays - Wednesdays, 10 a.m. or 12:30 p.m.
TIME: 60 minutes
COST: $250.00 per virtual experience for up to 60 students.

GUIDED TOURS
On-site tours will be limited for the 2020-2021 school year and will follow government guidelines for social distancing.

Historical Perspectives Tour
Recommended for 3rd - 12th grade
Native American footpaths started us on a journey that led to major industries (not just cars!) which brought the city of Detroit tremendous growth and waves of new immigrants. Students will explore over 300 years of the city’s development while immersing themselves in the understanding of the city’s landscape, the people who built it, and the growth we continue to see today.
Max Capacity: 120 participants

Maritime History Tour
Recommended for 3rd - 12th grade
Whether by birch bark canoe, sailing ship, steamboat, hydroplane or giant freighter, Detroiter have used the Great Lakes to build their city, their fortunes and their lives. On this tour, students will discover Detroit’s connection to the Great Lakes from the building of Fort Pontchartrain du Detroit to the sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald.
Max Capacity: 60 participants

Detroit Treblemakers Tour
Recommended for 9th-12th grade
From ragtime to rap, from McKinney to Motown, students will listen and dance their way through the social, economic and political history of Detroit and the United States while meeting the figures who shaped the soundscape of our country. They will learn not only the history that created Detroit’s music but also how Detroit music changed history.
Max Capacity: 60 participants

ON-SITE TOUR TIMES: Tuesday–Friday 10 – 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 – 2 p.m.
COST: $5 per student participant. For every 10 students, 1 teacher/chaperone is free!

VIRTUAL TOUR TIMES: Mondays - Wednesdays, 10 a.m. or 12:30 p.m.
TIME: 60 minutes
COST: $250.00 per virtual experience for up to 60 students.
IN-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

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SMALL GROUP PROGRAMS

Our in-class programs are a dynamic exploration of key historical themes and concepts. Students interact with history through a combination of inquiry-based learning games and activities.

Max Capacity: 30 students
TIME: 60 minutes

► Fur Trading Detroit
Recommended for 3rd - 5th grade
Take a deep dive into the early days of Detroit. Native American tribes and French Voyageurs and Trappers trade on the Great Lakes in this interactive workshop and bartering game. Students receive hands-on experience, learning about the first 200 years of Native-French relations with artifacts and reproductions of materials used in the 15th century. Following the workshop, students are led through a facilitated game of trading and bartering, just as the first Detroiters did over 300 years ago.

► Innovator’s Alley
Recommended for 3rd - 5th grade
Detroit is a city of innovators and pioneers; explore innovators of the past and become the innovators of the future with this hands-on workshop and activity. Showcasing artifacts that were developed or enhanced in the city of Detroit, students will then be challenged to create the inventions that will shape the 22nd century!

► Gettin' Around the Great Lakes
Recommended for 3rd - 5th grade
All Aboard for the Gettin’ Around the Great Lakes program! In this fun and interactive experience, students learn all about how we used our inland seas as America’s first superhighway. They will explore the diverse geography of the Great Lakes region, navigate the waters using only the sound of buoys and communicate using the language of the lakes all from the comfort of your classroom.

PRICING:
Small Group Program (30 or less students): $250*
Bundle and Save!
Two Small Group Programs: $400
Three Small Group Programs: $550
Four Small Group Programs: $650
*Mileage fee of $50.00 will be charged for venues located more than 30 miles from the Detroit Historical Museum.

LARGE GROUP PROGRAMS

We ask that organizations recognize social distancing and CDC guidelines that are in place for the protection of StoryLiving staff and all participants.

STORYLIVING
Recommended for 2nd - 8th grade
Bring history to life by booking a StoryLiving program. In these interactive programs, a professional storyteller shares Detroit history with your students using drama, group pantomime, role playing, songs and creative problem-solving. These programs can be performed in the comfort of your classroom or school assembly.

Max Capacity: 120 students
TIME: 60 minutes

► The Underground Railroad
Recommended for 3rd grade
In the mid-1800s, thousands of African Americans escaped through Detroit on their way to freedom in Canada. Students will discover more about the Underground Railroad and the role Detroit played in it.

► Block by Block
Recommended for 1st - 3rd grade
It's been over 200 years since the Great Fire set the city of Detroit ablaze, displacing over 700 residents. After the destruction, Detroiters did not abandon their city. Through strength and determination, they set to work to rebuild Detroit, leaving the legacy of the city we see today. Students will become firefighters who must work together to save the community.

► The Great Migration
Recommended for 4th and 5th grade
Over the course of six decades, nearly six million black southerners left the South and fanned out across the United States transforming urban America. Join us as we highlight three Detroit women and how the circumstances of their family’s migration and their experiences shaped who they were and defined the course of their lives in the 1920s, 1940s and the 1960s.

PRICING:
Large Group Program (120 or less students): $450*
Bundle and Save!
Two Programs: $800
Three Programs: $1,100
*Mileage fee of $50.00 will be charged for venues located more than 30 miles from the Detroit Historical Museum.
FOR TEEN LEARNERS

These offerings are designed specifically for older middle and high schoolers.

Detroit 67: Perspectives
Recommended for 9th - 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 turbulent summer of 1967. This experience allows students to fully engage, think through and draw conclusions about this tumultuous summer and its wider ramifications for Detroit.

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10 – 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 – 2 p.m.
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Youth Advisory Council
The Detroit Historical Society’s Youth Advisory Council (YAC) provides students in grades 9-12 the opportunity to immerse themselves in the world of museums. YAC will meet regularly throughout the year (virtually at first) to learn the significance of Detroit’s unique history and its communities. Through projects with Society staff and partners, participants in this youth leadership group will discover how they as young Detroitors connect to the city’s history and explore the role that museums can play in fostering greater connections. YAC members will build important leadership skills and help develop public programming offered by the Detroit Historical Museum.

To learn more, contact Dean Nasreddine at deann@detroihistorical.org.
Michigan History Day

Michigan History Day is a year-long educational program that encourages students in grades 4-12 to explore local, state, national and world history. After selecting a historical topic that relates to an annual theme, students conduct research using libraries, archives, museums and oral history interviews. They analyze and interpret their findings, draw conclusions about their topics’ significance in history and create final projects that present their work. 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. The 2021 District 10 competition will be hosted by the Detroit Historical Society on March 6, 2021.

Visit hsmichigan.org/mhd.php or detroithistorical.org/learn/michigan-history-day for more information on Michigan History Day.

TEACHER RESOURCE PORTAL

This one-stop-shop on the Detroit Historical Society website provides teachers with resources that bring Detroit and regional history into the classroom. The portal’s main section, the Lesson Plan Clearinghouse, provides teachers with free curriculum materials, lesson plans, presentations and other tools that engage students of all ages in history. The portal also features information on classroom outreach and professional development opportunities.

Visit detroithistorical.org/learn/teacher-portal to access these new resources developed just for you! The Teacher Resource Portal is made possible in part by a grant from the Michigan Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment of the Humanities.
Some schools are eligible for financial assistance through our Funding the Fun Program. Please call 313.833.1801 to find out if your group qualifies. Funds are limited and offered on a first come, first served basis.

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