



Virtual Pioneer Program Field Trip Guide 2021

Hello Educators!

This year has been one of unprecedented challenges for teachers across the nation. From adapting to online learning, to protecting yourselves and your students from Covid-19, you have met every obstacle that has come your way with resilience. The staff at the Dearborn Historical Museum wants to take a moment to thank you for all that you have done to educate Dearborn's students this school year; we appreciate your dedication more than you know.

Over the past few months, Museum staff have been hard at work to create a simple, easy to use field trip opportunity for you to share with your students this Spring. We know that by this point in the year you must be feeling pretty exhausted, so this field trip has been designed with you in mind to give you a well deserved break.

Each lesson aligns with a different standard from Social Studies Unit 5: How Do Communities Change, and includes fun, educational, and socially distanced games, activities, and art projects. Everything that you will need will be available online to make this experience as simple as possible for you.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the field trip, please feel free to reach out to the Museum at lharvey@ci.dearborn.mi.us or (313) 565-3000. Thank you for all of your hard work over the last year, and we hope that you enjoy this virtual field trip experience!

Sincerely,
DHM Staff



About The Museum

The Dearborn Historical Museum was founded in 1950 to preserve the history of Dearborn and its citizens.

It is our mission to provide enriching educational opportunities and meaningful visitor experiences while instilling a sense of appreciation for the City of Dearborn's past, present, and future.

The museum has three locations:

The Commandant's Quarters

Built in 1833, This building was one of eleven that was part of the Detroit Arsenal, and is Dearborn's oldest building in its original location.



The McFadden-Ross House

Built in 1839, this building was originally the powder magazine of the Detroit Arsenal. It was later purchased by Nathaniel Ross and converted into a family home.

The Gardner House

This is one of the oldest Dearborn homes still standing today, and was built in 1831 by Richard Gardner while Michigan was still a territory.



The Pioneer Program

This year's virtual Pioneer Program will include all of the historical fun that you have come to expect from our field trip in previous years. It will combine eight short video segments replicating the usual Pioneer School Program experience, with activities, projects, history, and games that can be shared with students both in the classroom, and at home, to show what life was like during 1800's Wayne County.

Each video segment will cover a different topic, including what it means to be a historian and how the city has changed over time, and will connect with Social Studies Unit 5: How Do Communities Change.

As many educators can attest, field trips have long-term positive impacts on students. By creating a virtual field trip for students to utilize, we are making sure that this year's second graders are not missing out on the wonderful experiences they would have had while visiting the Museum in person.



Program Information

What Is Included?

Video Lessons:

Welcome To The Museum
Changes Over Time
Learning About The Gardner House
Learning About The One-Room School House
History and Historians
Learning About Butter Churning
Learning About Native Americans
Learning About Agriculture
Learning About Pioneer Toys and Games

Art Projects:

Build A Wigwam
Log Cabin Coloring Page

Games:

Hop Scotch
Ducks Fly

Activities:

I Am A Historian
What Comes 1st, 2nd, & 3rd
Three Sisters Planting
McGuffey Reader
One-Room School House
Butter Churning In A Jar
Build A Dearborn Timeline

Teacher Information:

Field Trip Guide
Curriculum Standards
Pre & Post Field Trip Guide
Resource List
Primary Sources

How Can Teachers Access The Field Trip?

Each of our video clips will be uploaded to the Museum's YouTube page, and teachers will have access to them using a private link. The link will be sent via email once teachers have filled out the Museum's Google Form. All of our activities, games, and art projects have been turned into PDF's, and will be available to download on our website:

<https://thedhm.com/2021-virtual-pioneer-program/>.

How Can Teachers Use This Information?

If students are still learning from home, teachers will be able to upload field trip videos and PDF's to their Schoology pages for students to access during the Spring 2021 Semester. If students are in the classroom, teachers can access this information online, through YouTube and our website. In future years, we plan to return to our traditional in-person field trip model as soon as it is safe to do so. We ask that DPS teachers refrain from saving copies of the videos for use beyond the Spring 2021 semester.

Suggested Timeline

While this field trip has been designed for teachers to be able to customize in order to fit their needs, we wanted to offer a suggested timeline for those interested:

Week Before Field Trip:

Pre-Field Trip Activities

Settling In Michigan/Settling In Dearborn Resource Lists

Introduce Vocab Words For McGuffey Reader & One-Room School House Activity
(Listed in McGuffey Reader Activity)

Week Of Field Trip:

Field Trip Introduction: Welcome To The Museum Video

Lesson #1: History & Historians Video Lesson & I Am A Historian Activity
(Use History Resource List & Primary Sources To Expand On This Lesson)

Lesson #2: Native Americans Video Lesson & Create A Wigwam Art Project
(Use Native American Resource List To Expand On This Lesson)

Lesson #3: Early Agriculture Video Lesson & Planting Activity
(Use Pioneer Resource List To Expand On This Lesson)

Lesson #4: Gardner House Video Lesson & Log Cabin Coloring Page

Lesson #5: One-Room School House Video Lesson, School House Activity (Activity Follows Along With Video), & Finish Up Lesson With McGuffey Reader Activity.

Lesson #6: Butter Churning Video Lesson & Butter Churning In A Jar Activity

Lesson #7: Pioneer Toys and Games Video Lesson, Hop Scotch Game, & Ducks Fly Game

Lesson #8: Changes Over Time Video Lesson & What Comes 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Activity

Culminating Activity: Create A Timeline Of Dearborn

Week After Field Trip:

Post-Field Trip Activities

