



# School Programs at the Vermont History Museum in Montpelier

**Visit the *Freedom And Unity Exhibit*:** Student groups on self-guided tours use focusing questions to guide their exploration of the museum. Hands-on exhibits engage students as they travel through 400+ years of Vermont history.

Free: admission fee is waived for students, teachers and chaperones on pre-scheduled visits.  
Recommended time - 45 minutes; appropriate for all grades.

**Hands-On History Programs:** Student groups can explore focused stories in Vermont history through primary sources and artifacts as part of a guided program in the museum classroom. Select from one of these programs to supplement a self-guided visit to the museum:

**You Be the Historian: Investigating an 1880s Vermont Farm Family** - students act as researchers, curators, and archaeologists to discover details about the Wheeler family who lived in Calais in the 1880s.

**From Italy to Vermont: Exploring Immigration through Primary Sources** - students investigate census records, photographs, maps and other historic documents to learn about immigrants in Vermont in the early 1900s, with a specific focus on Barre and the granite industry.

**Mapping Vermont History** - students investigate a variety of Vermont maps from different time periods to identify the dates of mystery maps and to understand how Vermont has changed over time.

**“Send me a box”:** **Letters from Vermont Civil War Soldiers** - students read and analyze letters from Civil War soldiers, specifically focusing on items soldiers requested or received from home.

**Pandemics Then and Now** - students analyze Vermont primary sources from the COVID-19 pandemic and 1918-19 Spanish Influenza pandemic and consider how archives document the experiences of ordinary people.

**Learning from the Past: Town Meeting and the Green Mountain Parkway** - students examine arguments from the 1930s Green Mountain Parkway debate and participate in a mock town meeting discussion and vote.

Hands-On History Program fee: \$3.00 per student, no charge for teachers or chaperones.  
Recommended time - 45 minutes per class; appropriate for grades 3 and up.

To schedule a visit or program in conjunction with a visit to the Vermont State House, contact:  
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