Educational Program Offerings

Archaeology in Our Community - Why is archaeology important in history? Learn some basic archaeological techniques while seeing real artifacts from a dig done at the museum. Students will learn the basics of artifact analysis and how museums conserve and preserve these artifacts for display purposes.

Your Community, Then and Now - Ever wonder what life was like for people your age when Woodrow Wilson was president? Discover what kinds of technology, community and more have changed over the past 100+ years, and see if you recognize anything that is similar to how you live your life today.

Wilson and Diplomacy - Wilson’s decision to enter the war was met with many criticisms. When the Great War ended, the criticisms and accolades for his peace making procedures grew far and wide across the world. Diplomacy in modern politics is very similar to what Wilson dealt with, and students will discover how life in the “trenches” of politics changed during this progressive period of government.

“How Much Is It?” – When Woodrow Wilson was born in 1856, grocery stores as we know them did not exist. Families shopped at general stores where they had to rely on seasonal items. Students will learn both history and financial literacy by exploring item costs and methods of payment, including bartering, trading, and credit between the business owners and customers who purchased their goods. *This program can be done in conjunction with “Foodways.”

“Foodways” – During World War I, rationing, gardening and new methods of substituting for healthy eating habits became the norm on the home front. Students will discover the history of food, and how kitchens, “Victory Gardens,” and food preparation evolved during Woodrow Wilson’s life. *This program can be done in conjunction with “How Much is It?”

“Over Here, Over There” - The Great War: History comes alive with an authentic World War I trunk filled with artifacts and primary resources that tell the story of The Great War. Using letters, propaganda, photographs, and a soldier’s uniform and kit, students learn about life both in the trenches and on the home front. An on-site visit includes a tour of the exciting trench exhibit, World War I: The “Doughboy” War.

Propaganda Posters - Then and Now: While political cartoons critiquing government and economic policies are nothing new, the period of the Great War designed the modern way of thinking in propaganda and social beliefs. Students will learn about propaganda posters and how they changed from the Newspaper cartoons in Harper’s Weekly and other magazines in the 1860’s to the posters we see in World War I.

Spies, Lies and Disguise: Under Wilson’s presidency, many new agencies were created to ensure war time propaganda, enemy code breaking and new methods of messages to the front lines of the war. Students will learn about the birth of modern spying in America while connecting early spy and coding methods to the Hollywood themes we see today in films.

“When You Work in a Museum” - Ever wondered how a museum works? Take on the role of different museum staff to learn how archaeology becomes exhibits and how ideas become programs.

“Animal Antics” - From bears to cats, animals have played an important part in history. Learn about official “first animals” of the White House, how animals worked in various ways during World War I and more.

Don’t see what you need? Let us know! We love to work with you to find the best fit!
All visits to the museum include a trip to Woodrow Wilson’s Birthplace, a visit to the museum and one 35-45 minute program. We also offer all programs as outreaches and Virtual Visits! Contact educationdirector@woodrowwilson.org to learn more or to book your program.