



# 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. Three new programs are available now, in addition to “You Be the Historian.”

**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.

**Immigrants in Vermont: Telling a Story with Primary Sources** - students investigate census records, store ledger books, and Sanborn insurance maps to learn about immigrants in Vermont in the early 1900s, with a specific focus on Barre and the granite industry.

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

**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.



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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