



McCORD MUSEUM

Education Kit

Primary Level

Whether through our educational activities, our Five Keys to History approach or our school visits, the McCord Museum is always developing new ways to make learning history a truly exciting adventure. Our latest innovation is an Education Kit that brings the Museum right into your classroom. Containing authentic historical objects and reproductions from our educational collection, the Kit provides a wide range of activities for teachers and students. Your class will embark on an exploration of the past using artifacts that reflect the material culture of nineteenth-century Canada. A variety of themes will guide you on this voyage, including industrialization, urbanization and technological progress.

Why use artifacts to learn about history?

Artifacts provide the kind of stimuli and new experiences that capture students' interest. Young people today rarely have the opportunity to touch a "real" piece of history. When they do, they feel more involved — literally "in touch" with the past. The experience of handling objects and unlocking their secrets can bring home the realization that written documents and images are more than just sources of historical information; they too, are artifacts. Finally, it helps students to understand that artifacts are intrinsically connected to historical context, and that the ordinary objects they see all around them will one day become witnesses to our present reality.



How does the Kit work?

The Kit includes fifteen artifacts and a multitude of educational materials describing five activities, which can be combined any way you wish depending on how much time you have at your disposal. For an additional fee a McCord interpreter will visit for one full day to facilitate activities.* Kit rentals also entitle classes to a discount on a visit to the McCord.

	Fee	Rental period
Education Kit	\$150	10 school days
With interpreter	\$175	Half-day (interpreter) *
	\$325	Full day (interpreter) *



Book the Education Kit for your Class today!

Here's a brief summary of the activities in store for you and your students:

1. Montreal during the Industrial Revolution, 1820-1905

Take your students on a visual exploration of the Industrial Revolution, where they will learn about this period's four major spheres of impact: industry and technology, urbanization, living conditions and consumption. A brief overview of the historical background of this period precedes a PowerPoint display with accompanying commentary.

2. Objects Under Investigation

Like museum curators, pupils will handle, observe, and interrogate artifacts to unlock what secrets they may disclose about the past. Using the Five Keys to History approach, pupils will learn to give a voice to objects that may seem at first glance to have nothing to say.

3. Back to the Past

It is the twenty-first century and, in order to write an article on lifestyles of the past, a group of journalists have borrowed a Time Machine and set off to meet 14 characters from the nineteenth century. Time travel will take them and their guests into the very heart of the great social and economic changes that have shaped modern Quebec.

For more information

or to arrange a rental, please contact our reservations clerk:

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4. The Quiz

An amusing and informative activity, the quiz tests the extent of your students' knowledge about the nineteenth century. Working in teams, they must be both rapid and accurate if they wish to win the match!

5. Once Upon a Time...

Using the Kit's 15 artifacts, each pupil will design a comic strip that draws parallels between nineteenth-century urban and rural lifestyles. Each one of the artifacts must find a place in a six-panel cartoon. Calling all budding artists, screenwriters and historians: on your mark, get set ...get creative!



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