MDAH Education Resources

36th Social Studies Teachers Workshop

Two Mississippi Museums Educational Resources

School Tours, Virtual Tours, Special Programming, and Theme Tours

School Tours

- Variety of Experiences Available:
  - Museum of Mississippi History
    - Two hour experience with a Curator guiding your class through the Museum of Mississippi History, interacting with students.
  - Mississippi Civil Rights Museum
    - Two hour experience with a Curator guiding your class through the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum, also includes an opportunity for students to speak with Hezekiah Watkins, a Freedom Rider
  - Both Museums
    - Experience touring both museums with a curator, as well as speak with Hezekiah Watkins.
  - Theme Tours

Virtual and Theme Tours

- Virtual Tours
  - One hour experiences over Zoom with a curator in the museums with your class.
  - Tour themes cover a variety of Mississippi History subjects and align with Mississippi College and Career Readiness Standards
- Theme Tours
  - Two hour experiences with a curator and your class at the museums
  - Themes cover a variety of Mississippi History subjects and align with Mississippi College and Career Readiness Standards
  - Includes a 1.5 hour tour on a specific subject or gallery, and then an activity or guided discussion with a curator in our classroom space.

Two Mississippi Museums Virtual Field Trips

Aligned to Mississippi College and Career Readiness Standards for Social Studies, Two Mississippi Museums' virtual field trips will feature skills and concepts covered in grades 4–12. Staff will lead students through museum galleries focusing on one of the topics listed below. The thirty minute participatory lessons will highlight and discuss stories, primary documents, and artifacts from the galleries, followed by a question and answer period.

Topics

+ First Peoples
+ Journey to Statehood
+ Cotton Kingdom and Slavery
+ Civil War
+ Reconstruction
+ Mississippians in WWII
+ Jim Crow in Mississippi
+ Separate is not Equal: School Segregation
+ Freedom Rides with Mississippi Civil Rights Veteran Hezekiah Watkins
+ Freedom Summer 1964
+ Veterans of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement: Who are you?

Example Theme Tour: Civics

- Pre-Visit Materials: Learning Lagniappe World War One Statement of Service
  - Prior to your class visiting the museum, utilize this Learning Lagniappe from the Department of Archives and History to prep your students to discuss Civics in the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum
- The Visit:
  - The tour will occur throughout the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum with a particular focus on civics and Mississippian's civic duties throughout history. Students will be provided with a list of questions to answer throughout the tour and start their thinking on civics
- The Activity:
  - After completing the tour, our staff will take your class to our classroom space to complete a mock-election activity and a discussion on the history and importance of civic activism

Poll In the Chat

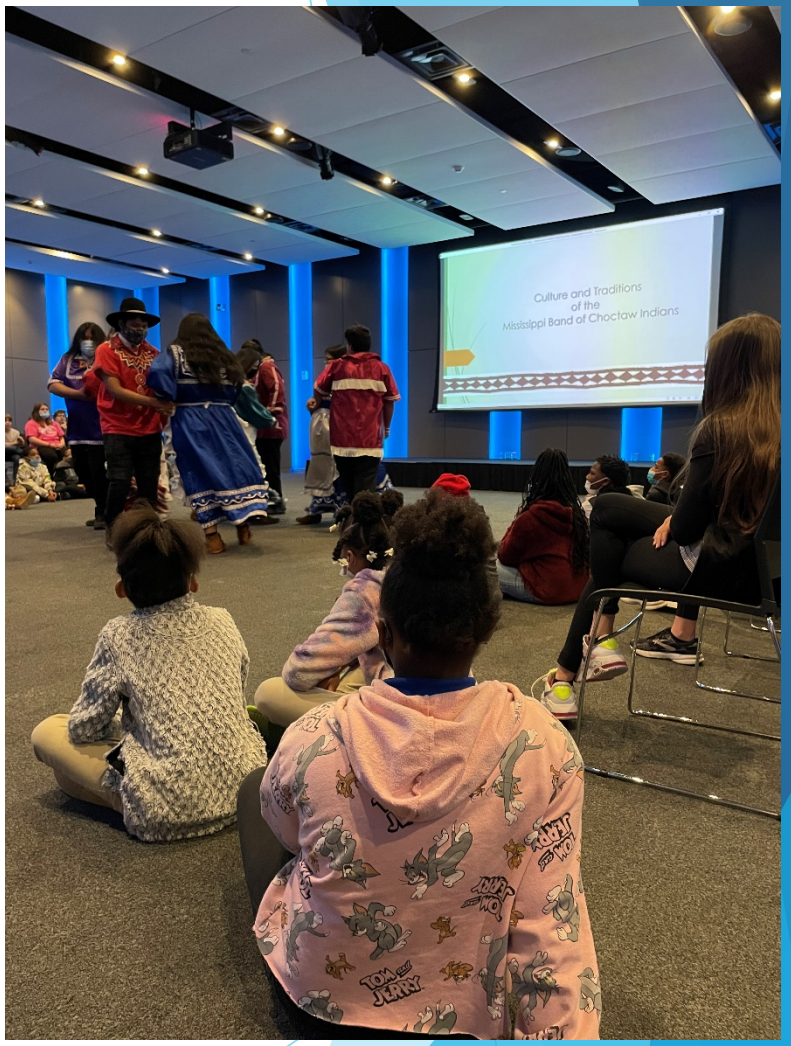
Should the United States of America abolish the Draft System?

Yes or No?

Discuss

Special Programming

- Unique Events throughout the year adding additional experiences to your classes tours
  - Native American Heritage Day- November
    - Social Dance Demonstrations, Beading and Basket Making Demonstrations, Stickball Demonstration, Choctaw Culture Presentation by Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
  - Black History Month- February
    - Fridays in February we invite veterans of the Civil Rights Movement to come speak to students in addition to their tour of the museum
  - Women's History Month- March
  - Flash Tours for Civil Rights Veteran's Birthdays
    - Fannie Lou Hamer, Emmett Till, Medgar Evers, etc.
  - Artifact Washing Day
    - Giving students an opportunity to learn about archeology and assist with cleaning actual artifacts for our collection



Any Questions?

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