

Overfield Tavern Museum: Teaching Materials

Pre/Post Activities

Grades 3 to 6

Pre Visit Activities

1. Introduce the Overfield Tavern Museum to students with our audio-visual materials.
2. Review museum manners with your class.
 - No eating, drinking or chewing gum while in the museum or annex.
 - Talk softly, no yelling or using loud voices.
 - Listen to all instructions given by museum guides, chaperones and their teacher.
 - Stay together with the guide and the group during the visit.
 - Do not touch anything unless you ask.
3. Have students create nametags to wear during their visit to the museum.
4. Review vocabulary lists with students and read or assign them a book from the suggested bibliography.
5. Have students guess the objects on the *Details of Early American Life* sheet included. Remind them to bring assignment with them while visiting museum to find out if they were right.

Post Visit Activities

1. Theme: Early American Objects

Have students write a report on an object they learned about while visiting the Overfield Tavern Museum. Have them research the object in more detail and collect images of the object to include in the report.

2. Theme: Process

Children of early America were asked to do several everyday tasks. This required them to follow a step-by step process. To help students understand this challenge, have them write out step-by-step instructions for performing a simple task they perform daily, such as tying a shoelace or making a sandwich. Collect each students instructions and have other students follow them to see if they are clear and all steps are covered.

3. Theme: Past vs Present

Have students compare and contrast three objects from the museum with the same or similar objects of today. Discuss the differences and similarities and reasons they have changed over the years.