



# MV MUSEUM

2023-2024 EDUCATION GUIDE



# HELLO TEACHERS!

We are thrilled that you are taking the opportunity to read our guide to education at the Martha's Vineyard Museum! We're very proud of the variety of subjects that our Education curricula offers and hope you will find this guide useful when brainstorming your next experience with us. The MV Museum is an inspiring place to explore and learn, and we love sharing it with young people!

To help complement and elevate the important learning that already happens in your classrooms, all of our lessons are designed with current Massachusetts Teaching Frameworks in mind. More detailed lesson descriptions are available by request. Our hope is that a field trip or classroom visit can foster curiosity that sparks further learning and allows students to become ambassadors of their Island's history. Our Education staff have real-world classroom experience and are committed to working with you to make your experience fun and memorable. Educational bookings are free for ALL Island schools and discounted admission is available for schools from further afield.

Please reach out to the Education team with any questions or to talk about the possibility of working together this academic year. We look forward to seeing you at the MV Museum!

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## ISLAND EDUCATOR MEMBERSHIP

All Island Educators are eligible for free membership.  
Scan the QR code to get started!



# DON'T MISS...

These exciting exhibits this school year! Tour them with a Museum educator and experience activities designed to get kids engaged with these fun subjects.



## **THEY WERE HEARD:**

Explore the story of Chilmark's remarkable Deaf community.

*Now through February 2024*



**1923: A KID'S LIFE:** Discover, play, and learn about what the Island was like 100 years ago!

*Now through January 2024*



## **CLIFFORD, THE BIG RED DOG:**

Celebrate our favorite larger-than-life dog in this exhibit designed especially for kids and families.

*February 2024 through June 2024*



**HOME:** Journey through the many ways people have made a home here on Martha's Vineyard.  
*October 2023 through January 2024*

## A LITTLE CONTEXT:

**FTE = Field Trip Enhancement.** These take place at one of the MV Museum's properties: the Marine Hospital Building, Vineyard Haven; the Edgartown Harbor Light; or the Cooke House, Edgartown. They typically last 45-60 minutes and include guided exhibit exploration, interactive activities, and/or guided discussion.

**CV = Classroom Visit.** Museum Educators are happy to bring a bit of the Museum to you! With traveling artifacts and educational materials we can deliver a fun, engaging lesson in your school setting. Visits typically last between 30-45 minutes each and can be scheduled for any time during your school day.

**MVM@Homeschool.** Comprehensive lesson plans designed for teachers to use in their own time. They include outlines, images of primary sources and objects from the collection, resources for further study, engaging activities, and subject specific vocabulary.

# EARLY EDUCATION & ELEMENTARY



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## THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION | Grades 3-5

- The Revolutionary War on Martha's Vineyard I: Introduction to 18<sup>th</sup> century Martha's Vineyard (FTE)
- The Revolutionary War on Martha's Vineyard II: The Liberty Pole Incident (FTE)
- The Revolutionary War on Martha's Vineyard III: Grey's Raid (CV)

## BLACK HISTORY | Grades K-4

- Know Their Story: Whalers of Color (CV/FTE)
- Know Their Story: Artist Lois Mailou Jones & Writer Dorothy West (CV/FTE)

## FARMING | Grades K-2

- Farming, Then & Now I: Sarah Jenkinson's Story (CV)
- Farming, Then & Now II: Introduction to Island Agriculture (FTE)
- Farming, Then & Now III: Three Sisters Science! (CV)
- Farming, Then & Now (MVM@Homeschool)

*\*Island Grown Initiative programming can complement these units*

## GENERAL HISTORY | Grades PreK-2

- Hello, History! (FTE)
- Our Island: Glacial Origins (CV/FTE)
- Shipwreck! (CV/FTE)

## HEATH HENS | Grades PreK-2

- Heath Hens I: Little Bird, Big History (CV/FTE)
- Booming Ben the Heath Hen (MVM@Homeschool)

*"My son loved his experience on his class's field trip to the Museum. He kept asking when we could go again together so that he could show me all the cool things he saw." — Island Parent*



## IMMIGRATION | Grades 2-4

- Immigration on Martha's Vineyard I: One Island, Many Origins (FTE)
- Immigration on Martha's Vineyard II: What Would You Pack in Your Suitcase? (CV)

## LIGHTHOUSES | Grades K-2

- Lighthouses I: Finding Our Way at Sea (CV)
- Lighthouses II: Little Lights, Big Beacons (FTE)
- Lighthouses III: To the Lighthouse! (FTE to the Edgartown Harbor Light)
- Flashes of Brilliance (MVM@Homeschool)

## MAPS & GEOGRAPHY | Grade 4

- Map Investigations (FTE)

## VIKINGS ON THE VINEYARD? | Grades 3-4

- Vikings I: Fact or Fiction? (CV)
- Vikings II: Crossing the Atlantic Ocean in 1000 C.E. (FTE)
- Vikings on the Vineyard (MVM@Homeschool)

## WHALES & WHALING | Grades PreK-2

- Whales: An Exploration of Epic Proportion (FTE, PreK-K)
- Whales & Whaling I: Introduction to an Island Industry (FTE)
- Whales & Whaling I and ½ : The Boom of an Island Industry (CV)
- Whales & Whaling II: Want to Join a Whaling Crew? (CV)
- Whales & Whaling III: Girl on a Whaleship (FTE)
- Thar She Blows! (MVM@Homeschool)



*“The field trip was wonderful in every way: hands-on learning, organized & age-appropriate play... they [Museum educators] were able to keep a class of 21 kindergarteners fully engaged for 60 minutes plus! Can't wait to go back.” — Island Teacher*

# MIDDLE SCHOOL

## **ABOLITION | Grades 5-8**

- **Martha's Vineyard and the Abolition Movement: 19<sup>th</sup> century Agitators and Lawbreakers (FTE)**

## **THE CHILMARK DEAF COMMUNITY | Grades 4-6**

- **Everyone Spoke by Sign I: The Chilmark Deaf Community (CV)**
- **Everyone Spoke by Sign II: Island of Many Languages (FTE)**
- **Everyone Spoke by Sign (MVM@Homeschool)**

## **WAMPANOAG/COLONIAL INTERACTION | Grades 3-6**

- **Contact 1602: Compare & Contrast- Introduction to 17<sup>th</sup> century Wampanoag and European Lifeways (FTE)**

## **MARITIME HISTORY | Grades 4-6**

- **Maritime Life I: A Sailor's Life for Me (FTE)**

## **LIGHTHOUSES | Grades 3-8**

- **Changing Shores, Constant Light: The Edgartown Harbor Light (FTE)**

## **RESEARCH | Grades 6-8**

- **Research at the Museum: Explore Island history through the Research Library, by exploring exhibits, or with the help of Museum staff. (FTE)**

## **BUILD YOUR OWN EXPERIENCE | Grades 5-8**

- **Visit any of our current exhibits with a guided tour by a Museum Educator and activities designed with the goals of your visit in mind.**



*"I love that the kids not only took in information, but practiced reading and thinking critically in order to draw their own conclusions. The pace and variety of activities was excellent!"*

— Island Teacher

# HIGH SCHOOL



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## **ABOLITION** | Grades 9-12

- **Martha's Vineyard and the Abolition Movement: 19<sup>th</sup> century Agitators and Lawbreakers (FTE)**

## **WAMPANOAG/COLONIAL INTERACTION** | Grades 9-12

- **Contact 1602: Culture Collision- 17<sup>th</sup> century Wampanoag and European Lifeways and Viewpoints (FTE)**

## **RESEARCH** | Grades 8-10

- **Research at the Museum:** Explore Island history through the Research Library, by exploring exhibits, or with the help of Museum staff. (FTE)

## **UNFREEDOM** | Grades 9-12

- **Unfreedom:** Enslavement, Incarceration, and Indentured Servitude on Martha's Vineyard (CV/FTE)

## **BUILD YOUR OWN EXPERIENCE** | Grades 9-12

- Visit any of our current exhibits with a guided tour by a Museum Educator and activities designed with the goals of your visit in mind.

*"This lesson was a great way to meet state standards while also learning about our own community. The information was captivating and students were interested and engaged."*

— Island Teacher





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# MV MUSEUM

**OPEN TUESDAY - SUNDAY**

10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
June 6 - October 8, 2023

10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
October 10 - June 4, 2024

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