MV MUSEUM

26/27 Elementary Education Guide

Dear Teachers,

As you work hard to plan a successful year for your students, please consider how MV Museum can enrich their learning journeys. Through field trips, classroom visits, or access to primary sources within our vast collection, our goal is to spark curiosity and develop critical skills that encourage deeper understanding of our Island's past and people. On the **next page** you will find our current curriculum of thoughtfully developed lessons. **Below** is a list of upcoming temporary exhibits that may be of interest in the coming school year. Please reach out to discuss and make plans at any point in. Help us share the magic of our Museum with all of the Island's young learners!

2026/2027 EXHIBITS CALENDAR

Fleeced! An American Revolution Story
October '26 - May '27
Discover a revolutionary war era event through a hands-on exhibit featuring period artifacts, costumes, a ship and many sheep to bring the story to life!

The Offseason: Island Claymation Storytelling
February-June '27
Come see the creative way this pair of local stop-motion artists depict life on the Island when all the tourists have gone home!

The Story of Cycling on MV
March- August '27
Delve into the rich history of cycling and pioneering cyclists connected to our Island.

Depictions of Dawnland: King Phillip's War through the art of Indigenous Makers *Dates tbd*

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26/27 Elementary Curriculum

FT = Field Trip to the MV Museum **CV** = Classroom Visit: a museum educator comes to you

The American Revolution Grades 3-5
- I: Introduction to 18th- Century Martha's Vineyard (FT)
- II: The Liberty Pole Incident (FT)
- III: Grey's Raid (CV)

Artifact Inquiry Grades PreK-4
- Come face to face with a set of primary sources from our collection on any relevant topic requested/available & practice object-based inquiry skills (FT)

Black History Grades PreK-4
- Know Their Story I: Whalers of Color (CV/FT)
- Know Their Story II: Artist, Lois Mailou Jones & Writer, Dorothy West (CV/FT)

Farming Grades K-2
- Farming, Then & Now I: Sarah Jenkinson's Story (CV)
- Farming, Then & Now II: Introduction to Island Agriculture (FT)
- Farming, Then & Now III: Three Sister's Science! (CV)

General History Grades PreK-2
- Hello, History! An introduction to being in a Museum(FT)
- Fossils Exploration (CV/FT)
- Our Island: The Glacial Origins of MV (CV/FT)
- Shipwreck! Look for the helpers (CV/FT)

Heath Hens Grades PreK-2
- Heath Hens: Little Bird, Big History (CV/FT)

Immigration Grades 2-6
- Immigration on Martha's Vineyard I: One Island, Many Origins (FT)
- Immigration on Martha's Vineyard II: What Would You Pack in your Suitcase? (CV)

Lighthouses Grades PreK-2
- Lighthouses I: Finding Our Way at Sea (CV)
- Lighthouses II: Little Lights, Big Beacons (FT)
- Lighthouses III: To the Lighthouse! (FT to the Edgartown or East Chop Lighthouse)

Maps Grade 4-6
- Map Investigations & Literacy(FT)

Vikings on the Vineyard? Grades 3-4
- Vikings I: Fact or Fiction? (CV)
- Vikings II: Crossing the Atlantic Ocean in 1000 C.E. (FT)

Introduction to 17th Century Indigenous and European Lifeways Grades 3-6
- Part I Nôepe, Time Immemorial: Culture and History of the Wampanoag People (CV) *taught by Aquinnah Cultural Center Educators
- Part II 1602: Early Europeans and the Cultural Shift to Martha's Vineyard (FT)

Whales & Whaling Grades PreK-2
- Whales: An Exploration of Epic Proportion (FT)
- Whales & Whaling I: Introduction to an Island Industry (FT)
- Whales & Whaling II: Join a Whaling Crew (CV)

Whales & Whaling III: Girl on a Whaleship (FT)

Women's History Grades PreK-4
- True Tales of Remarkable Vineyard Women

Build Your Own Experience Grades PreK-4
- 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.