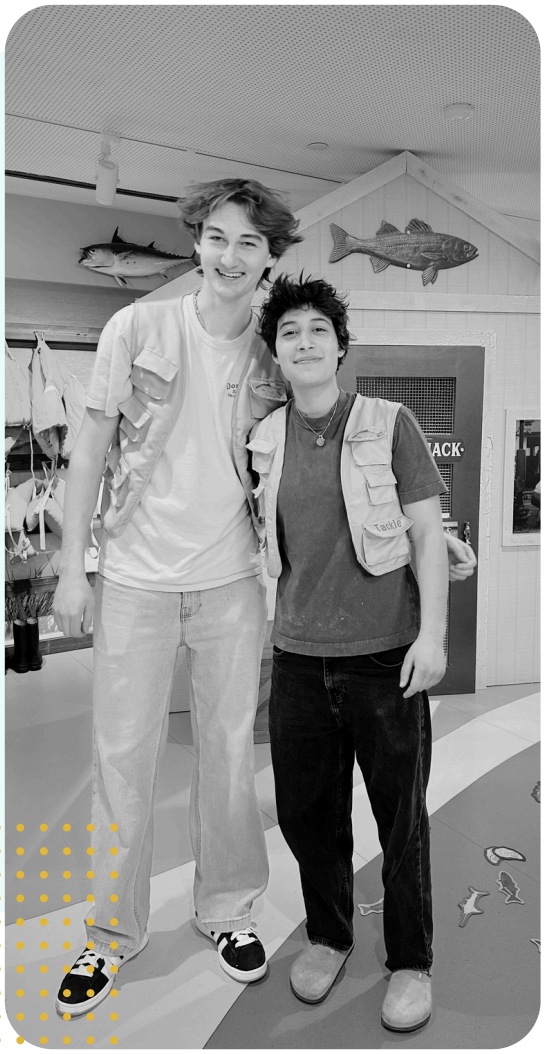
MV MUSEUM

26/27 Middle/High School 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. We are always open to hearing your new ideas for how we can collaborate! Please reach out to discuss and make plans at any point. 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 Middle & High School Curriculum

Abolition Grades 5-12
- Martha's Vineyard and the Abolition Movement: 19th-Century Agitators and Lawbreakers (FT)

Artifact Inquiry Grades 5-12
- 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)

The Chasm is Not Closed Grades 5-12
- The Story of the Oak Bluffs Civil War Soldier's Memorial: Monument, Memory and Reparations

The Chilmark Deaf Community Grades 5-12
- Everyone Spoke by Sign I: The Chilmark Deaf Community (CV)
- Everyone Spoke by Sign II: Island of Many Languages (FT)

A Voice in the Crowd Grades 5-12
- Tales of Civic Action on MV

Exploring Oral History Grades 5-12
- Oral History I: The Importance of Our Stories (FT)
- Oral History II: Recording My Story (CV)

General Museum Visit Grades 5-12
- Take some time to just enjoy touring the galleries, practice mindful looking and experience awe or wonder in your community! (FT)

Immigration Grades 5-12
- I: One Island, Many Origins (FT)
- II: What Would You Pack in your Suitcase? (CV)

Introduction to 17th Century Indigenous and European Lifeways Grades 5-12
- Part I: Noepe, 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)

Lighthouses Grades 5-8
- Changing Shores, Constant Light: The Edgartown Harbor Light OR The East Chop Light (FT)

Maritime History Grades 5-12
- Maritime Life: A Sailor's Life for Me (FT)

Research Grades 5-12
- Research at the Museum: Explore Island history through the research library, by exploring exhibits, or with the help of Museum staff. (FT)

Unfreedom Grades 8-12
- Unfreedom: Enslavement, Incarceration & Indentured Servitude on Martha's Vineyard (FT/CV)

Women's History Grades 5-12
- True Tales of Remarkable Vineyard Women (FT/CV)

Build Your Own Experience Grades 5-12
- 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. (FT)

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