



THE
ROCKWELL
MUSEUM

Second Grade Westward Expansion Tour Pre-Visit Information

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MUSEUM MANNERS

Please go over these basic rules with your students before their visit.

- Look and listen but do not touch the artwork. We have to protect the artwork in the museum so that it does not get hurt by touching it. We want the artwork to last a long time.
- Do not lean on walls or cases. Cases are boxes that contain artwork and must not be jiggled. We do not want to get fingerprints on walls or cases.
- Raise hands to speak.
- Listen carefully when others are speaking.
- Use “indoor” voices.
- Walk, do not run.
- Stay together with your class.

PLEASE NOTE

Teachers are responsible for maintaining the same discipline as you would in the classroom.

Alignment Chart for Westward Expansion

The following chart contains core content objectives addressed in the school tour for this domain.

Lessons:

1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

- Describe a pioneer family's journey westward
- Describe family life on the frontier
- Identify trains as new means of travel that increased the movement of people west
- Explain the significance of Sequoyah's invention of the Cherokee writing system
- Explain why writing was important to Sequoyah and the Cherokee
- Describe the Cherokee writing system in basic terms
- Explain that the U.S. government forced Native Americans from their lands
- Identify the Trail of Tears as a forced march of the Cherokee
- Identify the Pony Express as a horseback mail delivery system
- Identify the transcontinental railroad as a link between the East and the West

VOCABULARY

- **Collection** - A group of objects gathered together (i.e.: rocks, coins, and artwork).
- **Art Museum** - a place that protects and displays artwork that is of special interest or value.
- **Artist** - A person who makes art (drawings, paintings, sculpture, collage, pottery).
- **Native American** - The first people to live in the Americas (North, Central, and South). Native Americans are also called Indians.
- **Pioneer** - Someone who is one of the first people to move to and live in a new area.
- **Bison** - Large, shaggy mammals also known as buffalo
- **Tradition**- Repeated custom that gets passed down generation to generation.
- **Settled** – To move to a place and make it your home.
- **Wagon Train** – A line or caravan of wagons.
- **Route** – A way to get from one place to another place.
- **Relocate** – To move a home, people, or animals from one place to another place.
- **Symbol** – **Something that represents an idea or object.**
- **Transcontinental Railroad** - A railroad system that stretches all the way from the East Coast to the West Coast of the continental United States
- **Iron horse** - A nickname for the first locomotives.
- **Great Plains** – Large and fairly flat open areas with grasses but few trees.
- **Plains Indians** – Native Americans living in the Great Plains of the United States.

GEOGRAPHY REVIEW

Please use a map of the United States to point out the basic regional division of the United States.

Listening & Learning Strand for Domain 6: Native Americans

Pre-Visit Videos (Optional)

In preparation for your students visit to The Rockwell Museum, please click on the links below to view the entertaining but educational three minute video about westward expansion and 2.18 minute story about the Pony Express.

***Elbow Room* by Schoolhouse Rock.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FfoQBTPY7gk>

***Off Like the Wind – the First Ride of the Pony Express*
By Michael P. Spradin
Paintings by Layne Johnson.**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yB7VF-U_T38

We look forward to your visit. Thank you!