

Minds in Motion: Early 19th Century Toys Workshop

(Grades Pre, K, 1 & 2)

Description: Where did children buy their toys 200 years ago? Were their toys like modern day toys? These and many more questions will be answered as children step back in time to compare and contrast modern toys with popular early 19th century toys. After viewing popular modern day toys, children will discuss where they buy their toys and what types of materials are used to make the toys. Children become active participants as they learn how to play with a variety of early toys! At the end of the program students will make popular ball & cup toy.

Note to teacher: Prior to their museum visit, let the children know what to expect. They will be encouraged to talk about their favorite toys and think about what those toys are made of.

Location: Campus Martius Museum, Marietta (Washington), Ohio

Availability: Monday through Friday
September through April, by appointment

Time Allowance: 45 minutes for workshop

Cost: Add \$3.00 workshop fee to \$3.00 admission fee per student
Children age 5 and under (free admission) \$3.00 workshop fee

Social Studies Standards Addressed (by Alignment of Benchmarks and Grade-Level Indicators):

Grade K: History – B2, C4, C5a, C5b; Citizenship Rights and Responsibilities – B3

Grade 1: History – B3; Citizenship Rights and Responsibilities – B5c, B5d

Grade 2: History – C4, C5; Citizenship Rights and Responsibilities – A1b, A1c

Suggested Pre-Visit Resources:

Aurora Means Dawn by Scott Russel Sanders

The Floating House by Scott Russel Sanders

Warm as Wool by Scott Russel Sanders

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Minds in Motion: Early 19th Century Toys Workshop Vocabulary

Artifact - A material object of a culture such as a tool, an article of clothing or a prepared food.

Ball and Cup - Toy used by children with the object being to swing a ball on a string into an attached cup.

Buzz Saw - Button on a string toy.

Contrast - To show a difference by comparing.

Culture - Learned behavior of a group of people, which includes their belief systems and languages, their social relationships, their institutions and organizations, and their material goods such as food, clothing, buildings, tools, and machines.

Corn Husk Doll - A doll constructed of corn husks.

Goods - Objects that are capable of satisfying people's wants.

Handcrafted - Something that is made using one's own hands.

Jacob's Ladder - 19th century toy made of flat wooden blocks joined together which unfold like a ladder.

Natural Resource - A productive resource supplied by nature (e.g., ores, trees, arable land).

Nineteenth Century - The time period between 1800 and 1899.

Pioneer - A person who is the first to explore and settle a region.

Primary Source - An account of an event by someone who was present at the event.

Producer - A person who makes goods and services.

Scarcity - The lack of sufficient resources to produce all the goods and services that people desire.

Toy - Something for a child to play with.

Tradition - Customs, beliefs, or other knowledge that is passed down from parents to their children.

Whimmy Diddle - Toy made out of a tree branch

Whittle - To use a knife to cut or carve small pieces of wood into an object.