

Victorian Tea Party Workshop, Our House State Memorial

Description and Curriculum resources

Workshop:	Victorian Tea Party
Availability:	September, October, April, May by appointment Wednesday, Thursday or Friday 10:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Time Allowance:	2 hours on site
Cost:	\$10.00 workshop fee per student \$12.00 workshop fee per adult
Grades:	3 rd , 4 th , adaptable to all Limit 20 students per workshop

Description:

Students receive a short lesson the reasons behind English teatime, high tea, and pink teas. Tips on the proper way to act at the tea table and how the table was set are also given. Students will have some “tea” (punch) and cookies then are excused to play games. Depending on the weather, period Victorian games will be played.

Social Studies Academic Content Standards Addressed:

People in Societies (Cultures)

3rd. Compare some of the cultural practices and products of various groups of people who have lived in the local community including: artistic expression; religion; language; food

4th. Describe the cultural practices and products of various groups who have settled in Ohio over time: European immigrants;

People in Societies (Interaction)

3rd. Describe settlement patterns of various cultural groups within the local community.

Citizenship Rights and Responsibilities (Participation)

3rd. Demonstrate effective citizenship traits including: **civility**, respect for the rights and dignity of each person; volunteerism; compromise; compassion; persistence in achieving goals; civic-mindedness.

Our House Glossary:

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

ballroom. A large room for dancing.

cost. An alternative given up as the result of a decision.

country. A unit of political space, the entire land area of a nation or a state.

cultural perspective. A complex set of meanings, attitudes, values, and ideas belonging to a cultural group.

cultural practice. A pattern of behavior accepted by a society.

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.

Cushing, Henry. Builder of the tavern “Our House.”

dining room. A room in which meals are served.

entrepreneur. An individual who organizes the use of productive resources to produce goods or services.

etiquette. Conventional rules for conduct or behavior in polite society.

French five hundred. French noblemen, professionals, artisans, and families who fled France during the French Revolution and settled in Gallipolis in 1790.

Ladies’ parlor. A sitting room for receiving and entertaining guests, in this case ladies.

manners.

Our House. The Cushing Tavern built in 1819 that adapted its name from the expression “Come over to our house.”

place. A location having distinctive characteristics which give it meaning and character and distinguish it from other locations.

polite. Having or showing good manners, behaving properly.

primary source. An account of an event by someone who was present at the event.

prominent. Someone who is well-known or important.

rights. Just claims that belong to a person by law, nature, or tradition.

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

Scioto Company. A groups of people, who received from Congress, 3.5 million acres of land east of the Scioto River in southern Ohio.

secondary source. An account of an event by someone who was not present at the event.

social call. A friendly visit.

standard of living. A person’s or group’s level of material well-being, as measured by education, housing, health care, and nutrition.

taproom. A barroom, a place for serving drinks.

tavern. A hotel of former times. A place of lodging and food and drink.

tea. A meal or snack that is served in the late afternoon or early evening where tea is served.

trade-off. The sacrifice of one option for another when a decision is made.

Victorian. Referring to the time during the reign of English Queen Victoria (1837-1901).

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