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Museum on Main Street JOURNEY STORIES Web Resources

The following list of selected web sites has been assembled to assist you in researching and developing your local programs and exhibitions. The information is organized according to the themes of each section of the exhibition. If you have a web site for your institution, consider having a web special page(s) devoted to your Journey Stories programming, with some or all of the links below. Or set up a computer in your exhibition area where visitors can visit to these pages on their own.

Start with:

America on the Move

Smithsonian National Museum of American History, Behring Center

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/onthemove/>

The website for the original National Museum of American History exhibition that inspired *Journey Stories* is a great resource for researching American transportation and its profound impact on Americans, their society, their communities, and their landscape. Features include a timeline of American transportation, education resources, and highlights from the Smithsonian's transportation collections.

ONE WAY TRIP

Weber County Library

www.weberpl.lib.ut.us/content/booklists/sort/a/53

This site is a reading list from the Weber County Library in Utah. It covers youth and children's historical fiction, including the early colonial period. An internet search for historical fiction about early America will turn up lists from libraries all around the country.

American Journeys: Eyewitness Accounts of American Exploration and Settlement

www.americanjourneys.org/

Created by the Wisconsin Historical Society, the site includes eyewitness accounts of early American exploration and settlement: A comprehensive digital library and learning center.

PBS Teachers

www.pbs.org/teachers/search/

This is a general search page on the PBS website. Type in "American Colonies" to the search box and you will bring up a plethora of lesson plans and programs about all of the topics contained in this section of the exhibit. This is an amazing tool that could be used for any section in this exhibition or another exhibit you develop in the future.

Social Studies for Kids: The 13 American Colonies

www.socialstudiesforkids.com/articles/ushistory/13colonies1.htm

This is a very simple, but useable site that includes some fun activities for kids.

The History of Jamestown

The Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities

www.apva.org/history/

The site is devoted to Jamestown, its settlement and its archaeological rediscovery.

The American Colonist's Library

<http://www.constitution.org/primarysources/primarysources.html>

Maintained by a graduate student, this site contains links to hundreds of primary documents and other materials related to early American history.

ACROSS THE GREAT 'DESERT' TO THE WEST

PBS: American Experience: The West

<http://www.pbs.org/weta/thewest/program/>

This site offers a multimedia guided tour which proceeds chapter-by-chapter through each episode in the PBS series, offering selected documentary materials, archival images and commentary, as well as links to background information and other resources of the web site.

Cherokee Heritage Center, Tahlequah, Oklahoma

<http://www.cherokeeheritage.org>

This site offers annual Trail of Tears-centered activities, art and history exhibits, along with links to Cherokee military and legal documents and maps.

The Oregon Trail

<http://www.isu.edu/~trinmich/Oregontrail.html>

This comprehensive site, based on a PBS aired documentary, holds links from "fantastic facts from the trail" to extensive teacher's lesson plans, trail archive of books and journals, as well as interactive trail maps and memorabilia.

National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center

<http://www.blm.gov/or/oregontrail/>

This site from the Interpretive Center in Baker City, OR includes a comprehensive calendar of living history activities from rag rug weaving to pioneer music to journal writing.

Oakland Museum of California

<http://www.museumca.org/goldrush/>

This site serves as home base for the exhibition *GOLD FEVER! The Lure and Legacy of the California Gold Rush*, created in conjunction with the 150th anniversary of Marshall's discovery of gold. The site includes extensive curriculum resources for the classroom as well as informal learning activities and an online exhibition.

Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center

<http://greatfalls.sofast.net/z/?url=www.fs.fed.us/r1/lewisclark/lcic.htm>

Located in Great Falls, Montana, this site features excellent pre-tour activities for students and families. A broad menu of living history demonstration projects provides many ideas for ancillary activities.

Heritage Gateways: Food from the Mormon Trail

http://heritage.uen.org/resources/food_list.htm

A sesquicentennial project of the Mormon trail, including samples and recipes of foods prepared and eaten by pioneers across the plains and mountains.

RAILROADS SPAN THE NATION

American Experience: Transcontinental Railroad

<http://www.pbs.org/wqbh/amex/tcrr/>

This site accompanies the American Experience: Transcontinental Railroad documentary as shown on PBS. It includes lesson plans, bibliography and time line. 2002.

Central Pacific Railroad Photographic History Museum

<http://cpr.org/Museum/index.html>

On-line photographic exhibition of the history of the Central Pacific Railroad.

History of Railroads and Maps

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/rrhtml/rrintro.html>

A concise, illustrated review of the connection between surveying and mapping activities and the development of the railroad system.

ACCELERATED MOBILITY

Migration North to the Promised Land

Yale-New Haven Teachers Institute.

<http://www.yale.edu/ynhti/curriculum/units/1978/2/78.02.05.x.html>

An excellent 7th grade curriculum unit for social studies.

In Motion: The African American Migration Experience

The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture/New York Public Library

<http://www.inmotionaame.org/migrations/landing.cfm?migration=8&bhcp=1>

This site is organized around thirteen defining migrations that have formed and transformed African America and the nation and presents more than 16,500 pages of texts, 8,300 illustrations, and more than 60 maps.

A Brief History of the Airmail Service of the US Post Office Department

<http://www.airmailpioneers.org/history/Sagahistory.htm>

A brief history with illustrations of the Air Mail Service of the Post Office Department (May 15, 1918 -- August 31, 1927)

OUR EXPANDED WORLD

AvStop Magazine Online: Aviation History

www.avstop.com

AvStop is great resource for articles on aviation history. The site provides articles on a wide range of topics, including Women in Aviation, and American travel history.

National Air & Space Museum

<http://www.nasm.si.edu>

The Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum (NASM) maintains the largest collection of historic air and spacecraft in the world. It is also a vital center for research into the history, science, and technology of aviation and space flight. This site gives you a close look at this museum and opens doors to online exhibitions, lesson plans, and program ideas that all relate to *Journey Stories*.

<http://www.nasm.si.edu/exhibitions/gal100/gal100.html>

"Milestones of Flight" gallery exhibit features many 'firsts' in aviation history.

<http://www.nasm.si.edu/education/classroom.cfm>

Excellent compilation of online activities as well as student and teacher lessons that encourage deeper engagement with the history of American Air Travel.

http://www.nasm.si.edu/exhibitions/uhc/es_commercial_aviation.cfm

There is a new Smithsonian exhibition on commercial air travel at the Boeing Aviation Hangar. The exhibit describes how flying was new and daring in the early years of the 20th century and how traveling by airplane was rare. "Airlines, airliners, airports, air routes—none of these existed. But by century's end, you could travel to almost anywhere in America by air in a matter of hours. Commercial aviation is now both a commonplace and an essential aspect of modern life. It has revolutionized the world."

Aviation History Museum, Minnesota Department of Transportation

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/aero/aved/museum/index.htm>

A fun online resource of aviation pioneers as well as many suggested student activities, teachers' lesson plans, online games and exhibits.

"White Flight: The Effect of Minority Presence on Post World War II Suburbanization"

<http://eh.net/Clio/Publications/flight.shtml>

An online article by Eric Bickford, University of California-Berkeley, exploring the demographics of the movement of American whites to the suburbs in response to racial prejudice.

The Oklahoma Route 66 Museum.

<http://www.route66.org/index2.html>

Operated by The Oklahoma Historical Society, this museum was originally opened to the public in 1968 as the Museum of the Western Trails. The museum studies and celebrates Route 66 as well as cross-state migration.

Roadside Museum Directory from the Lincoln Highway

<http://www.lhhc.org/museum/index.asp>

Not all museums are in a building in a town. Sometimes the best way to capture an audience's attention is to take the museum to them. That is what the Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor (LHHC) has done with its 200-Mile Roadside Museum, where exhibits have been installed on or near US Route 30 along the original route of the Lincoln Highway.. The museum honors the Lincoln Highway, the nation's first coast-to-coast highway stretching from New York to San Francisco.

National Lincoln Highway Association

<http://www.lincolnhighwayassoc.org/resources/>

The Lincoln Highway was the first road across America, the famed transcontinental highway, the first practical automobile road to link the East and West coasts of the United States, The Lincoln Highway spanned almost 3400 miles, coast-to-coast, from Times Square in New York City to Lincoln Park in San Francisco, originally traveling through 13 states. This site represents the official Lincoln Highway Association and includes a nice list of online and print resources for those interested in the history of the Lincoln Highway and in traveling the highway today.