



The Detroit Historical Society looks forward to welcoming your students to our museums during the 2025-26 school year! With a variety of experiences and resources for teachers and students, we help to build historical understanding and pride for Detroit and the region you and your students call home.

- The Detroit Historical Society Education Team

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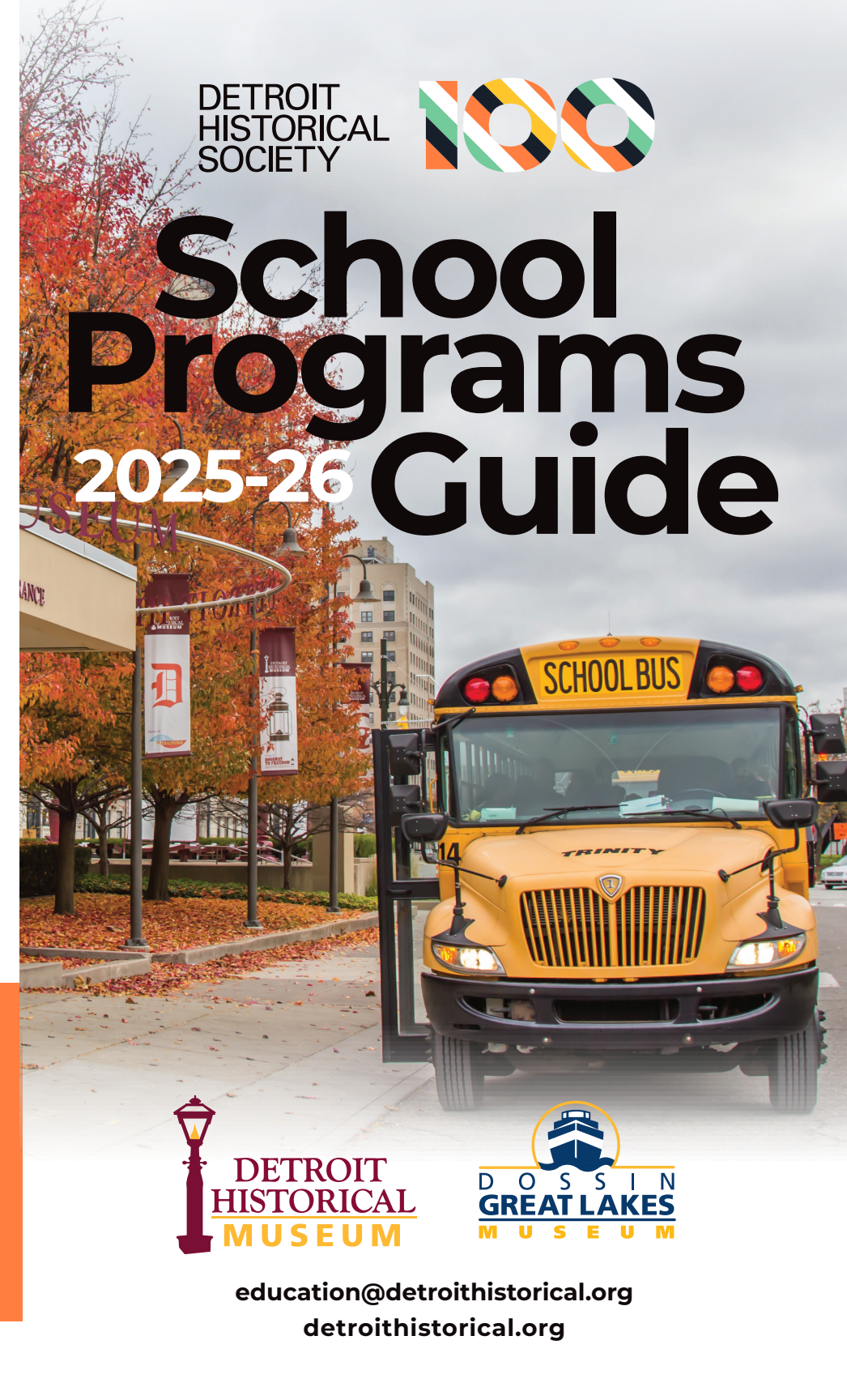
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History Tools You Can Use!

EDUCATOR RESOURCE PORTAL

Aligned with current Michigan Social Studies Curriculum, this digital destination provides teachers with resources that bring Detroit and regional history into the classroom. Look under Research & Learning for free curriculum materials, lesson plans, presentations, and other tools that engage students of all ages in history. The portal also features information on classroom outreach and professional development opportunities.

Visit detroithistorical.org/educator-portal to access these new resources developed just for you! The Educator Portal is made possible in part by a grant from Michigan Humanities, an affiliate of the National Endowment of the Humanities.



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Experiences

MUSEUM TOURS

Museum educators lead students through an interactive tour of key museum exhibits. The tours are 60-minute experiences that have been designed to meet Grade Level Content Expectations and Common Core Standards for grades pre K–12. Available at 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm Tuesday-Friday, as staffing allows.

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES

Students will explore over 1,000 years of regional history while immersing themselves in the understanding of the people who have lived here, the city's landscape, and the growth we continue to see today. \$12 per student, one free chaperone required for every 10 students, \$10 per extra chaperone. Minimum charge \$150.

DETROIT 67: PERSPECTIVES

During this facilitated experience of the *Detroit 67: Perspectives* exhibition, students will take part in discussions surrounding the significant economic, social, and cultural factors that led to the turbulent summer of 1967. *(Please note: this tour is recommended for high school and college students only).* \$16 per student, one free chaperone required for every 10 students, \$10 per extra chaperone. Maximum of 25 students. Minimum charge \$150.

AFRICAN AMERICAN PERSPECTIVES TOURS

The Detroit Historical Museum is thrilled to offer a series of tours focused on the history, experiences and enduring influence of African Americans in Detroit. Jamon Jordan, founder of the Black Scroll Network and recently designated Official Historian of the City of Detroit, will be the guide for these tours (as Jamon's schedule permits.) \$30 per person. Minimum charge \$300, maximum 30 guests. Fridays are now preferable for student tours.

MARITIME HISTORY

While at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, students will discover Detroit's connection to the Great Lakes, including use by Indigenous Peoples, regional trade and commerce, the sinking of the *Edmund Fitzgerald*, and life and leisure on the lakes. \$7 per student, one free chaperone required for every 10 students, \$7 per extra chaperone. Minimum charge \$150.

SELF-DIRECTED VISITS

We offer educators the opportunity to guide students as they explore our exhibits, examine artifacts, and uncover Detroit's history on their own.

SELF-LED VISITS

Be your own guide through Detroit History; peruse both our permanent and changing exhibitions at your pace. Be sure to check out the museum store during your trip!

Cost: DHM: \$8 per student, one free chaperone required for every 10 students, \$10 per extra chaperone, \$150 minimum charge.

DGLM: \$5 per student, one free chaperone required for every 10 students, \$5 per extra chaperone, \$100 minimum charge.

SCAVENGER HUNTS

We offer educators the opportunity to guide students as they explore our exhibits, examine artifacts, and uncover Detroit's history on their own. With a scavenger hunt experience, teachers and chaperones work with small groups of students to facilitate engagement with the museum's permanent exhibits. A scavenger hunt is a fun addition to a day at the museum!

Cost: DHM: \$10 per student, one free chaperone required for every 10 students, \$10 per extra chaperone, \$150 minimum charge.

DGLM: \$6 per student, one free chaperone required for every 10 students, \$6 per extra chaperone, \$100 minimum charge.

STORYLIVING

Bring history to life by booking a StoryLiving program at the Detroit Historical Museum or in the comfort of your classroom. In these interactive programs, a professional storyteller shares Detroit history with your students using drama, group pantomime, role playing, songs, and creative problem-solving. Topics include:

1) **Underground Railroad** 2) **The Great Migration** 3) **The Great Fire** tailored to any age group.

Capacity: Maximum 120 students

Cost: \$400 at the Detroit Historical Museum, \$450 at your school plus \$50 staff travel time for venues farther than 30 miles from the Detroit Historical Museum.

HOMESCHOOL DAYS

Families can participate in a fantastic group tour of the museum. Pre-registration is required at detroithistorical.org.

Tours at the Detroit Historical Museum:

Thursdays, January 8 & May 7

Tours at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum:

Tuesdays, January 13 & May 19

Time: 1:30pm-3pm

Cost: \$12 per child, one free chaperone required for every 10 students, \$10 per extra chaperones

MICHIGAN HISTORY DAY, MARCH 7, 2026

Michigan History Day® is a year-long educational program of the Historical Society of Michigan that encourages students to explore local, state, national, and world history. Winners of the state-level Michigan History Day competition in the Junior and Senior categories move on to compete in National History Day in College Park, Maryland.



This year's theme is **Revolution, Reaction and Reform**. Your topic may focus on any geographic area, historical period, event, group, or individual, but it must relate back to the annual theme. Visit <https://mi-mhdd10.nhd.org> to learn more and get involved. The Detroit Historical Society is excited to host District 10 again on March 7, 2026! For more information, contact kimmiew@detroithistorical.org.

For more information about our tours and education options, go to **SCHOOL TOURS & PROGRAMS** on our website under **RESEARCH & LEARNING**.

If you have further questions, please email education@detroithistorical.org or call 313.833.1801