

Hands-On- History School Programs
Pre-Visit Information

Putting Your Life in a Box

A CCHS staff member will visit your classroom on _____.
They will arrive at _____ and depart at _____.
(Expect the staff member to arrive 5-15 minutes early for set up.)

Program Summary:

Students will help pack an immigrant trunk. They must choose what items to bring with them to America and what to leave behind – not everything will fit in the trunk! Students are asked to think about what types of things immigrants would want to bring with them when they move to a new country where they have never been before. This activity is designed to encourage students to think about what it is like to leave a place you have always called home for a new one in a strange country.

Vocabulary/Concepts:

The following words and terms will be used in the program. It is beneficial if your students are introduced to these prior to their participation in the program. This will help your students gain a better understanding of the concepts in the lesson.

Immigration
Immigrant
Country
Europe
United States
Minnesota
Needs vs. Wants

Pre-Visit Activity

Please make copies of the enclosed map for students. Ask them to take the maps home and, working with a family member, color in the countries from which their ancestors came. It is sometimes fun to use different colors to differentiate between from where each side of the family emigrated.

Nametags:

Please have each student wear a nametag. This will help the staff member call on students and personalize their experience.

We look forward to visiting your classroom. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact our Education Coordinator at 952-442-4234 or e-mail at education@co.carver.mn.us.

