



Connecting with your Curriculum

Ulster American Folk Park

Primary Level
Republic of Ireland

HISTORY

STORY: STORIES FROM THE LIVES OF THE PAST

The Thomas Mellon story (max. 40 pupils)

Pupils visit the house where he was born and his church. They find out about the voyage, and investigate life in the log cabin and in the two storey farmhouse.

The Robert Campbell story (max. 40 pupils)

Explore his birthplace, find out about the voyage across the Atlantic Ocean and his dashing life in the Rocky Mountains as a beaver trapper and trader.

The Story of John Hughes: Archbishop of New York (max. 40 pupils)

Explore his boyhood home from County Monaghan and the Tullyallen Mass House. Find out about linen spinning, the journey to America, his career and his work with the Famine immigrants in New York.

LIFE, SOCIETY, WORK AND CULTURES IN THE PAST: LIFE IN THE 19TH CENTURY

Rural Ulster Winter Workshops (3 hour sessions)

Old World workshops provide hands-on practical experience of traditional crafts and agricultural/domestic skills which were a vital part of life in this country. Pupils work in small groups, usually in the authentic surroundings of the Old World buildings.

Emigrant Journey Re-enactment (max. 30 pupils)

Pupils re-enact the journey from their thatched cottage home along the roads to the port area, where they board the 'Brig Union' bound for Baltimore. Pupils re-live the shipboard experience and finish with arrival in America.

Going to Town (max. 60 pupils)

This programme looks at the commercial life of a late 19th century town. It includes a study of original Victorian shop-fronts; the craft of the saddler, rope maker, printer; the services of the chemist, pawnbroker and postmaster.

Also available

Rural Ulster Study programme, Hallowe'en Festival, Christmas programme.



ERAS OF CHANGE AND CONFLICT: GREAT FAMINE

Hawthorn Days (max. 100 pupils – upper primary)

Is your class reading 'Under the Hawthorn Tree' or 'Wildflower Girl'?

Then live out the experience in authentic 19th century surroundings at the Folk Park.

- Discover Mary Kate Conway's secret cures.
- Taste famine foods such as yellow meal gruel and soup.
- Visit the land agent's house.
- Travel on the emigrant ship.
- Watch out for tricksters and pick-pockets.
- Find out what's cooking in America.
- Follow up leaflet available.

Flight from Famine - 2 day residential programme (age 10-12 only)

Day one - pupils are based in the exhibit buildings of the Folk Park with each pupil adopting the role of an emigrant in Famine times and participating in a variety of practical tasks and decision making.

Day two - pupils examine other perspectives on Famine emigration such as the landowners, shipping companies and government.

ERAS OF CHANGE AND CONFLICT: TRADERS, EXPLORERS AND COLONISERS FROM EUROPE

Early American Frontier (max. 120 pupils)

An in-depth study of the American exhibits, including the Conestoga wagon, the log cabin, the Fulton Stone House, American farm buildings and two log farmhouses. An audio-visual presentation 'Eastern Woodland Indians', lasting 25 minutes can be shown on request as part of your visit.

New World Winter Workshops

American workshops provide hands-on practical experience of traditional crafts and agricultural/domestic skills which were a vital part of the life of the frontier settlers. These 3 hour sessions, which usually take place in the American log buildings, include pioneer cooking, farmhouse chores, textiles and patchwork, woodcraft and tinsmithing.



ERAS OF CHANGE CONTINUITY AND CHANGE OVER TIME:

SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION

School role play (min. 10, max. 30 pupils)

In depth study of 19th century schoolhouse and schooldays. Work and play of a typical day in an 1850s National School. Activities include learning by rote; toeing the line; writing with quill-pens and slate pencils; and participating in traditional games at break time. Pupils are encouraged to wear traditional costume to enhance the experience.

MATHEMATICS TRAILS

Specially written for the Folk Park by staff from the local Education Board, these trails help pupils reinforce mathematical concepts in a novel and unusual setting. The trails deal with such concepts as number, symmetry, time, estimation, shape and angles. Maximum of 60 pupils per trail.

Based in Shipbuoy street, the Ship and Dockside gallery and the American street the following trails are available:

The Red Trail for pupils with special needs

The Blue Trail for pupils aged 7-9 years

The Gold Trail for pupils aged 9-11 years (also available in Irish)

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

Living Lightly Environmental Trail (max. 60 pupils)

This activity-based outdoor programme examines how the emigrants used, and adapted to, their environments before and after emigration. It has been specially designed to allow opportunities to focus on issues of sustainable development. (Available May, June and September only)

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Please book at least one month in advance.

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