



ACWM Student and Youth Programs

All Virginia public school teachers and students will receive free admission and programming through June 2022 at all three sites.

Contact us for information about scheduling availability at youthprograms@acwm.org, 804-649-1861 ext. 122. Programming depends on staff availability. Reservations must be booked at least two weeks in advance. Reservations made fewer than two weeks in advance are reviewed on a case-by-base basis.

The American Civil War Museum currently offers the following programs for student or youth groups.

In-Museum Programs

Museum educators will lead your students through dialogic programs that challenge students to broaden their understanding of the American Civil War and its legacies.

Historic Tredegar, 480 Tredegar Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219

"A People's Contest" Exhibit Tour

Our permanent exhibit provides students the opportunity to learn about the Civil War through multiple perspectives. With the help of a museum educator students will learn about how soldiers and civilians struggled and prevailed through the Civil War.

Length: 30 minutes

Standards: VS.7, VUS.7, USI.9

Artifact Investigation

What can objects tell us about the past that documents can't? This hands-on program invites students to use their imagination and creativity to investigate reproductions of Civil War artifacts. Through these objects students will learn about the experiences of different historical figures from the Civil War.

Standards: VS.7, VUS.7, USI.9

Brown's Island Tour

Situated right across the street from Historic Tredegar, Brown's Island encapsulates the experiences of everyday Richmonders during the Civil War. Through this tour, students will



recognize how studying local history can introduce new perspectives and shape our understanding of the Civil War.

Length: 45 minutes

Standards: VS.7, VUS.7, USI.9

Medicine in the Civil War

Why did more soldiers die from disease than in battle? Explore the legacy of the Civil War in modern medicine through this engaging and interactive program. Students will learn about the critical advancements made by doctors and nurses during the war as well as the diseases that caused the high death toll.

Length: 45 minutes

Standards: VS.7, VUS.7, USI.9

Appomattox, 159 Horseshoe Rd, Appomattox, VA 24522

Cabin Tour

Our Cabin Program briefly shares the history of the Robertson cabin as a historical artifact. It then discusses daily life and economics in mid-19th century rural Virginia by utilizing various features of the cabin itself as well as foodstuffs, tools, and other objects.

Length: 30 minutes

Standards: VS.7, VUS.7, USI.9

Civil War Geography

This program is designed to help students understand the geography of Virginia in relation to the Civil War. They will explore how the geography and climate of the state impacted the movement of people, the use of land, the war effort, and how the war shaped the natural environment. This program can be tailored to have both a Virginia or national focus.

Length: 30 minutes

Standards: VS.7, VUS.7, USI.9

Exhibit Tour

Explore the overlapping stories of the end of the Civil War and the reunification of a nation through artifacts, photographs, and documents in the Museum's permanent exhibit.

Length: 30 minutes

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Collaborative options with the National Park Service

Experience a multi-site field trip with ACWM-Appomattox and Appomattox Court House National Historical Park.

White House of the Confederacy, 1201 East Clay Street, Richmond, VA 23219

White House of the Confederacy Tour

A museum educator will guide your students through the house that served as the home of Jefferson Davis, the president of the Confederacy. Embedded within the history of the house are the stories of enslaved men and women who took immense risks to seek their freedom.

Length: 45 minutes

Standards: VS.7, VUS.7, USI.9

Self-Guided Exhibit Tours

Historic Tredegar and Appomattox

Delve into the Civil War at your own pace with specially designed materials or teachers, chaperones, and students. Our chaperone guide includes stopping points with curated questions that cultivate a greater understanding of the artifacts featured in the exhibit.

Virtual Programs

The museum can host programs via Zoom, Google Meet, Microsoft Teams or through a school-dictated platform.



Artifact Investigation

What can objects tell us about the past that documents can't? This virtual program challenges students to re-conceptualize their understanding of artifacts by placing them in a broader context. Through activities and compelling discussions students will leave the program with an understanding of how objects can provide us with a greater insight into the past.

Length: 30–45 minutes

Standards: VS.7, VUS.7, USI.9

Seizing Freedom

What does it mean to be free? This dialogic program introduces students to updated terminology used to recount the horrors of slavery and stories of emancipation. Students will also learn about and engage in discussions about the conditionality of freedom through artifacts from the ACWM's own collection.

Length: 30–45 minutes

Standards: VS.7, VUS.7, USI.9, USII.3, CE.3

Reconstruction

How do we remember Reconstruction? This program addresses the events that occurred in the aftermath of the Civil War and how they transformed the nation's political, social, and cultural landscapes. Through interactive activities and engaging discussions this program will cultivate students' critical thinking skills and inspire them to broaden their understanding of Reconstruction.

Length: 30–45 minutes

Standards: VS.7, VUS.7, USI.9, USII.3, USII.4, CE.2, CE.3

Virtual Tour and Question & Answer Session

For groups that are not able to visit in-person, take a virtual trip through any of our sites! We can tailor these tours to emphasize certain subjects or interests. We can also host Q&A sessions with your students after the tour.

In-School Programs

Artifact Investigation

The Artifacts Investigation program utilizes artifact reproductions, documents, and research questions related to real historical women and men from the Civil War Era to help students learn about the research process and develop critical thinking skills.

Standards: VS.7, VUS.7, USI.9