

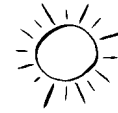
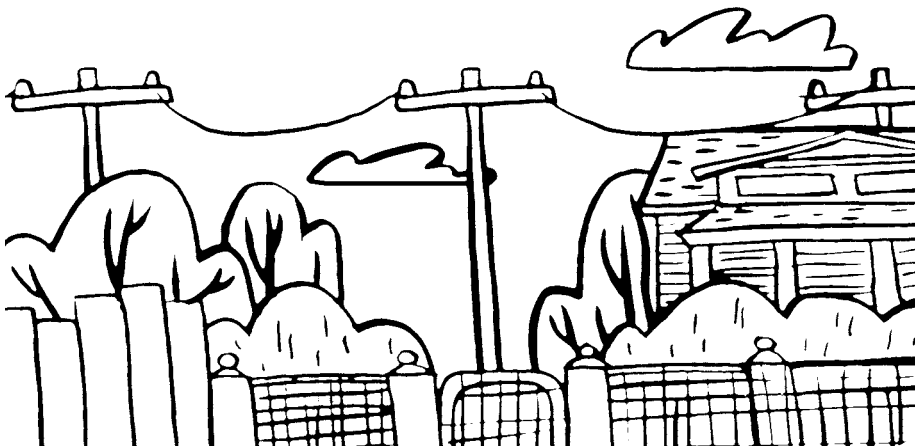
Open House: If These Walls Could Talk

Make your way through the hallway to the Frascone's kitchen.
Ask your group the following questions:

- Do you have a kitchen in your home?
- Does your kitchen have a kitchen table in it?
- The Frascone's were an Italian family. They liked foods like spaghetti, garlic bread, and pizza.
- What's your favorite food to eat in your kitchen?
- Show me what you would do with your voice and your body if you had just finished eating your favorite food in this kitchen.

Go to the garden section of the gallery by heading through the hallway and the Hmong living room; you'll be near the gallery entrance. Instruct your group to do the following:

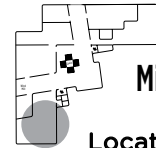
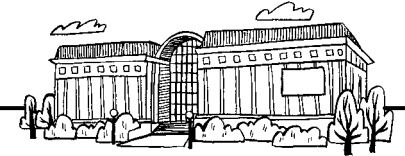
- Many of the families that lived in this house planted gardens. Let's pretend to plant a garden like they did.
- First, we will dig a hole with our imaginary shovels.
- Next, we will drop some seeds in the hole.
- What kind of seed are you planting?
- Now, let's use our shovels to cover the seeds with dirt.
- Finally, we will give the seeds some water with our imaginary hoses.
- Don't forget to turn the hose off!



Help your students explore the Minnesota History Center museum!

In each exhibit, **follow the bold instructions** to guide students to a particular location. Once there, ask the accompanying questions and encourage students to interact with the exhibit, use their imaginations, and connect to Minnesota history.

EXPLORE! And have fun!



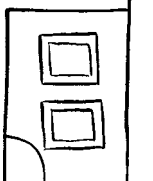
Minnesota's Greatest Generation

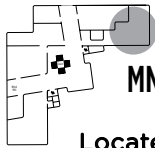
Locate the baby cribs at the beginning of the gallery under the title "A Generation is Born." Ask your group the following questions:

- Were you ever small enough to fit in one of these cribs?
- What are some of the noises you would make if you were still a baby?
- Do any of you have a little baby brother or sister at home?
- Do you like being a big brother or sister? Why or why not?
- Pretend you are holding a baby in your arms. How would you do this?

Locate the Northwest Airlines airplane stairs near the end of the gallery. Instruct your group to sit on them, and ask the following questions:

- Have you ever been on a plane before?
- Have you ever seen a plane in the sky? What did it sound like?
- If you could take a plane anywhere in the world, where would you go?
- Show me how you would wave goodbye to me if you were going on the trip right now.





MN150

Locate the blue Greyhound bus at the entrance to the gallery. Ask your group the following questions:

- Have you ever been on a bus before? What color was it?
- Have you ever been on a blue bus before?
- This bus is called a Greyhound bus. It's named after a type of dog, called a greyhound. Can you find a picture of a dog on the bus?
- Let's pretend to be bus drivers and drive our imaginary buses over to the canoe hanging from the ceiling.

Locate the canoe hanging from the ceiling and gather your group beneath it. Point out the paddle and the sculpture of the voyageurs in the display cases. Ask your group the following questions:

- Have you ever been in a boat before? What was it like?
- Have you ever paddled in a canoe before?
- Let's pretend we're holding paddles in a canoe. Pretend to paddle on the left side of the canoe. Now pretend to paddle on the right side of the canoe.
- Let's keep pretending to paddle our imaginary canoes and go past the cow.
- Moo to the cow as we pass by it.



Weather Permitting

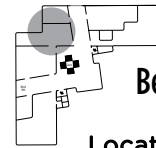
Gather at the ice castle in the center of the gallery and press the button to light up the model. Instruct your group to do the following:

- What colors do you see in the ice castle?
Call them out when you see them.

Locate the picnic table near the back of the gallery. Instruct your group to sit on the benches and look up at the tornado. Ask your group the following questions:

- Have you ever been in a rainstorm?
- Have you ever seen lightning or heard thunder?
- What sound does thunder make? Make that sound now.

- Were you afraid?
- Look up high in the house, can you find the piano?
- How do you think that piano got into the bathroom up there?



Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World

Locate the "Useful Knowledge" section at the back of the gallery by the large picture of the laboratory. Ask your group the following questions:

- Benjamin Franklin was a scientist and an inventor! He thought of lots of new ways to do things.
- All of the things in this section are tools he used and inventions he came up with.
- Have you ever seen tools that look like these before?
- If you could come up with any invention, what would your invention do?
- What would you name your invention?
- What would your invention sound like? Make that sound now.

Locate "Seeing Franklin" near the exit to the gallery. Ask your group the following questions:

- Of all the pictures of Benjamin Franklin you see here, which one do you like the most? Why?
- Can you make your face look just like his does in your favorite picture?
- In what ways does Benjamin Franklin look different than you do? (Hints: Does he look older or younger than you? Is his hair shorter or longer? Do his clothes look like yours?)
- If someone painted a picture of you how would you stand? Can you stand that way now? What would you wear?

