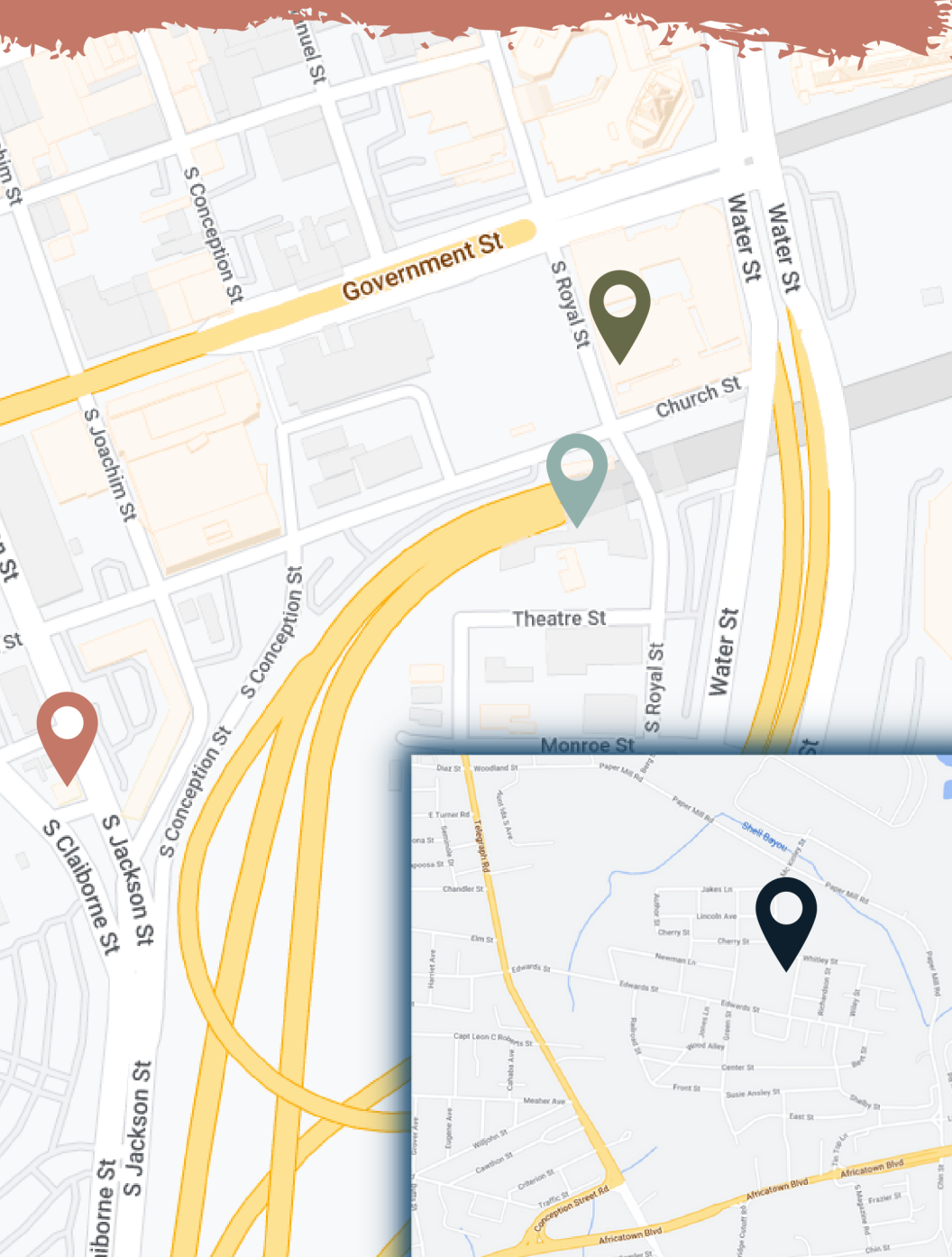




School Tour Planner

2023-2024

Four Historical Locations





History Museum of Mobile

111 South Royal Street

Over 20,000 square feet of artifacts, text, audio, video, and hands on interactives in the History Museum of Mobile bring Mobile's history to life. Our special exhibition galleries also change periodically so visitors discover something new with each returning visit.



Colonial Fort Condé

150 South Royal Street

Colonial Fort Condé is a modern replica of the French fort that once stood in the same location over two hundred years ago. This 4/5 scale section of the fort serves as a museum for Mobile's Colonial history.



Phoenix Fire Museum

111 South Royal Street

The Phoenix Fire Museum traces the history of firefighting in Mobile from its beginnings to the present. Visitors can explore antique fire trucks and fascinating equipment.



Clotilda: The Exhibition

AT AFRICATOWN HERITAGE HOUSE

2465 Winbush Street | (251) 206-5268

Africatown Heritage House is the home of *Clotilda: The Exhibition*. This exhibition tells the story of the 110 remarkable people who survived the voyage of the *Clotilda*, the last known slave ship to enter the United States. The exhibition highlights their West Africa beginnings, their time of enslavement, their creation of the Africatown community, and the discovery of the shipwreck.



Call for admission rates. Group rates available.

Please call (251) 301-0270 for more information.

For information on *Clotilda: The Exhibition*, please call (251) 206-5268.

Museums may be closed on select city holidays.

School Programs

School tours are led by museum staff and are available for visitors from preschool through high school. Tours require a minimum of 10, and a chaperone is needed for every 10 students. Tours are available Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. All tours must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance. Large groups may need to visit the museum in shifts.

Tours may be selected from those listed on the next couple of pages. We can also collaborate with educators to create a tour that is suitable for students with special needs. **Tours and school programs were developed to support Alabama Course of Study Content Standards.**

To book a tour of History Museum of Mobile, Colonial Fort Conde, or Phoenix Fire Museum, please call (251) 301-0270 or email our Curator of Education, Jennifer Theeck, at theeckj@historymuseumofmobile.com

To schedule a guided tour of Africatown Heritage House, please call (251) 206-5268. School tours will begin in January of 2024.



History Museum of Mobile

Eye Spy Scavenger Hunt

1 hour (Preschool - 3rd Grade)

This visual scavenger hunt is designed with young learners in mind. On this artifact finding adventure, we teach students about museums and how they care for the artifacts in their collections. Students also try the museum's interactive exhibit components. When the scavenger hunt is completed, all students get a small prize!



Footsteps Through Time Scavenger Hunt Tour

1.5 hours (4th Grade - 8th Grade)

This scavenger hunt through the permanent exhibit, *Old Ways, New Days: The Story of Mobile*, is designed for cooperative learning. Students discover Mobile history by working together to find the answers to the questions in the exhibit. The tour can also include the museum's upstairs thematic exhibits. When the scavenger hunt is completed, all students get a small prize!



Permanent Exhibits Tour

1.5 hours (9th Grade - 12th Grade)

This is a lecture-discussion tour of the museum's permanent exhibits. Students will also have the opportunity to try the museum's interactive exhibit components.

Special Exhibition Tour

1/2 - 1 hour

The type of tour and the grade levels that it is appropriate for will depend upon the exhibition. See the final pages of this planner for the exiting exhibits on display this year!

Behind the Scenes Tour

1/2 - 1 hour (9th Grade - 12th Grade)

This tour will get an exclusive look at the museum's amazing Collection Storage Area. Group size is limited to 15 students, 2 chaperones are required.

Colonial Fort Condé

Guided Tour

1 hour (4th Grade - 12th Grade)

Discover Mobile's colonial era history at this replica fort. Tour includes the fort museum, grounds, and upper level observation deck.



Phoenix Fire Museum

Housed in the restored home of the Phoenix Volunteer Fire Company No. 6, the Phoenix Fire Museum includes turn-of-the-century horse-drawn steam engines and early motorized vehicles. The gallery on the Second Floor recounts the history of the volunteer fire companies of Mobile from their organization in 1888. Groups that exceed 40 people (including teachers and chaperones) will need to visit the museum in shifts.

Guided Tour

1/2 hour (Preschool - 12th Grade)

Students will learn about the history of firefighting in Mobile and discover antique fire trucks and equipment.



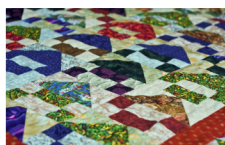
Phoenix Fire Museum Scavenger Hunt Tour

1/2 hour (Preschool - 3rd Grade)

On this artifact finding adventure, we teach students about what museums do and what artifacts are. Students then look through the Phoenix Fire Museum's exhibits to find special artifacts. When the scavenger hunt is completed, all students get a small prize!

Making History Classroom Program

Students visit the museum classroom to complete a take-home project that will complement their tour. Education staff members facilitate the lesson. This option costs just \$1.00 per student.



Quilt Squares (30 min)

Recommended grades K-6

Students will learn about the designs, symbolism, and historical significance of quilts as they create their own quilt square.



Trade Beads (30 min)

Recommended grades 3-9

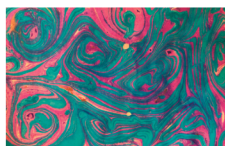
Students will learn about the history of trade beads and their significance in the colonization of the New World as they make their own trade bead bracelet.



Quill Pens (30 min)

Recommended grades 3-9

Students will learn about the history of writing as they make their own quill pen and then put it to the test.



Marbled Paper Activity (30 min)

Recommended grades 4-12

Students will learn the history and secrets of the ancient art of paper marbling and then use authentic methods to make their own marbled paper.



Native American Pottery (1 hour)

Recommended grades 4-12

Students will learn about the types of pottery made by the Native Americans, the first people to live in the Mobile Bay area. They will follow directions to make their own pottery using the same techniques as the Native Americans.



African Masks (1 hour)

Recommended grades K-12

Students will learn about African masks from the museum's collection and how they are important to various African cultures. They will then make a mask of their own using some of the symbolism and design features found in African masks.



Lunch (30 min)

Weather-permitting, you may eat inside the museum's outdoor courtyard. Space can also be reserved inside the museum.

Hands-on History Outreach Program

HISTORY BASED ACTIVITIES BROUGHT TO YOUR CLASSROOM!

Each activity supports Alabama Course of Study content standards for Social Studies and/or Visual Arts. We will bring the necessary supplies to your classroom, and we set up and conduct the activity. Choose from one of the five options listed below.



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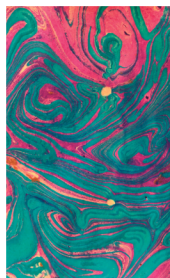
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If funding is available, Title I schools in Mobile County are eligible for these programs free of charge. Other schools will pay a nominal fee of \$1 per student (to cover the cost of transportation and supplies).

Events & Special Exhibitions

Colonial Day at Fort Condé

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2024

9:00 AM — 1:00 PM

Bring your class to see what life was like in Colonial Mobile at this FREE educational event. Talk to re-enactors, watch demonstrations, churn butter, do laundry on a wooden washboard, play colonial games, and more!

Please call (251) 301-0270 for more information or to make a reservation.



Hubble Space Telescope Exhibit from NASA

SEPTEMBER 29, 2023 — JANUARY 7, 2024

HISTORY MUSEUM OF MOBILE

The Hubble Space Telescope Traveling Exhibit is a 2,200-square-foot exhibit that immerses visitors in the magnificence and mystery of the Hubble mission and introduces the James Webb Space Telescope. The exhibit features a scale model of the Hubble Space Telescope as well as several “satellite” units that not only provide viewers with a hands-on experience with the same technology that allows Hubble to gaze at distant galaxies, but also feature Hubble’s contributions to the exploration of planets, stars, galaxies and the universe. Exhibit viewers will also learn about the various instruments aboard the telescope. The exhibit contains images and data taken by Hubble of planets, galaxies, regions around black holes and many other fascinating cosmic entities that have captivated the minds of scientists for centuries.

This exhibition is suitable for elementary, middle and high school students and supports the Alabama Course of Study Content Standards listed below.

SCIENCE:

- 1st Grade: 2, 8
- 5th Grade: 12, 13
- 6th Grade: 2, 3

EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCE:

- 9th – 12th: 2, 3, 6



The Global Language of Headwear

MARCH 15, 2024 — JUNE 7, 2024

HISTORY MUSEUM OF MOBILE

The Global Language of Headwear: Cultural Identity, Rites of Passage, and Spirituality is a traveling exhibition that features 87 hats and headdresses from 42 countries. It is a tribute to the stunning diversity of the world’s cultures. More than utilitarian objects, each hat is a work of art, not merely due to the skill required to make it, but also as an expression of creativity and meaning. The exhibition is organized into five thematic sections: Cultural Identity; Power, Prestige, and Status; Ceremonies and Celebrations; Spiritual Beliefs; and Protection. Hats and headdresses communicate timeless ideas—not only of beauty, but also of what it means to be human.

This exhibition is suitable for elementary, middle, and high school students and supports the Alabama Course of Study Content Standards listed below:

VISUAL ARTS:

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| • Kindergarten: 15 | • 5th Grade: 7, 9 |
| • 1st Grade: 9, 15 | • 6th Grade: 9, 10 |
| • 2nd Grade: 15 | • 7th Grade: 9, 15 |
| • 3rd Grade: 10 | • 8th Grade: 10, 15 |
| • 4th Grade: 11, 15 | • 9th—12th Grade: Novice: 8, 9 |





Clotilda: The Exhibition

AFRICATOWN HERITAGE HOUSE

Africatown Heritage House is a new site of the History Museum of Mobile located in the heart of historic Africatown adjacent to the Mobile County Training School and the Robert L. Hope Community Center.

This museum is the home of *Clotilda*: The Exhibition which tells the story of the 110 remarkable men, women and children who endured the voyage of the last known slave ship to land in the United States. The exhibition highlights their beginnings in West Africa, their time of enslavement, and their creation of the settlement of Africatown. The last part of the exhibition is about the identification of the sunken schooner. Pieces of the *Clotilda*, recovered from the shipwreck, are on display in the exhibition and are on loan from the Alabama Historical Commission.

Guided tours for school groups will begin in January of 2024. Call (251) 206-5268 to make a reservation.

This exhibition is suitable for 4th grade students and up and supports the Alabama Course of Study Content Standards listed below.

SOCIAL STUDIES:

- 4th Grade: 6, 9, 10
- 5th Grade: 6, 11, 12
- 6th Grade: 9
- 7th Grade Civics: 11
- 7th Grade Geography: 1
- 9th Grade World History 1500 to the Present: 10
- 10th Grade U.S. History I: 1, 9, 13





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AFRICATOWN HERITAGE HOUSE

Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

History Museum of Mobile
111 South Royal Street
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ATTENTION TEACHERS