Traveling Educational Trunks across Montana

Cultural Resources: Archaeology and History

A Guide to Educational Trunks for the Teaching of Archaeology and History in Montana Schools

On MAS website at: www.mtarchaeologicalsociety.org
A Child's View of Bannack
Items included are based on sights, sounds, and activities a child may have experienced in Bannack while attending school, playing, or working. The time frame most represented is 1862 through the late 1800s. Some 20th century representation is given.

Grade level: 4–8
Contact: Bannack State Park, 4200 Bannack Road, Dillon, MT 59725, (406) 834–3413
bannack@smtel.com
Cost: Return postage via UPS or U.S. Mail, insurance recommended

Architecture: It's All Around You
In every town and city, Montana is rich in historic architecture. This footlocker explores the different architectural styles and elements of buildings, including barns, grain elevators, railroad stations, houses, and stores, plus ways in which we can keep those buildings around for future generations.

Grade level: K–12
Contact: Education Outreach Coordinator, Montana Historical Society, PO Box 201201, Helena, MT 59620–1201, (406) 444–4789
mhseducation@mt.gov
Cost: Return shipping via UPS

Cavalry and Infantry: The U.S. Military on the Montana Frontier
Describes the role of the army and the life of the enlisted man during frontier times. Includes artifacts, clothing (students may try on), photos, a cassette music tape, a video tape, and a curricular package.

Grade level: K–12, with a focus on 3–5
Contact: Education Outreach Coordinator, Montana Historical Society, PO Box 201201, Helena, MT 59620–1201, (406) 444–4789
mhseducation@mt.gov
Cost: Return shipping via UPS

Coming to Montana: Immigrants from Around the World
Montana, not unlike the rest of America, is a land of immigrants, people who came from all over the world in search of their fortunes and a better way of life. This footlocker showcases the culture, countries, traditions, and foodways of these immigrants through reproduction artifacts, clothing, toys, and activities.

Grade level: K–12, with a focus on 3–6
Contact: Education Outreach Coordinator, Montana Historical Society, PO Box 201201, Helena, MT 59620–1201, (406) 444–4789
mhseducation@mt.gov
Cost: Return shipping via UPS

Contemporary American Indians in Montana
Highlights the renaissance of Montana's Indian cultures and tribal efforts to maintain their identities and traditions.

Grade level:
Contact: Education Outreach Coordinator, Montana Historical Society, PO Box 201201, Helena, MT 59620–1201, (406) 444–4789
mhseducation@mt.gov
Cost: Return shipping via UPS

The Cowboy Artist: A View of Montana History
Over 40 Charles M. Russell prints, a slide show, cowboy songs, and hands-on artifacts are used as a window into Montana history. This footlocker will discuss Russell's art and how he interpreted aspects of Montana history, including the Lewis and Clark expedition, cowboy and western life, and Montana's Indians. Students will learn art appreciation skills and learn how to interpret paintings, in addition to creating their own watercolor masterpieces on Montana history topics. Includes curriculum packet.

Grade level: K–12
Contact: Education Outreach Coordinator, Montana Historical Society, PO Box 201201, Helena, MT 59620–1201, (406) 444–4789
mhseducation@mt.gov
Cost: Return shipping via UPS
Crow and Northern Cheyenne Traveling Trunks
These trunks were created to help tell the stories of the nomadic tribes who once roamed the Northern Plains. One traveling trunk has information specific to the Northern Cheyenne and another is specific to the Crow. It discusses the history of the Plains Indians, including how family members spent their days, community and tribal organization, origin stories, tipi design, the importance of the buffalo in daily life, plants, clothing and beadwork. Includes artifacts, clothing (students may try on), books, and a curricular package.

Grade level: K–8, with focus on 2–8
Contact: Museum of the Rockies, Education Department, Lending Library, 600 W. Kagy Blvd, Bozeman, MT 59717, (406) 994–5257
visitmor@montana.edu
Cost: $25 per week (5 classroom days) plus shipping

Dinosaurs
This trunk provides activities and lesson plans pertaining to dinosaurs in Montana, especially those in the Glendive/Makoshika State Park area. Included are posters, bones, videos, interpretive and educational lesson plans. This trunk is especially engaging for younger students, although older students will also find the trunk educational. The cost’s to ship may be reduced if a number of classrooms, schools, or organizations in an area arrange to share the trunk for a few weeks, transporting it from one place to another as needed.
Grade level: K–12; emphasis toward K–6
Contact: Makoshika State Park, 1301 Snyder Ave, PO Box 1242, Glendive, MT 59330, (406) 377–6256
Cost: Free to use, Requestor pays shipping

Discover the Corps of Discovery: The Lewis and Clark Expedition in Montana
Focuses on the Corps of Discovery’s journey through Montana and their encounters with Native Americans. Includes objects Lewis & Clark brought West as well as those acquired on the journey. Also included are prints and books written at various grade levels, and a curriculum guide.
Grade level: K–12
Contact: Education Outreach Coordinator, Montana Historical Society, PO Box 201201, Helena, MT 59620–1201, (406) 444–4789,
mhseducation@mt.gov
Cost: Return shipping via UPS

Dinosaur Basics Kit
Because of new discoveries, our understanding of dinosaurs is constantly changing. This section contains information and activities designed to introduce educators and students to the most up–to–date understanding of the definition of a dinosaur, what we think we know and how we know what we know about dinosaurs. Kit contains plastic animals for identification, real dinosaur fossils, cloth dinosaur femur replicas, books, curriculum guide and DVD’s.
Grade level: K–8
Contact: Western Heritage Center, 2822 Montana Ave, Billings, MT 59101 (406)256–6809
joyce@ywhc.org
Cost: Return shipping via UPS

Daily Life on the Plains: 1820–1900
Developed by Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, this footlocker includes items used by American Indians, such as a painted deerskin robe, parfleche, war regalia case, shield, Indian games, and many creative and educational curriculum materials. Includes artifacts, clothing (students may try on), photos, a cassette music tape, and a curricular package.
Grade level: K–12, with a focus on 3–5
Contact: Education Outreach Coordinator, Montana Historical Society, PO Box 201201, Helena, MT 59620–1201, (406)444–4789,
mhseducation@mt.gov
Cost: Return shipping via UPS
East Meets West: The Chinese Experience in Montana

The Chinese were one of the largest groups of immigrants that flocked to Montana during the 1800s in search of gold, however only a few remain today. Lessons explore who came to Montana and why, the customs that they brought with them to America, how they contributed to Montana communities, and why they left.

*Grade level:*

*Contact:* Education Outreach Coordinator, Montana Historical Society, PO Box 201201, Helena, MT 59620–1201, (406) 444–4789, mhseducation@mt.gov

*Cost:* Return shipping via UPS

Explorers, Trappers, and Traders of the Inland Northwest

This curriculum was inspired in anticipation of the bicentennial of David Thompson’s travels throughout the Northwest in 2007. We wanted to seize upon this opportunity to elucidate this period of time in its fullest. The curriculum combines historic information with effective grade level appropriate teaching techniques.

The curriculum is a compendium of 17 lessons. The there are four trunks, three Teacher Resource Trunks with over 38 books, articles and videos, and a David Thompson Trunk with 58 fur trade replicas for hands on exploration of the fur trade. Curriculum is available to be mailed upon request.

*Grade Level:* 6–12

*Contact:* Rebecca Timmons, (406) 291–9309 gotro7@outlook.com

*Cost:* Available for local use (Lincoln & Sanders Counties). Use beyond contingent upon arrangement.

Frontier Cowboy Trunk

This trunk focuses on the American cowboy in the 1880s to 1890s. The cattle drive and cowboy life are explored through books, photos, clothing, and a curriculum. Available for two weeks at a time.

*Grade level:* 5–8, adaptable to K–12 and up

*Contact:* Grant-Kohrs Ranch NHS, 266 Warren Lane, Deer Lodge, MT 59722 (406) 846–2070

*Cost:* Return shipping or next destination (40lb trunk)

From Plains to Plateau: Artistic Traditions of Northwest Montana Tribes

A perfect introduction to the artistry and culture of Montana's Indian Tribes! Items in this trunk include both one and two piece moccasins, jewelry, a Blackfeet doll, games, parfleche, CDs, photographs, art prints, posters, raw material samples, and trunk guide.

*Grade level:* K–12

*Contact:* Hockaday Museum of Art, Director of Education, 302 2nd Avenue East, Kalispell, MT 59901, (406) 755–5268 education@hockadaymuseum.org

*Cost:* $25 plus any shipping charges, free to member schools

From Traps to Caps: The Montana Fur Trade

Gives students a glimpse at how fur traders, 1810–1860, lived and made their living along the creeks and valleys of Montana. Includes artifacts, clothing (students may try on), photos, and curricular package.

*Grade level:* K–12, with a focus on 3–5

*Contact:* Education Outreach Coordinator, Montana Historical Society, PO Box 201201,
**Getting the Gold**
The contents are based on mining history in the Bannack District. Mining artifacts, modern mining equipment, ore samples and paydirt are included. Geology and the formation of gold deposits, the mining camp, and mining methods are described.

*Grade level:* 7–12  
*Contact:* Bannack State Park, 4200 Bannack Road, Dillon, MT 59725, (406) 834–3413 bannack@smtel.com  
*Cost:* Return postage via UPS or U.S. Mail, insurance recommended

**Gold, Silver, and Coal – Oh My!: Mining Montana’s Wealth**
Lets students consider what drew so many people to Montana in the 19th century and how the mining industry developed and declined. Includes artifacts, clothing (students may try on), photos, and a curricular package.

*Grade level:* K–12, with a focus on 3–5  
*Contact:* Education Outreach Coordinator, Montana Historical Society, PO Box 201201, Helena, MT 59620–1201, (406) 444–4789, mhseducation@mt.gov  
*Cost:* Return shipping via UPS

**History Mystery I: Sacrifice Cliff**
This educational resource kit gives students an opportunity to examine historical evidence in the context of an actual historical mystery. Through this exercise, students learn the importance of research, history, and preservation, and discover that there are many easy-to-find answers to historical questions.

*Grade level:* 7–8  
*Contact:* Education Outreach Coordinator, Montana Historical Society, PO Box 201201, Helena, MT 59620–1201, (406) 444–4789, mhseducation@mt.gov  
*Cost:* Return shipping via UPS

**History Mystery II: Pryor Mountain Wild Horses**
This educational kit provides students with multiple perspectives on a complex issue. The kit includes the resources and tools needed to understand the environment, behavior, management and history of the Pryor Mountains wild horses and allows students to learn through their own investigations. Students will “travel” around the horse range gathering facts about this unique herd of wild horses.

*Grade level:* 7–8  
*Contact:* Education Outreach Coordinator, Montana Historical Society, PO Box 201201, Helena, MT 59620–1201, (406) 444–4789, mhseducation@mt.gov or Western Heritage Center, 2822 Montana Ave, Billings, MT 59101 (406)256-6809 joyce@ywhc.org  
*Cost:* Return shipping via UPS

**History Mystery III: Boom or Bust: Mystery of the Old Homestead**
Students become investigators who must race against one other to fill in spaces on a hanging game board by examining source files to determine the “who, where, when, why and how” of each homesteader’s story, deciding whether they boomed or busted on the eastern Montana prairie. Ultimately, students will learn that history and research are fun and interesting.

*Contact:* BLM Lewistown Field Office, 920 NE Main St, Lewistown, MT 59457 (406) 538–1923 Zane Fulbright zfulbrig@blm.gov or BLM Havre Field Office, 3990 Hwy 2, Havre, MT 59501 (406) 262–2820 jchase@blm.gov  

Big Horn County Historical and Visitor Center in Hardin, the Museum of the Beartooths in Columbus, the MonDak Heritage Center in Sidney, the Schoolhouse History and Art Center in Colstrip, Yellowstone Gateway Museum in
Livingston, and the Western Heritage Center in Billings. MT_SO_Bcc@blm.gov

Cost: Return shipping via UPS

Home on the Plains: Artistry of the Blackfeet and other Montana Tribes
The focus of this trunk is the culture and art associated with historical home life of the Plains Indian Tribes. Blackfeet tipi prints, a model lodge, envelope parfleche, games, books, art prints, paintings, and raw material samples fill this trunk. The accompanying trunk guide includes artist biographies, reference materials, and an assortment of art projects.

Grade level: K–12
Contact: Hockaday Museum of Art, Director of Education, 302 2nd Avenue East, Kalispell, MT 59901, (406) 755–5268 education@hockadaymuseum.org

Cost: $25 plus any shipping charges, free to member schools

Inside and Outside the Home:
Homesteading in Montana 1900–1920
Gives students a glimpse of how thousands of people lived in Montana after the turn of the century. Includes artifacts, clothing (students may try on), photos, and a curricular package.

Grade level: K–12, with a focus on 3–5
Contact: Education Outreach Coordinator, Montana Historical Society, PO Box 201201, Helena, MT 59620–1201, (406) 444–4789, mhseducation@mt.gov

Cost: Return shipping via UPS

Land of Many Stories: The People and Histories of Glacier National Park
Focuses on the commemoration of the centennial anniversary of Glacier National Park. It examines the human experience in the area now known as Glacier National Park, from pre–contact to the recent past, focusing on human–environmental interaction.

Grade level:
Contact: Education Outreach Coordinator, Montana Historical Society, PO Box 201201, Helena, MT 59620–1201, (406) 444–4789, mhseducation@mt.gov

Cost: Return postage

Koo Koo Sint: Star Gazer Salish and Kootenai Tribal Fur Trade Trunk
Koo Koo Sint was the name given to trader David Thompson by the Salish people. The trunk commemorates the establishment of fur trade between the Salish and Kootenai Tribes and David Thompson. In Thompson’s 77 journals, the preeminent trader mentions commerce with been said that the most significant tribes in the establishment 35 different tribes. It has of early trade with David Thompson were the Salish and Kootenai. The replica trade items in the trunk make a lasting impression on students, providing memorable hands–on experiences. When coupled with the Explorers, Trappers, and Traders Trunk, the of the fur trade can be experienced.

Lewis and Clark Expedition Trunk
This trunk is designed to supplement an educational unit on the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Some items included are: wool blanket, beaver skin, Jefferson peace medals, grizzly claw replicas, writing utensils, and trade items. The trunk also includes a tinder box, powder horn, river man’s cap, moccasins, buckskin and sinew, and tin utensils, as well as two videos, maps, and a variety of books.

Grade level: K–12
Contact: Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park, PO Box 489, Whitehall, MT 59759, (406) 287–3541, lkemp@mt.gov

Cost: Return postage

Lewis and Clark in a Box
This trunk offers numerous props and activities to engage students in the everyday skills of the 1800s and survival skills of the expedition.
Looks at some of the scientific discoveries of the Lewis and Clark expedition.

*Grade level:* K–6

*Contact:* Lewis and Clark Interpretive Association (LCIA), PO Box 2848, Great Falls, MT 59406–2848, (406) 452–5661

*Cost:* $25 rental for a week, plus shipping

**The Life and Times of Buffalo Bill**

Devoted to William F. Cody, this trunk contains objects/reproductions that illustrate Buffalo Bill’s role in the settlement of the West from his early days as a Pony Express rider and fur trapper to his service to the U.S. Army as a guide and scout to his career as a world-renowned entertainer. There is also a slide program with script, dime novel, laminated posters, teacher manual, and activities for children. Three duplicate trunks available for distribution.

*Grade level:* All ages; but geared toward mid to upper elementary

*Contact:* Buffalo Bill Historical Center, 720 Sheridan Ave, Cody, WY 82414, (307) 578–4038

*Cost:* Return shipping

**Lifeways of Montana’s First People**

Contains reproduction artifacts and contemporary American Indian objects, as well as lessons that focus on the lifeways of the five tribes (Salish, Blackfeet, Nez Perce, Shoshone, and Crow) who utilized the land we now know as Montana in the years around 1800. Lessons will focus on aspects of the tribes’ lifeways prior to the Corps of Discovery’s expedition, and an encounter with the Corps.

*Grade level:*

*Contact:* Education Outreach Coordinator, Montana Historical Society, PO Box 201201, Helena, MT 59620–1201, (406) 444–4789, mhseducation@mt.gov

*Cost:* Return shipping via UPS

**Liquid Treasure History Trunk**

Everything needed to conduct a one-week study of Montana’s water history is included in this trunk. Historic artifacts, photographs of water history topics, historical documents and film footage, and a teacher’s guide are included. The lesson suggestions are useful in language arts, math, history, and science classes.

*Grade level:* K–12 and adults

*Contact:* Montana Watercourse, 335 Culbertson Hall, MSU, Bozeman, MT 59717, (406) 994–6425 or 994–6671 or mtwatercourse@montana.edu

*Cost:* $25 plus shipping (est $25 one way) Or arrange pickup and delivery to avoid charges.

**Mining**

This trunk brings geology, Montana history and the story of mining for minerals into the classroom with hands-on learning. Themes include: rocks and minerals, formation of rocks, history of mining and equipment, how minerals are found, why mining continues and what mined minerals are used for. The kit includes curriculum guides, examples of rocks and minerals, posters, examples of mining equipment and tools, examples of products made from mined minerals and everything you need to learn about mining in Montana.

*Grade level:* 3–8

*Contact:* Montana Natural History Center, 120 Hickory St, Missoula, MT 59801 (406) 327–0405

*Cost:* $35 for (2) weeks or $45 for (3) weeks plus shipping charges

**Missoula History through Children’s Eyes Education Trunk**

The complete trunk can be checked out, or the separate components can be checked out individually depending on classroom needs and interests. The hands-on, interactive trunk includes the following components:

1. Introduction – Pre-settlement, 1700 – 1850s
2. Children on the Way
3. Children and Their Environment
4. Children at Home
5. Children in Town
6. Children at School
7. Children and Art

*Grade:* ideal for 3rd grade
Montana's Heritage: Bringing Archaeology into the Classroom
Montana's Heritage: Bringing Archaeology into the Classroom (Reid and Timmons, 1993) is a teaching guide that contains lessons and supplementary material that allow teachers to incorporate archaeological concepts into classroom curriculum. The curriculum features a teacher’s guide, which contains a reference sections on the field of archaeology, prehistory and history, a variety of lessons for students, and supplemental material for teachers to use. Each exercise is labeled by grade level and major subject area to which they can be applied (social science, science, mathematics, or language). The teaching guide is available for mailing out upon request.

Grade level: K–5
Contact: Rebecca Timmons, (406) 291–9309 gotro7@outlook.com
Cost: Available for local use (Lincoln & Sanders counties). Use beyond contingent upon arrangement.

Montana Indians: 1860–1920
Continues the story of Montana's First Peoples during the time when miners, ranchers, and the military came West and conflicted with the Indians’ traditional ways of life.

Grade level:
Contact: Education Outreach Coordinator, Montana Historical Society, PO Box 201201, Helena, MT 59620–1201, (406) 444–4789, mhseducation@mt.gov
Cost: Return shipping via UPS

Montana Indian Stories Lit Kit
Immerses students in storytelling and the oral tradition with seven class sets of Montana Indian stories collected for the Indian Reading Series (1972) and reprinted by the Montana Historical Society Press. The lit kit includes animal puppets and User Guide. NOTE: Out of respect for the storytelling customs of many Montana Indian people, this kit will be made available for use in the winter months (November through March).

Grade level:
Contact: Education Outreach Coordinator, Montana Historical Society, PO Box 201201, Helena, MT 59620–1201, (406) 444–4789, mhseducation@mt.gov
Cost: Return shipping via UPS

Montana Place Names Mini Footlocker

Grade level: 4–6
Contact: Education Outreach Coordinator, Montana Historical Society, PO Box 201201, Helena, MT 59620–1201, (406) 444–4789, mhseducation@mt.gov
Cost: Return shipping via UPS

Nez Perce National Historic Trail Trunk
The trunks include traditional Nez Perce crafts, games and stories, as well as some military clothing, and gear. There are also two videos that give two different views of the Nez Perce War of 1877.

Grade level: 4–5
Contact: Nez Perce National Historic Trail, USFS Barbie Coldwell (406) 295–7553, bcoldwell@fs.fed.us
Cost:

The Process of Paleontology Kit
Lots of people dream of becoming a paleontologist, but may not truly understand what the job entails. How do we really excavate fossils? How do we transport them? How are the labeled? Stored? Studied? Contains real dinosaur bones, casts and molds of bones, and tools of the trade. These materials, accompanied by
resource books, DVD's, and photos, can be used to create activity stations in the classroom or support more teacher-directed activities.

Grade level: K–12, with focus on 1–8
Contact: Museum of the Rockies, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT 59717–0272; Education Office (406) 994–5257, visitmor@montana.edu
Cost: $25 per week (5 classroom days) plus shipping

**Pictograph Cave Interpretive Trunk (Life at Pictograph Cave)**
Focuses on archaeology in Montana. Contains pictograph and artifact replicas, a video, slide show, and lesson plans.

*Grade level: 4–12*
*Contact: Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, 2300 Lake Elmo Drive, Billings, MT 59105, (406) 247–2955*
*Cost: Shipping*

**Plains Indian Art Trunk**
To foster an understanding and appreciation of the culture of the Plains Indian people, this trunk focuses on several traditional Plains Indians arts: beadworking, quill-working, hide painting, and rock art. Objects showcasing these types of artwork plus comprehensive teacher manual included. Three duplicate trunks available.

*Grade level: All ages*
*Contact: Buffalo Bill Historical Center, 720 Sheridan Ave, Cody, WY 82414, (307) 578–4038*
*Cost: All shipping costs (Weight: 56 lbs. Size: 32.5 x 20.5 x 19 inches)*

**Plains Indian Artifact Trunk**
This trunk examines the lives of some of the Plains Indians. Includes artifacts such as arrows, points, tools, art, tape, photos, and curriculum package.

*Grade level: K–12*

**Prehistoric Life in Montana**
Exposes Montana prehistory (10,000–12,000 years ago) and archaeology through a study of the Pictograph Cave site in eastern Montana.

*Grade level:*
*Contact: Education Outreach Coordinator, Montana Historical Society, PO Box 201201, Helena, MT 59620–1201, (406) 444–4789, mhseducation@mt.gov*
*Cost: Return shipping via UPS*

**Stones and Bones: Prehistoric Tools from Montana’s Past**
Explores Montana’s prehistory and archaeology through a study of reproduction stone and bone tools. Contains casts and reproductions from the Anzick collection.

*Grade level:*
*Contact: Education Outreach Coordinator, Montana Historical Society, PO Box 201201, Helena, MT 59620–1201, (406) 444–4789, mhseducation@mt.gov*
Cost: Return shipping via UPS

Thundering Hooves Trunk
The horse has become associated with the American West and, along with the buffalo, remains a symbol of a bygone era. Cowboys and the Plains Indians depended on the horse for their livelihoods, for transportation, and as part of their cultural identity. Objects focus on the cowboy and Indian use of horses and the trunk includes an Indian saddle model, a child’s western pleasure saddle, horse grooming tools, a dance stick shaped as a horse, quirts, and more, as well as a teacher manual. Three duplicate trunks available.
Grade level: All ages
Contact: Buffalo Bill Historical Center, 720 Sheridan Ave, Cody, WY 82414, (307) 578-4038
Cost: Return shipping

To Learn a New Way
Through a child’s voice, as much as possible, this footlocker explores the late 1800’s and early 1900’s time in which Montana Indians were moved to reservations, experienced allotment and boarding schools – all of which resulted in dramatic changes in their lands, languages, and way of life.
Grade level: All ages
Contact: Education Outreach Coordinator, Montana Historical Society, PO Box 201201, Helena, MT 59620–1201, (406) 444-4789, mhseducation@mt.gov
Cost: Return shipping via UPS

Tools of the Trade: Montana Industry and Technology
Surveys the evolution of tools and technology in Montana from late 1700s to the present. Includes reproduction artifacts that represent tools from various trades, including: the timber and mining industries, fur trapping, railroad, ranching and farming, and the tourism industry.
Grade level: All ages
Contact: Education Outreach Coordinator, Montana Historical Society, PO Box 201201, Helena, MT 59620–1201, (406) 444-4789, mhseducation@mt.gov
Cost: Return shipping via UPS

The Traveling Medicine Show
The goals of this program are to instill appreciation for and understanding of the culture and history of the Plains Indians of Montana through art created by and about them. An art and artifacts exhibition, presentations by a Hockaday Museum of Art representative and Blackfeet cultural consultants, and hands-on art activities are all part of the Traveling Medicine Show experience. Exhibition pieces were chosen in collaborative effort between the Hockaday Museum of Art and members of the Blackfeet Indian Nation.
Grade level: K–12
Contact: Hockaday Museum of Art, Director of Education, 302 2nd Avenue East, Kalispell, MT 59901, (406) 755-5268, education@hockadaymuseum.org
Cost: inquire for current fees

The Treasure Chest: A Look at the Montana State Symbols
The Grizzly Bear, the Cutthroat Trout, the Sapphire and all of the other state symbols are an important connection to Montana’s history. This footlocker will provide students the opportunity to explore hands-on educational activities to gain a greater appreciation of our state’s symbols and their meanings.
Grade level: K–12
Contact: Education Outreach Coordinator, Montana Historical Society, PO Box 201201, Helena, MT 59620–1201, (406) 444–4789, mhseducation@mt.gov
Cost: Return shipping via UPS

Woolies and Whinnies: The Sheep and Cattle Industry in Montana
Looks at the fascinating stories of cattle, horse and sheep ranching in Montana from 1870–1920. Includes artifacts, clothing (students may try on), photos, a music cassette tape, a video tape, and a curricular package.
Grade level: K–12, with a focus on 3–5
Contact: Education Outreach Coordinator, Montana Historical Society, PO Box 201201, Helena, MT 59620–1201, (406)444–4789, mhseducation@mt.gov
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