

## Teachable Moments: A Guide for Your Fieldtrip

### Lando Hall of California History, Grade 1

*Gallery Description: The Lando Hall of California History offers a historical view that spans the 1500's Southwestern United States to 1940's downtown Los Angeles. The hall explores twelve topics vital to the history of California, Los Angeles, and the United States including: Native Americans, New World Exploration, Spanish Outpost, International Competition, Mexican Territory, War with the United States, 31<sup>st</sup> State, Craftsman Style, Agriculture, Land, Sea and Air, Motion Pictures and the City of Los Angeles.*

#### Science Activities

- Gather your students in front of the stage coach but do not tell them what it is.

Ask them to share what they observe about this vehicle (size, color, shapes, ...).

Ask students to predict what this vehicle is for.

Share that the vehicle was a stage coach from 1865 used for mail distribution. Read label copy out loud and discuss.

#### Language Arts Activities

- Gather students around the Chumash Hut.

Ask them a series of who, what, when, where questions to encourage discussion and deeper observation. For example who do you think lived here? What was this house made of? When did people live in houses like this one? Where did they keep their food? Where did they sleep?

Have students turn and share their answers with those around them.

#### Social Science Activities

- In many of the dioramas there are American Flags. Ask students to count the number of flags they see in the California Hall. Let students know that this entire hall is about California History but that California was not always part of the United States.

*These activities support the following 1<sup>st</sup> Grade California State Standards:*

#### Language Arts

Reading Comprehension 2.2: Respond to who, what, when, where, and how questions.

#### Social Science

1.3: Students know and understand the symbols, icons, and traditions of the United States that provide continuity and a sense of community across time.