

Teachable Moments: A Guide for Your Fieldtrip

Lando Hall of California History, Grade 3

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, 31st State, Craftsman Style, Agriculture, Land, Sea and Air, Motion Pictures and the City of Los Angeles.

Science Activities

- Gather students in front of the oil well pump in Section 10.

Ask students to visualize what the land in the photo behind the oil well pump might have looked like before people began pumping oil.

Language Arts Activities

- Gather students in doorway of the hall.

Instruct students to choose their favorite display and use concrete sensory details to describe without naming the artifact. Ask students to create a riddle about their favorite object. For example, "My favorite object is made of brown, long, and thin sticks. It takes thousands of them to make one of dome-shaped objects." (Answer: Chumash Hut)

Have students share riddles in small groups.

Social Science Activities

- Gather under the "Metropolis in the Making" case on the wall.

Have students choose their favorite building.

Show students that each building is numbered and tell students to determine the number of their favorite building.

Now move to the raised map and have students find the corresponding building on the map.

These activities support the following 3rd Grade California State Standards:

Science

Life Science 3c: Living things cause changes in the environment in which they live: some of these changes are detrimental to the organism or other organisms, and some are beneficial.

Language Arts

Speaking Applications 2.3: Make descriptive presentations that use concrete sensory details to set forth and support unified impressions of people, places, things, or experiences.

Social Science

3.1: Students describe the physical and human geography and use maps, tables, graphs, photographs, and charts to organize information about people, places, and environments in a spatial context.