

Teachable Moments: A Guide for Your Fieldtrip

Lando Hall of California History, Grade K

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 your students in front of the fire engine 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 fire engine from 1904. Read label copy out loud and discuss.

Language Arts Activities

- Gather students in front of the "Carreta" model. (Make sure to cover picture on label with your body)
 - Ask students to predict what the model is and what it was used for. (What do you think it was for? How do you think it moved? What did it carry?)
 - Ask students to turn to a partner and share ideas and answers.

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 **Kindergarten** California State Standards:

Science

Investigation and Experimentation 4a: Observe common objects by using the five senses.

Language Arts

Reading Comprehension 2.2: Use pictures and context to make predictions about story content.

Social Science

K.2 Students recognize national and state symbols and icons such as the national and state flags, the bald eagle, and the Statue of Liberty.

