

## Teachable Moments: A Guide for Your Fieldtrip

### Garland Hall of American History, Grade K

*Gallery Description: The U.S. History Hall explores the drastic changes in American Society between 1865 and 1914, when in a single lifetime an agrarian society changed into a modern urban culture. The advances in technology in the fields of communication and transportation can be demonstrated in the exhibits on inventions; the telegraph, telephone, automobile, electric trolley, airplane, and the improvements in railroads. The machinery that revolutionized farming, the lumber industry and the rise of the conservation movement are also highlighted. A platform displays the labor saving devices for the home of the 1890's and early 20<sup>th</sup> century.*

#### Science Activities

- Gather students around the cross-section of the tree at the back of the hall.  
Ask students, "What materials do we get from trees?"  
Ask students, "What would happen if all the trees were cut down?"

#### Language Arts Activities

- Gather students in front of the living room scene.  
Ask students to identify what is in the scene.  
Talk with students about how this living room looks the same or different from their living room or home today.

#### Social Science Activities

- Have students look at the technology in the American History Hall (the lamp, the car, and the phone).  
Ask students to describe how people used these objects.

*These activities support the following **Kindergarten** California State Standards:*

#### Science

Earth Science 3c: Students know how to identify resources from Earth that are used in everyday life and understand that many resources can be conserved.

#### Social Science

K.6: Students understand that history relates to events, people, and places of other times.

#### Language Arts

Reading Comprehension 2.3: Connect to life experiences the information and events in texts.