

Gammelgården Musuem

Study Guide Ideas

Objective: Provide ideas, information and other resources to educators who plan to bring a school group to Gammelgården to maximize the learning event and provide accurate information and ideas to the students about life in Minnesota, 1850-1870 for Immigrants. Our study guide is a suggested broad-stroke study guide; teachers are creative and resourceful for details and ideas that will resonate with their own class.

Target age: Third grade

Discussion Questions for the Class using the Timeline

What else was happening in the world at this time?

Where was your root family in these years?

What would be challenges for a family to get to America/Minnesota?

What would be challenges for a family after arriving in America/Minnesota?

Historic Buildings—Name of each in English and Swedish

GammelKyrkan	Church	1856
Immigrant Hus	Immigrant House	1855
Prast Hus	Pastors House	1868
Ladugard	Barn	1879
Stuga	Peasant House	1930 (but duplicates an 1800 Swedish House)

- Method of construction, size (compare to your home now)
- Who did the work of construction? Tools used?
- Where did the materials come from?
- What is like your home?
- What is different/missing than you see at home?
- What is distinctive about each building?

Vocabulary

English

Mother

Swedish

Mor

Father	Far
Grandmother	Mormor or Farmor
Grandfather	Morfar or Farfar
Red	röd
White	vit
Blue	blå
Yellow	gul
Green	grön
Counting	ett, två, tre, fyra, fem, sex,,sju, åtta, nio, tio, elva, tolv, tretton, fjorton, femton, sexton, sjutton, arton, nitton, tjugo (1-20)
Thank you	Tack så mycket
Hello	Hej!
Help	hjälp
Bread	bröd
Cracker	knäckebröd
bread	
Butter	smör
Water	vatten
Milk	mjök
Cookie	kaka
Cheese	ost
Egg	ägg
Sausage	korv
Apple	äpple
Strawberry	jordgubbe
Potato	potatis
Carrot	morot
Beet	beta
Rhubarb	rabarber

Games and Songs

Hop rolling, tug-of war, Blind Man's Bluff, Drop the Handkerchief, Leap Frog

Pound,
German Mark etc.

Agricultural products firkin, barrel, hogshead, bale, cord, keg

Weight ton, chaldron

School

How far from home?

How long was each day/school year?

Mental Math

Example #1-- A man bought a firkin of butter for \$9.00, a keg of molasses for \$6.00 and 5 bushels of wheat for \$7.00. How much did he pay?

Example #2-- A man bought horse for \$45.00 and paid \$15.00 for keeping him. He let him enough to receive \$20.00 then sold him for \$43.00. Did he gain to lose by the bargain? How much?

Example #3-- If 1 orange equals 3 apples, how many apples are 4 oranges worth?

Example #4-- If coal is worth \$7.00 a chaldron, what is $1/7^{\text{th}}$ of a chaldron worth?

Example #5-- Take 3, add 5, subtract 6, add 7, subtract 5, add 8, subtract 7, add 9, subtract 4 and name the result. (10)

Example #6-- Begin at 45 and count by 3's backward to 3.

Spelling Bees

Activities that are provided at Gammelgården for school groups

- Household Smells (samples of common household aromas of the era—wax, soap, bread, cheese, coffee, tobacco, anise, almond etc.)
- What is this crop? Identify wheat, rye, hay, straw, barley, peas, beans, corn
- What would you pack to come to Amerika?
- Swedish/English flash cards of common words
- Identify thread, string, twine and rope
- Wash tub, wash board
- Butter making for your lunch and rye krisp

Other Resources at Gammelgården

Playground Equipment

Softball field (bring your OWN bases, bats, balls, gloves)

Open grass area for races etc We provide:

Tog-o war rope

Rags for 3-legged races

6 gunny sacks

Restrooms

Parking lot

Questions to ask on the way home:

Your favorite building?
What chore would you like to do best? Least?
What would scare you about living in the 1850-1870's?

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