



# EDUCATION PROGRAMS



MANITOWOC COUNTY  
**HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY**

EST. 1906

## We Came To Wisconsin

Immerse yourself in a 19th-century village and interact with the people, objects and routines of life in rural Wisconsin in the mid-nineteenth century. You'll be introduced to 4 immigrant families who have made their home in Pinecrest Village. Using reasoning and educated information, you will match each family's pioneer trunk to the lives they hold. You'll learn new skills as you hear stories of how they came to Wisconsin.

### Details

**Recommended** for Grade 4

**Duration:** 2 hour program

There is a mystery to solve!

Students will open up a trunk containing items from an immigrant family. As they visit immersive experiences, students will be given clues to help them identify which family owned the trunk they uncovered.

- **A Traveling Trunk**

Immigrants had to pack what they wanted to bring to the New World into one trunk.

- **The Thompson Family**

From Norway to Valders, this family had a troubled journey to America.

- **The Kunze Family**

With a journey to America complete, you'll need to construct a home.

- **The Sorenson Family**

Immigrants worked to bring their family traditions with them.

- **The Herr Family**

Immigrants find occupations and their place in their new communities. From Germany to the Land of Plenty, the Herr family finds its place in the town of Meeme.

**After this program, students will:**

- \* Understand the difficult decisions and journey that many immigrants faced before making their way to Wisconsin.
- \* Experience what it was like to build a new home, both mentally and physically, in a new land.
- \* Reflect on how their own family's journey and personal acceptance of new immigrants today.

### **Wisconsin Standards for Social Studies**

SS.BH2.b.4: Give examples of how people from different cultures develop different values and ways of interpreting experiences.

SS.Econ1.a.4: Differentiate between goods and services.

SS.Geog3.b.4: Summarize how transportation and communication have changed economic activities over time.



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