

AWM IN-PERSON FIELD TRIP STUDENT MATERIALS: TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS

Field Trip Student Material Description

- Intended to further enhance museum exploration as well critically engage students with the writing process
- Using the materials, students engage with critical thinking and analysis skills, practice their writing skills, and will be encouraged to develop their writing voice.
- Packets are available by grade level in the following ranges:
 - Grades 3-5
 - Grades 6-8
 - Grades 9-12
- Students will be able to answer the questions in the field trip materials through their interactions with the museum's permanent exhibits.
 - Each packet includes activities for the following exhibits: American Voices, Surprise Bookshelf, Word Waterfall, Readers Hall, Mind of a Writer Gallery, Chicago Gallery
 - Packets for Grades 3-5 and Grades 6-8 will also receive activities for the Children's Literature Gallery

Field Trip Student Material Expectations

- Students are expected to engage with the field trip student materials throughout the duration of their field trip.
- Students are not required to complete their packets prior to departure.
 - Within the field trip structure, students are encouraged to thoughtfully explore the museum at a pace that is best suited to their needs and interests.
 - Some activities will be able to be completed using AWM's online exhibits. When appropriate, staff will alter field trip timeline to focus primarily on in-person exhibits only, and students will be able to use AWM's online exhibits to work on the activities after their in-person field trip.
- Teachers are expected to familiarize themselves with the field trip student materials prior to their scheduled field trip.
- AWM will provide activities to students at the start of the field trip. Packets will be distributed according to grade level.
 - Teachers may request the use of a different grade level packet. Please provide a request in advance to ensure activities will be available upon your arrival.
- If you have questions or concerns regarding the education materials or in-person field trips, please contact AWM Education staff immediately.

Post Field Trip Activities

Below are classroom activities that can be completed after your in-person field trip.

- American Voices and American Identities
 - Our post-field trip materials are designed to explore themes featured in the museum, such as purpose and identity. Students are able to complete the materials using their notes or overall experience after their in-person field trip or by utilizing our online exhibits.
 - American Voices is recommended for Grades 5-7, and American Identities is recommended for Grades 8-12. However, please select the material packet that best supports your students' needs or complements your curriculum.
 - You may download these materials on the Online Education Resources page, <https://americanwritersmuseum.org/education/online-resources/>
- AWM Online Exhibits
 - The American Writers Museum offers several online exhibits. Some examples include an online version of American Voices, Frederick Douglass: Agitator, and My America: Immigrant and Refugee writing.
 - Each exhibit also comes with corresponding educational materials that students can use to further enhance their exploration of the exhibit.
 - You may see a complete list of our online exhibits at on our website, www.americanwritersmuseum.org/
- Exploring the Writing Process with Primary Sources
 - Funded by a grant from the Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources program, our latest initiative Exploring the Writing Process with Primary Source Materials helps students learn more about the writing process using primary source materials from American authors. Using our teacher-created lesson plans, students will learn more about journaling, drafting, revision, editing, collaboration, and publishing by studying primary source materials from authors including Rosa Parks, Frederick Douglass, Clare Boothe Luce, Langston Hughes, Woody Guthrie, and Walt Whitman.
 - You may access Exploring the Writing Process with Primary Source Materials on our website at:
<https://americanwritersmuseum.org/exploring-the-writing-process-with-primary-source-materials/>