

Lesson Kits Compendium



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In 2004, the AMA Educational Service District received a three-year federal Teaching American History Grant. As a part of this grant, a cohort of teachers was created. This cohort group received intensive professional development, through Central Michigan University, in both American History content and pedagogy.

Each cohort teacher created a lesson plan and was given funds to purchase two kits containing all of the supplies they would need to implement their lesson plan in the classroom. The teacher kept one kit to use in their own classroom. The other kit has been given to the Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan, to be checked out and utilized free of charge by other teachers.

This booklet provides a thumbnail sketch of the eighteen kits available. If you have any questions about these kits or the corresponding lessons, please call the AMA ESD at (989) 354-3101. **Questions about kit availability and check out procedures should be directed to the Besser Museum staff at (989) 356-2202.**

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#1 Human Environment Interaction

Author: Kay Kline
School: Hinks Elementary
Level: Grades 5-7



Use this kit and watch students discover ways humans interact with the environment! Have the tools to help students explore various photographs and observe different regions and the cultures that live there. In addition, students will use various sources to gather information on the Jackson Indian Policy and the affects of the policy on the Native as well as the white population.

#2 Anishinaabe Culture

Authors: Thomas & Nicole Ritchie

School: Bingham Arts Academy

Level: Grades 4-6



Use this kit to help students gain an in depth understanding of the Anishinaabe culture through research and hands-on activities. A variety of multimedia resources will be at your fingertips as you guide your students in discovering the fascinating culture of the Anishinaabe.

#3 Anishinaabe Technologies

Author: Judith Hoch
School: Immanuel Lutheran
Level: Grades 7-8



Explore the basic construction of a wigwam and discover the technologies that the Anishinaabe used to survive! Using this kit, students will learn how the Natives used radiant heating in wigwam floors, decoys for ice fishing, and they will discover the various uses of birch bark.

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#4 The Anishinaabe

Next Door

Author: Arthur Hoch
School: Immanuel Lutheran
Level: Grades 4-6



This kit will take you on a journey to the past as students recognize the integral part that the Anishinaabe and other Native American peoples played. The journey does not end there! Students will also examine the active part that the Anishinaabe still play in American culture today.

#5 Indian Boarding Schools

Author: Linda Wallace
School: Wilson Elementary
Level: Grades 4-6



This kit examines the time in history when the United States government used boarding schools to change the culture of the Anishinaabe people. To better understand the emotional effect this had on the child, this kit will guide students as they learn subjects that are iforeignî to them. They will study a spoken language, a game, and a story that is not of their culture to help connect them to the emotion of the time.

#6 How Do Historians Learn About the Past?

Authors: Jennifer Butler & Yvonne Roznowski
School: Besser Elementary
Level: Grades 4-6



You will be amazed to see this bottomless kit! Check it out today and help your students discover how historians have learned about the past before there was written history. Through engaging activities such as constructing a timeline, participating in a mock archaeological dig, and charting a site map of the dig, students will see Michigan's first people with entirely new eyes.

#7 Rendezvous in Mackinac

Author: Dorene Schick
School: Alcona Elementary
Level: Grades 4-6



In this kit, students will discover the pivotal role that Mackinac played in the Great Lakes fur trade. Students will simulate a voyager's trip, read maps, and become traders with real items to trade! What a great way to examine fur trade in our region's history.

#8 Gifts from the Tribe

Author: Karen Cordes
School: Sanborn Elementary
Level: Grades 3-5



Use this kit to celebrate gifts from the Anishinaabe culture! Students will discover some of the many gifts given to us by this culture such as storytelling skills, inventions like the snowshoe and toboggan, and much more. As a culminating activity, students will highlight one of the gifts they have learned about in a pop-up book. This series of lessons will surely engage students from start to finish!

#9 How They Got Here

Author: Bob Thomson
School: Sanborn Elementary
Level: Grades 4-6



As students ponder the question of the origin of the Anishinaabe culture, they will participate in a variety of engaging activities from throwing spears to writing their own origin stories. Check this kit out to broaden your students' understanding of the Anishinaabe culture!

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#10 Treaties

Author: Sharon Marchinski
School: Wilson Elementary
Level: Grades 4-8



Take a stand on treaties! The resources included in this kit will provide you with all you need to help your students understand the concept of losing land, explore a treaty to understand what was gained and lost, and take a position on treaties. Don't let this one slip away!

#11 The Medicine Wheel

Author: Sharon Marchinski
School: Wilson Elementary
Level: Grades 4-8



In this kit, you will explore the meaning of an ancient symbol-the medicine wheel. Through a series of hands-on activities such as a cooperative wigwam dance and a medicine wheel collage, your students will learn to appreciate and understand this important symbol of the Anishinaabe culture.

#12 Logging Technology in Michigan

Author: Arthur Hoch
School: Immanuel Lutheran
Level: Grades 4-6



Check this kit out to explore the important role technology played in the logging industry! Through a variety of photographs and hands-on activities, students will experience a day in the life of early loggers in Michigan.

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#13 The Erie Canal

Author: Rita Wilberg
School: Wilson Elementary
Level: Grades 4-6



Take a trip down the Erie Canal! In this kit, students will discover the important role the Erie Canal played in the development of Michigan. They will conduct friction experiments, examine a myriad of primary sources, and participate in engaging hands-on activities. Don't miss out on this one!

#14 The Underground Railroad

Author: Kelli Samp & Christa Misiak
School: Alcona Elementary
Level: Grades 4-6



Lead your students through the engaging story of the Underground Railroad using the book, Follow the Drinking Gourd by Jeanette Winter. This kit offers a nice variety of primary sources and hands-on activities that will take your students' knowledge to the next level!

#15 Michigan and the Great Depression

Author: Jennifer Manning
School: Bingham Arts Academy
Level: Grades 4-6



Check this kit out to guide your students in understanding The Great Depression. Students will read the book, Bud Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis, test their graphing skills, and examine a variety of primary sources as they move through lessons in this kit!

#16 The Fur Trade

Author: Angela Samp
School: Long Rapids Elementary
Level: Grades 4-6



Feel real pelts, barter like a fur trader, examine primary sources, and much more! Engage your students with this kit and witness meaningful learning experiences take place as they explore fur trade in the Great Lakes.

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#17 Michigan Mining

Author: Linda Wallace
School: Wilson Elementary
Level: Grades 4-6



Help your students discover the process of mining in Michigan and learn about Alpena's gold mine. In this kit, you will have the resources needed to lead hands-on activities and use primary sources as you extend your students' learning experience!

18 Cave Exploration

Author: Bob Thomson
School: Sanborn Elementary
Level: Grades 4-6



In this kit, students will spend a day in a minerís school learning how to identify rock types, searching for rocks with a flashlight in a dark ėmineé and examining primary sources. What a fun way to learn about mining!

#19 The First Copper

Miners:

**A Historical Investigation of the Ancient Copper
People of the Keweenaw**

Author: Bob Thomson
School: Sanborn Elementary
Level: Grade 5



Why would a group of ancient hunters and gatherers seasonally migrate to the Keweenaw region of Michigan? Why, because there is copper in them there hills! Students investigate the answer to this question and others using artifacts to develop an understanding what life was like 4000 years ago. Filled with primary and secondary resources, students will assimilate a body of research into a written summary. You have to try this kit!

#20 Copper Mining in the Keweenaw

Author: Yvonne Roznowski
School: Besser Elementary
Level: Grade 4



Copper mining effected Michigan in many ways. Help your students learn the impact copper mining had on Michigan's environment, growth and development using this resource. Filled with a variety of resources including primary resources, videos, CDs and books, it is a must for every fourth grade classroom.

#21 Immigration's Effect

On Michigan's Industrialization

Author: Karen Cordes
School: Sanborn Elementary
Level: Grades 3-8



What part did immigrants play in the development of Michigan's major industries? Have your students dive into this kit looking for the answer to this big question and more. Using primary sources to reconstruct past events in Michigan's history, students recount the lives of a variety of immigrants. They will learn about the major movement of goods, people, jobs, and information; the role industrialization played in Michigan, and **MUCH MORE!**

#22 Immigration

Author: Laura Nelson
School: ACES Academy
Level: Grades 9-12



On-line census research, studying immigration tables, analyzing photos from the mid 1800s and early 1900s, and creating pie charts are activities used in this kit to get students to identify immigration groups in Michigan. After collecting needed data, students will compare immigration to Michigan with that of the United States as a whole.

#23 Immigration to Red Jacket/Calumet

Authors: Brenda Rost,
Judy and Art Hoch
School: Thunder Bay Junior High
Immanuel Lutheran School



What ethnic groups migrated to Calumet and Alpena, where did they settle, and what forces pulled these individuals to a different country are just three of the questions this kit will help your students find answers to. Comparing census data, using maps, and creating graphs are just a few of the skills students will use when working with this kit. Someone else has collected the primary sources for you. Now all you have to do is teach.

#24 Moving to the Keweenaw

Author: Becky Meyer
School: Bingham Arts Academy
Level: Grade 4



What a fun way to learn about the effects advancement in technology, labor disputes, and a shortage of a natural resource has on a community. Using a simulation, this kit helps students understand the reasons why after being a booming metropolis in Michigan, many of Calumet's residents left the area looking for a new start.

#25 Faces of an àmericanî Copper Miner

Author: Nichole & Thomas Richie
School: Bingham Arts Academy
Grades: 4-6



With the discovery of copper in the Upper Peninsula, immigrants poured into Michigan's northern region looking for a better life. Who were these people and what did they look like? Faces of an àmericanî Copper Miner is an introductory lesson which includes photos of copper miners and writing assignments about where they came from.

#26 Unionization in the Context of Copper Country

Authors: Dorene Schick, Rick
Sedgewick, John Webb
School: Alcona
Grades: 4-7



Filled with hands-on activities, writings, readings, a song, and play this kit is a great tool to raise your students awareness of unions. It helps students understand the reasons copper miners wanted unions, the difficulties they faced, as well as the part media bias played in their formation.

#27 When Pine Was King

Author: Kellie Poli

School: Lincoln Elementary

Grades: 3-12



White pine is what made our state great. Explore this kit with your class to find out how. This kit includes Michigan Goodie Bags that help kids discover the logging industry and the life of a logger. Also available is a papier-mache replica of a working log slide and an aquarium of toothpicks that represent logs taken from Michigan At the height of the logging era.



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