



# *Teacher Resource: Classroom Field Trips*

## **History Comes to Life through**

### **Heritage Center History Walks and Tours**

For more information: [www.oberlinheritage.org](http://www.oberlinheritage.org) or (440) 774-1700  
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#### **Oberlin Heritage Center Historic Sites Tour**

EXPLORE the lifestyles and architecture of historic Oberlin in a guided tour of three beautifully preserved buildings that tell the nationally significant story of the community and college in Oberlin from their beginning in 1833 through the next 100 years. Learn about anti-slavery and the Underground Railroad, scientific discovery, women's history, early health movements, student life, and more. See how people lived back then and spend time having fun in the "hands-on" Little Red Schoolhouse. A 75-minute guided tour that can be tailored for elementary, middle school or high school visitors.

#### **Lessons in the Past**

EXPERIENCE a typical school day from the early 1800s with a costumed interpreter in the Heritage Center's one-room, pioneer-era Little Red Schoolhouse. Guests are immersed in historic school lessons including reading, penmanship, arithmetic, and more. Games and fun are mixed in among the lessons, and weather permitting there will be time for "recess" and old-fashioned diversions on the schoolhouse lawn. This 90-minute program will accommodate groups of 10-25 students ages 7 and up.



#### **I Spy Oberlin: History and Architecture Scavenger Hunt**

SPY historic markers, decorative details, and oddities in historic Oberlin. Students will open their eyes and see hometowns in a new way following this tour. The 60-minute guided activity is designed for children ages 5-11. The "hunt" takes place outside in fair weather; we "spy" inside our historic buildings in winter or if it's raining.



#### **Soldiers and Civilians History Walk**

COMMEMORATE men who fought in the Civil War as well as the civilians who formed relief groups, who continued their cry for abolition, and who served as a support system for the soldiers. This guided neighborhood walk will give guests a visual perception of the war through sites and photographs from the time while hearing stories of exhausting marches, the frustration of false news, the struggles for equal treatment, and the loss of friends and family, told in the words of those who lived it. A 75-minute guided walking tour for students ages 9 and up.

#### **Freedom's Friends: Underground Railroad and Abolitionist History Walk**

HEAR about Oberlin's famous freedom seekers and those known to have helped them make their way to freedom on the Underground Railroad. Stories include Oberlin College's acceptance of African-American students, the town's connections to the famous ship Amistad and to John Brown's raid on Harper's Ferry, and local efforts to thwart slave-catchers. A 75-minute guided walking tour for ages 9 and up.

## **Radicals and Reformers Westwood Cemetery History Walk**

BE INSPIRED by stories of spirited men and women who simply refused the status quo. This guided tour balances fascinating tales about anti-slavery leaders, women's rights pioneers and dedicated overseas missionaries with the variety of symbolism and scenery that is found in the beautiful park-like setting of Westwood Cemetery. A 60-minute guided walking tour for ages 9 and up.

## **Scholars and Settlers History Walk**

ENJOY fascinating stories about Oberlin's earliest residents and hear of the triumphs, debates, and scandals linked to the landmarks around Tappan Square. Compare the buildings of today to the buildings of yesteryear using historic photographs and maps and walk away with a lively appreciation of Oberlin's historic center. A 60-minute guided walking tour for ages 9 and up.



### **Fees and Reservations**

- \$3 per child for school groups (chaperones tour free).
- Fee waived for Oberlin-based school and youth groups.
- Reservations are requested at least 2-4 weeks in advance accompanied by a deposit. Complete reservation guidelines are available at [www.oberlinheritage.org](http://www.oberlinheritage.org).
- On-site and walking tours can be combined for a full-day's experience.
- Some programs can be adapted for in-school classroom presentations.
- All programs can be tailored to meet specific learning goals.
- History Walks are available April 1<sup>st</sup> - October 31<sup>st</sup>
- Inquire about adding on a copy of the new Oberlin History comic book for each student visitor – a lively and informative way to learn more about Oberlin's rich and diverse history.

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### **\*We Also Have Classroom Programs About\***

- Historic Foodways
  - The Underground Railroad
  - Abolition
  - The Civil War
  - Architecture
  - Historic Fashion
  - Historic Games
  - History Mysteries
- (Observations and inferences for old objects)*

- \$50 for School Programs in Lorain County

- \$100 for School Programs outside of Lorain County

- Free to Oberlin Schools

- Ask about adding on the Oberlin History comic book for an engaging introduction to Oberlin history.

**If there are other topics that you might be interested in learning about, please feel free to contact Museum Education and Tour Coordinator Liz Schultz at: [tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org](mailto:tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org) or 440-774-1700.**

