Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum

Self-Guided Learning Packet

Name:

Grades: K-1

STUDENT GUIDE

Connection to Standards • History
- K: 1.1.1.a, b, c; 1.2.2.a, b, c
- 1st: 1.1.1.a, b, 1.2.2.b
We encourage you to visit all of the exhibits, however, the activity locations in this packet are marked by the blue tower logo.
Look for Max the Marmot as you explore the museum!

CHECK THE ITEMS OFF AS YOU FIND THEM

MAIN LEVEL

HOW IS THIS HISTORIC BUILDING DIFFERENT FROM NEW BUILDINGS TODAY?

Look for the clock tower!

WHAT WAS THIS BUILDING BEFORE IT BECAME A MUSEUM? EXPLORE FOR CLUES!

Visit the Conejos: Una Familia Grande exhibit. What dance group wears dresses like these?

THese beautiful outfits are called Jalisco dresses. What colors do you see in the dress?

WHAT RACE WAS THIS CAR USED FOR?

WHAT IS THE YELLOW PART OF THE COLUMN MADE OF?

ORANGE CRATES AND SCRAP LUMBER FORMED THE BASIC MATERIALS FOR MOST OF THESE NON-MOTORIZED CARS.

RIDE THE ELEVATOR TO THE 3RD FLOOR!

YOU CAN VISIT CITY HALL AT 107 N. NEVADA TO SEE THIS MATERIAL IN A DIFFERENT COLOR!

WHAT YEAR WAS THE MUSEUM’S BIRDCAKE ELEVATOR BUILT?

EXTRA QUESTIONS OR FACTS TO DISCUSS
Can you find this small pouch in the Cultural Crossroads exhibit? What materials is it made of?

Peek in the windows of Helen Hunt Jackson’s Home. Can you find the pine cones? What items from nature do you see in her home?

WHAT OTHER MATERIALS DO YOU SEE IN THE EXHIBIT?

HELEN WAS AN AUTHOR WHO WROTE A FAMOUS BOOK CALLED RAMONA.

Visit the Any Place North and West exhibit. What local team signed this baseball?

IN 1955, SAM HAIRSTON, THE TEAM’S FIRST BLACK PLAYER, WAS VOTED MOST VALUABLE PLAYER.

Can you name one of the medicines in the pharmacy cabinet in the City of Sunshine exhibit?

COLORADO SPRINGS HAS OVER 300 DAYS OF SUNSHINE EACH YEAR! WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE ACTIVITY TO DO IN THE SUN?

How many faces do you see in the Division 1 Courtroom?

Explore the Upper Level Lobby. What type of transportation is this wheel attached to? What animal pulled this vehicle?

LOOK UNDER THE COURTROOM CHAIRS! CAN YOU SEE THE HAT RACKS?

BONUS!
Now that you’ve explored the museum, look at four of stories you discovered and where they fall on the timeline.

Helen Hunt Jackson moved to Colorado Springs in 1873 (two years after we became a city).

This Ute pouch was made in 1875. American Indians have lived in the Pikes Peak region for thousands of years.

This courthouse (which is now the museum!) was built in 1903.

Sam Hairston played baseball for the Colorado Springs Sky Sox in the 1950s.

Draw/write a story of your choice for today/present!
Color this picture of the 1903 El Paso County Courthouse!