

Crossroads Rendezvous Education Resources

Dear Educators,

A Living History event such as the Crossroads Rendezvous gives an excellent opportunity for hands-on learning, but a little preparation before you arrive is helpful. Our focus is the Fur Trade in Wisconsin from 1750-1840, but there are so many different lenses through which to view this subject and time-period: Military Conflicts, Trades & Crafts, Fashion, Art and Culture, and so much more. The historical reenactors you will be interacting with at the event each have a different area of expertise, and we encourage you to make the most of their knowledge! Engage, ask questions, and try something new when the opportunity arrives.

Below are some links that will help acquaint you with various aspects of the Fur Trade history.

Fur Trade Overview

<http://www.truthaboutfur.com/blog/canada-fur-trade-history/>

<http://genealogybeyondthebmd.blogspot.com/2014/05/the-fur-trade.html>

<http://www.mpm.edu/content/wirp/ICW-146.html>

<http://www.hbcheritage.ca/teacher-resources/TG-HBC-FurTrade-ENG%20final.pdf>

<http://www.hbcheritage.ca/classroom/virtual-museum/fur-trade-nation>

<https://eh.net/encyclopedia/the-economic-history-of-the-fur-trade-1670-to-1870/>

<http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/fur-trade/>

<https://www.legendsofamerica.com/fur-trade-companies/>

<http://www.furtrade.org/about-us/>

<http://www.northwestjournal.ca/XVII3.htm>

<http://digital.library.mcgill.ca/nwc/history/01.htm>

Wisconsin History

<https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Article/CS15256>

<https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Article/CS388>

<https://mki.wisc.edu/ethnic-groups-in-wisconsin-historical-background/>

The French & Indian War

http://geo.msu.edu/extra/geogmich/frenchindian_war.html

<https://etd.library.vanderbilt.edu//available/etd-03222011-085548/unrestricted/DickersonDissertation.pdf>

<http://www.thewarthatmadeamerica.org/>

<http://www.mountvernon.org/george-washington/french-indian-war/>

<https://www.nps.gov/teachers/classrooms/the-french-and-indian-war-unit-3-conflict-begin.htm>

<https://www.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/dpla-tg-047/teaching-guide-exploring-the-french-and-indian-war/#.WvwMxogvzIU>

The American Revolution

<http://www.americanrevolution.org>

<http://www.pbs.org/ktca/liberty/teachers.html>

https://www.nps.gov/revwar/educational_resources/teachers.html

<http://www.history.org/history/teaching/index.cfm>

The War of 1812

<http://www.pbs.org/wned/war-of-1812/classroom/>

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/warof1812/upload/Lesson-Plans-By-Grade.pdf>

<http://www.flagshipniagara.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Online-Educational-Resources.pdf>

The Crossroads

The Crossroads are named for the intersection of two major and ancient Native American trails, which became known as The Old Decorah Road (modern day Highway 33) and The Old Green Bay Road (now parts of County Road O and W). These trails crossed near where the Milwaukee River makes an unusual bend, forming a peninsula that today is known as Peninsula Park, where the Crossroads Rendezvous takes place.

Prior to European Settlement, this land was inhabited mainly by the Ho Chunk and Menominee peoples. Then, over the 1700's both tribal warfare and the Fur Trade pushed tribes around and through the state, resulting in the area being settled mainly by members of the Potawatomi Tribe, along with some Menominee and brief periods of occupation by the Sauk and Meskwaki Tribes, who were trying to control trade along the Milwaukee River. Wisconsin was part of New France from the mid-1600's until 1763, when the Treaty of Paris brought an end to the Seven Years War/French & Indian War and this land was ceded to Great Britain until 1815, when it became a territory of the United States. After 1820, European settlement truly began in this area, primarily by German immigrants.

Potawatomi

<https://www.fcpotawatomi.com/>

<https://www.mpm.edu/content/wirp/ICW-152>

<https://www.mpm.edu/content/wirp/ICW-137>

Menominee

<https://www.menominee-nsn.gov/>

<https://www.menominee-nsn.gov/>

Meskwaki

<https://www.meskwaki.org/history/>

Sauk

<https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Article/CS4350>