Virtual Classroom Program Summary
Iowa’s People & Places

Recommended Grade Levels: Grades 3-12  
Length: 45 Minutes

Iowa Core Social Studies Standards
SS.3.22., SS.3.24., SS.3.27.  
SS.4.7., SS.4.9., SS.4.10., SS.4.20., SS.4.22.  
SS.5.20., SS.5.21., SS.5.26.  
SS.6.20., SS.6.21., SS.6.22.  
SS.7.2., SS.7.3., SS.7.6., SS.7.8.  
SS-US.9-12.13., SS-US.9-12.15., SS-US.9-12.17., SS-US.9-12.27.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
Many different people have called this land home throughout history. This interactive program serves an overview of Iowa's past while highlighting unique stories and spotlighting artifacts found in the State Historical Museum of Iowa’s exhibit, Iowa’s People & Places.

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS
1. Who are the different groups of people who have called Iowa their home since statehood?
2. How does Iowa and Iowans connect to national history?

FEATURED ARTIFACTS
Wacochachi’s Meskwaki Pictograph
This artifact is attributed to Wacochachi, a member of the Fox clan of the Meskwaki tribe. The pictograph has been called “one of the earliest Native American narrative works on paper” and depicts the life, landscape, animals and more of the Meskwaki people.

Battle Flag from the 1st Infantry Colored Regiment of Iowa
This object tells the story of African Americans in Iowa during the Civil War and the important role of Alexander Clark in the state’s civil rights history.

African-American Roll of Honor from World War I
This document is a handmade Roll of Honor for the African-American Iowans who trained at Fort Des Moines and served in World War I from 1914 to 1918.

1882 Greenback Party Ticket
This is a ticket for the Greenback Party in 1882 when Iowan James B. Weaver served as their candidate for president. This object reflects Iowa’s longstanding role in national politics.

Hmong Vest
The Hmong people arrived in Iowa following the efforts of Iowa Governor Robert D. Ray. This object tells the story of the many different people and cultures that immigrated to Iowa since becoming a state in 1846.

ASSOCIATED VOCABULARY
- Artifact  
- Battle Flag  
- Greenback Party  
- Humanitarian  
- Immigration  
- Indigenous  
- Meskwaki  
- Nomination  
- Pictograph  
- Politician  
- Regiment  
- Segregation  
- Visual Literacy

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