

Be a Guest of the Past

Lesson Title: Creating historic autograph books (optional lesson)

Objectives: TLW will create their own autograph books to bring and use at the schoolhouse.

Suggested Materials:

Colored construction paper and oaktag to make books

Note: This could provide an opportunity to team teach with your art teacher

Introduction: Just as today students sign each other's yearbooks or notebooks, students in the past had autograph books in which other students would write short messages and poems.

Student Activity: Students will identify the differences between modern and historic autograph books. They will create their own autograph books to be used on the field trip. They should sign each other's books and write messages that would be appropriate coming from their historic character roles.

At the Schoolhouse, students will have time to sign the books. They should sign each other's books and write messages that would be appropriate coming from their historic character roles.

Students will also have the opportunity to look at historic autograph books and see the types of messages that students wrote to each other.