



JOHNSON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Thank you for choosing to participate in the “Be a Guest of the Past” program. The purpose of the experience at the Coralville Schoolhouse is to allow students to time-travel back to the 1870’s and attend an Iowa one-room school.

The program consists of 3 components: pre-visit activities, the field trip to the Schoolhouse, and the post-visit activities.

The **pre-visit activities** include a video introduction to Johnson County history and the one-room school experience. In addition, the students research historical character roles that they will “become” at the Schoolhouse. Each student will make a *Student Notebook* where they will compile their completed assignments. It is strongly recommended that students engage in the required lessons. These are noted with an asterisk. A *rubric* is provided at the back of the binder to provide suggestions for evaluating student work.

On the day of the **field trip** to the Schoolhouse, students will assume their historical character roles and experience a typical day in a one-room school. A volunteer teacher will assume the role of the teacher and lead students through a period-appropriate activities. After lunch students will no longer be in character, and will participate in activities designed to give them a deeper understanding of the 1870’s. The entire experience lasts from 9am to 1pm.

Upon returning to the home school, students should complete the **post-visit activities** including writing in their journals and completing a group or individual project inspired by the Schoolhouse visit.

In order to maximize the field trip experience, we ask you to **fill out three forms** that are included in this binder:

*Historic character assignment sheet- please send this to the JCHS at least 4 days prior to the field trip to let us know who is coming to the Schoolhouse.

*Student preparation questionnaire- please send this to the JCHS prior to the field trip to let us know what pre-visit activities you have completed.

*Teacher Evaluation- Once you have completed the program, please let us know what worked and what did not. We revise the program based on your feedback.

We are looking forward to your visit to the Schoolhouse. Please check out our website www.johnsoncountyhistory.org for more information on the program and additional resources. Please do not hesitate to call with any questions. In addition, please contact us for information about accommodations for persons with special needs (319-351-5738).