Digital Education at Historic Columbia

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Education at Historic Columbia

Field Trips
We offer a variety of field trip options, including tours of our historic houses, walking tours throughout Columbia, and more. Our buildings and grounds are ideal for educational visits for school and other youth group tours.

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Traveling Trunks
Objects from various categories of our collection are available for loan to schools and other youth groups to use for educational purposes. Free guided tours are also available.

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Homeschool Program
We offer a structured Homeschool Program at the Strawberry Mansion, with a variety of educational programs for homeschooled students. The program allows for in-depth exploration of our collection and the history of Columbia.
Community Engagement & Family Programs
Onsite Field Trips
Traveling Trunks
New Traveling Trunk... Coming Fall 2020

What can this map teach us about Columbia in 1872?
Bird's eye view of the city of Columbia, South Carolina 1872.
Library of Congress.

What changes can you see over time on Main Street?

Create Your Own City

Activity Instructions
• Use the blank alphanumeric grid linked here to create and map out your own capital city.
• As you create your city, consider:
  • What geographic features would you want to build your city near or on?
  • What are some positive aspects of urban growth?
  • What are some negative aspects?
  • What are some ways you can plan for/ prevent natural and man-made disasters?

Structure Testing

1. Once you've finished constructing your building, measure it and note how tall it is here:

2. Let it stand on its own. Does it stay up by itself? If not, what changes can you make to improve your building?

3. If you made changes, what were they? Did they make your building better or worse? If they made it worse, would you go back to your previous design or make new changes?

4. If your design is able to stand on its own, add weights to test the stability of the structure. Use pennies, or other coins, as weights. How many pennies/ coins is your building able to hold?

If you're still not happy with your building, keep making changes and then test again! Make sure to record your results.
Virtual Initiatives
Contact us to learn more!

- Onsite Field Trips
- Traveling Trunks
- Virtual Field Trips
- Virtual Traveling Trunks
- Family Programs
- Coming soon… Learning Kits (for delivery or pick up!)

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