

Fifth Grade Program of the Tempe History Museum

I highly recommend the Tempe History Museum fifth grade field trip. The museum display features four themes about Tempe: Surviving in the Desert, City Building, Living Together, and College Town. The tour for the students is interactive, demands higher-level thinking and is related to our social studies, science, math and reading curricula. Besides, they have fun while doing the activities. This is a unique, free, field trip!

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Program Goals

To instill in students a sense of ownership in the history of Tempe through an interactive experience that connects to their everyday lives and inspires them to preserve their own history.

The Program

is about the stories of Tempe as a desert southwestern urban community.

It has four themes:

Surviving in the Desert – The desert climate and limited water supply affect how people live in Tempe and the Salt River Valley. Over time, people change the desert environment to meet their needs.

Living Together – Many different groups of people have lived in Tempe. Each group has given in their own way to what Tempe was, is and will become.

Building Community - Like many desert areas in the American West, Tempe has grown from a small farming town into a city. Yet, today, Tempe is special in many ways.

College Town – Since it began as a teachers college in 1885, Arizona State University has played a key role in shaping Tempe. It remains an important part of the city.

The Experience

includes pre-visit and post-visit classroom activities in addition to the class visit to the museum.

Pre-visit online materials include:

- A vocabulary list
- Four 30 minute lessons, one for each theme. (A condensed version of the lessons is also available, covering all four themes in 30 minutes)

The two-hour museum visit.

The students, divided into four groups, spend 20 minutes examining each themed area. The tour ends with each group choosing to do an art, drama, game or scavenger hunt related to one of the themes.

Post-visit online materials include:

- Classroom activities
- An interactive virtual timeline



For more information or to book a tour call: 480-350-5100