



Teaching with Historic Places Lesson Plan

A Visit to the Iron Works

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Subject: Social Studies **Grade:** 1

Introduction:

This is just a simple field trip suitable for first graders.

Objectives:

- Provide a picture of early colonial life in New England.
- Show how iron was first made in Saugus, Massachusetts.

Materials:

- The book *A Visit to the Ironworks*.
- The *Iron Works Coloring Book*.

Pre-Visit Activities:

Both books should be read prior to the field trip.

On-Site Activities:

Watch the Iron Works video and the iron making demonstration. Learn about what uses iron had.

Evaluation:

Comprehension can be divided into four basic levels. From worst to best:

1. Student can only draw a poorly detailed picture and is not able to recall any of the iron making process.
2. Student can draw a picture and give a brief description of the process.
3. Student can draw the Iron Works and recall most of the details of the process.
4. Student can draw a picture and describe in detail how iron was made.



The Iron Works Forge