

Student Inquiry Guide



Modern History Gallery

Grades 3 – 7



While you are in the gallery:

- THINK** Think about the questions as a group
- LOOK** Find any connections in the gallery to the question
- TALK** Talk about what you have found
- DO** Record what you find out on the inquiry page

Modern History:
HMS Discovery



YOU ARE HERE



KEY QUESTION

What was needed by early explorers?

- Let's Time Travel! Walk the ship "Discovery". As you enter the ship, you are leaving England, and when you come out of the ship you have landed at "Friendly Cove" in modern day British Columbia.
- Look at the differences between the two sides!
- Take 30 seconds to try and remember as many things inside the captain's cabin as you can.

When you exit, talk with your group and try to remember at least six objects that have to do with life onboard, items collected, or navigation inside the cabin. Once you are done, check back inside to see if there was anything you missed!

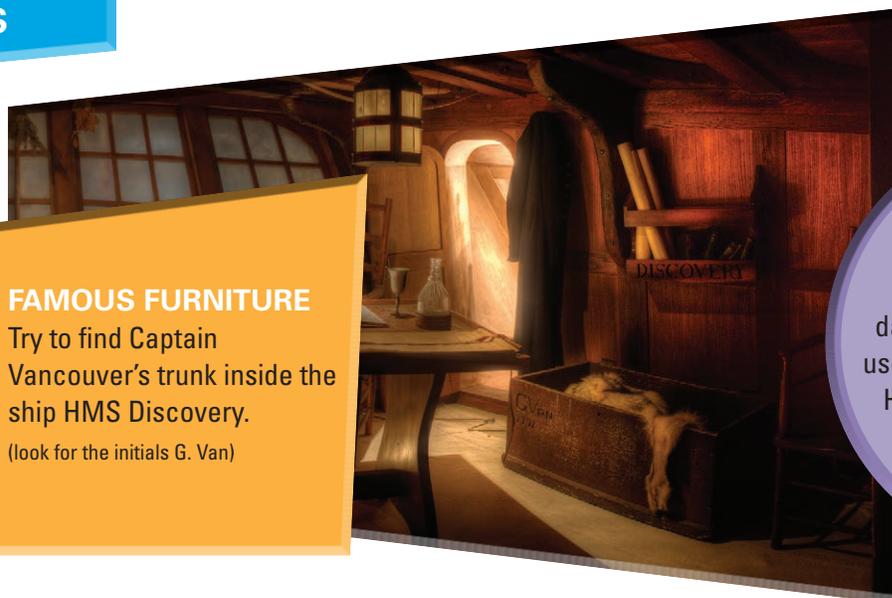
Items for life on a ship

Tools to navigate

Things collected from BC

Anything I missed

FACTS



FAMOUS FURNITURE

Try to find Captain Vancouver's trunk inside the ship HMS Discovery.

(look for the initials G. Van)

A FATAL DAGGER

Outside the ship is the dagger that was supposedly used to attack Captain Cook in Hawaii, after his last trip to BC in 1779.

Modern History:
Fur Trade



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KEY QUESTION

What were some important items used in BC's fur trade?

- Imagine you are a fur trapper. Look around at the cases. What would you want to trade your furs for? Why? (think about navigation, survival, decoration?)

What item would you want to trade your furs for _____

Draw it in the box below



Why would it be useful for a trapper?

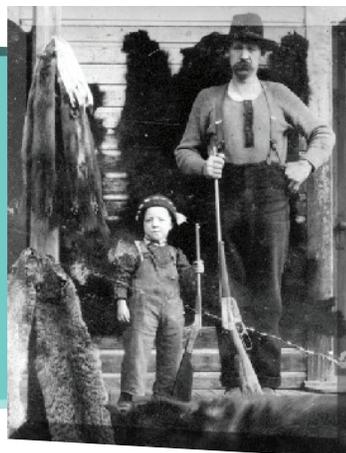
Which materials do you see that show the influence of First Nations People?

How do you think First Nations people helped these early explorers and fur traders?

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HISTORY OF THE FUR TRADE

In Europe in the early 1800s demand for fur was high, mostly to make fancy hats. The most valuable fur-bearing animals, such as beaver, lynx and marten, come from the coldest climates. Competition from fur trading made explorers and fur traders seek out more remote places to find more furs. Look around, how do you think people travelled in these cold remote areas?



FORT SUPPORT!

Take a look at the beams of wood around the *Fort Victoria Diorama*. They are the original beams from the old fort!

Modern History:
The Industries of BC



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KEY QUESTION

What were some industries that opened up BC? What were they like?

- Have a look around the three industries: Mining, Logging, and Fishing/Canning. Read the following accounts and look at the pictures.
- As a group discuss both the positive and negative sides of working in each industry.



A Miner's Day

"If you were down in the mines, you'd push three or four hundred two-ton cars a day. How do you push a two-ton car? You get your back to it, your heels dug in, and push! It was just pick and shovel, and you got 86 cents for a ton of coal."

From Sound Heritage Volume VII, number 4 (1978) p. 38.

A Logger's Day

"The first morning light would see them already at their place of work, perhaps a mile's rowboat journey from their home. There they would slave all day; carrying their sharp awkward tools up through the hillside underbrush; chopping and sawing, felling big timber; cutting up logs, barking them; using their heavy jackscrews to coax logs downhill to the sea. At evening, they would tow such logs as they had floated round to their boom, and put the logs inside, in safety. Then they could go home and dry their clothes, and cook supper, and sleep like dead men."

From woodsmen of the west by M. A. Grainger (Arnold, 1908), p. 53

Which job would you prefer to work? _____

Is this job dangerous? What would you need to worry about as a worker?

Modern History:
Old Town



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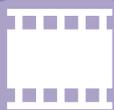
KEY QUESTION

How have times changed between old town and today in terms of transportation, entertainment, and communication?

- Look around all of old town. Discover how life was different in terms of transportation, communication, and entertainment between then and now.

	THEN	NOW
Transportation		
Communication		
Entertainment		

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THEATRE

Enter the theatre and catch a silent film. Even though films were silent, the audience was usually far from it! Cheer on the hero, hiss at the villain, and enjoy!!

LOOK DOWN!

Take a look at the street. Some streets in early Victoria were made of wooden 'cobbles'. There are about 30,000 cobbles in Old Town! Why would Victoria use wooden cobbles instead of brick?



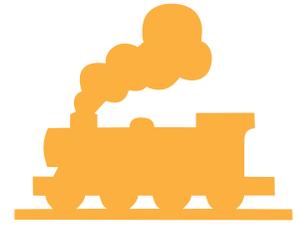
ONE SHOP – TWO TRADES

Find the Herbalist shop in Chinatown. In early Chinatown, it was difficult to run a successful shop if you had only one type of business. What is the other business offered by the owner.

Modern History:
Train Station



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KEY QUESTION

Where is this ticket taking me?

- You have found a ticket on the floor! Look closely at the train ticket below and try to answer the following questions.

DATE	STATIONS	TICKET	BOOK	FARE
Jan.	TO Victoria	3	5284	DOLLS.
Feb.	Russell			1.00
Mar.	Esquimalt			2.00
Apr.	Palmer	FORM 184		3.00
May	Colwood			4.00
June	Goldstream			5.00
July	17-Mile Post			6.00
Aug.	Malahat			7.00
Sept.	Fitzgeralds			8.00
Oct.	25-Mile Post			9.00
Nov.	Shawnigan L.			CENTS
Dec.	Koenigs			5
	Cobble Hill			10
	Hillbank			15
	Cowichan			20
	Koksilah			25
	Duncan			30
	Tansor			35
	Sahtlam			40
	Lake Cowichan			45
	Somenos			50
	Tyee			55
	Westholme			60
	Chemainus			65
	Saltair			70
	Blainey			75
	Ladysmith			80
	Brentons			85
	Cassidy			90
	S. Wellington			95
	Starks			
	Nanaimo			
	Northfield			
	Wellington			
	Nanoose Bay			
	Craigs			
	Parksville Jct.			
	Qualicum Bch.			
	Dashwood			
	Union Bay			
	Royston			
	Courtenay			
	Coombs			
	Hillier			
	Cameron Lake			
	Arrowsmith			
	Bainbridge			
	Alberni			
	Port Alberni			

ESQUIMALT AND NANAIMO RAILWAY

TRAIN TICKET

This Ticket must be punched before it is separated and this half given to passenger. Punch cuts should indicate fare paid, station, from and to, also date. It is not transferable, is good only on train and date on which issued, unless Conductor under his hand. Days Limit, punches the number of days from date of sale for which it will be good.

On Release Tickets Only—If it is not punched "not good for rebate" at foot it is redeemable at ten cents if presented at any ticket office of the Company within thirty days of date of sale. If punched "not good for rebate" it is not redeemable.

Stations to be written, when not printed for punching: To: _____

Not good for Rebate If Punched Here

Half Fare Excursion Return Mile

Days Limit..... 1 2 3 4 5 9 7 01 51 20 25 30

A What day was the ticket issued?

B Where was the train coming from?

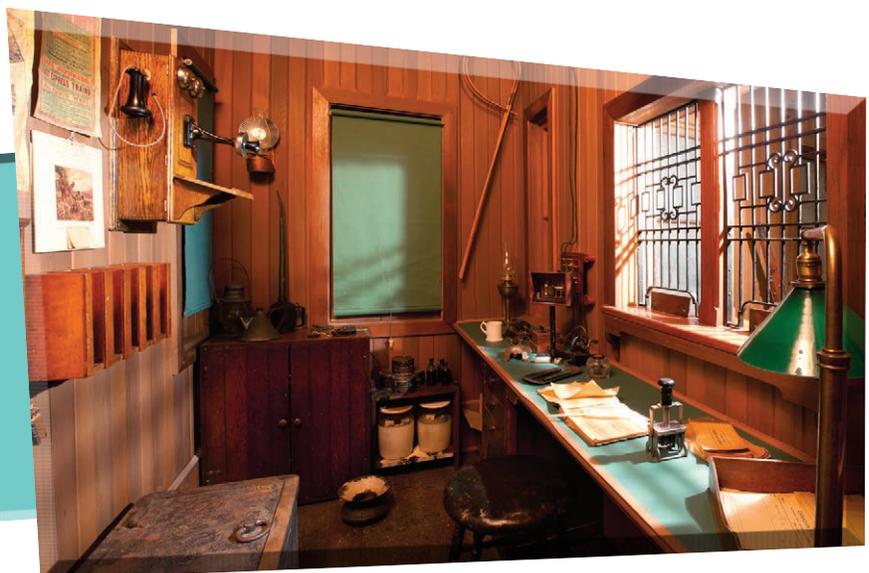
C Where was the train going to?

D How much did the fare cost?

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MESSAGES ON THE MOVE

Look for the 'order hoop/passing stick' hung up on the wall in the station office. These were used to deliver train orders to workers on moving trains. What else is used for communication inside this room?



Modern History:
Century Hall



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KEY QUESTION

What can we understand by looking at an object?

Looking at objects from the past can tell us a lot about BC's history!

Choose an object and discuss:

- what is the name of the object?
- what was it made out of?
- who would have used it?
- where do you think it was made?
- why was it important to the people of its time?
- why is it important to us today?



Record and Draw: an object that is familiar, unfamiliar, and an object you think should be in the Royal BC Museum.

An object that is familiar

Object

Time Period

Why is it important?

Draw it

An object that is unfamiliar

Object

Time Period

Who would have used it?

Draw it

An object that you would put in the museum and archives

Object

Time Period

Why does it need to be here?

Draw it