



INTRODUCTION TO THE TRAVELING TRUNK PROGRAM

Dear Teachers,

The University of Mississippi Museum staff is committed to sharing museum collections and special exhibitions with learners of all ages, far beyond the physical limitations of the museum building. Central to the mission of the Museum and the University as a whole is the goal of engaging new audiences through an innovative approach to education. The Museum's Traveling Trunk program provides lessons, educational objects/resources, and artistic materials for students to experience museum-based learning either as a form of enrichment to supplement a visit to the Museum or as a compilation of lessons to supplement your students' studies in the classroom.

Museum educators are available to present the trunks **within a one hour radius of the Museum** to provide an introduction to the topic, demonstration of the art activity, and to help explain ways to utilize the trunks for further study. These presentations generally last one hour and can be modified to meet your specific grade level needs. Teachers may keep the trunks for up to two weeks to share with additional classes or to utilize additional lessons in the trunk.

Each trunk will contain the following:

- 1. A Thematic Introduction**
- 2. Materials and Instructions for a Visual Arts Component**
- 3. A Language Arts Component**
- 4. A Social Studies or History Component**

In hopes that the Traveling Trunks will be a useful resource for teachers, the education staff at the UM Museum have worked to link lessons and activities with the **Mississippi Department of Education Frameworks for Visual Arts, Language Arts, and Social Studies, as well as integrating the Common Core State Standards**. We would greatly appreciate any feedback on ways that Museum resources and programming can be best presented and utilized to ensure that we are providing an enriching educational experience that compliments your hard work in the classroom.

We are eager for your feedback and opportunities for future collaboration.

Sincerely,

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The University of Mississippi Museum's Traveling Trunks are closely linked to the Museum's collections and special exhibitions, allowing teachers to supplement their current lessons and provide new, innovative ways to introduce students to art, culture, and history. For more information on the Traveling Trunk program or to book a tour and/or activity at the Museum, contact Emily Dean at esdean@olemiss.edu or 662-915-7205.

Traveling Trunk Topics:

- Walter Anderson
- Theora Hamblett
- Ancient Greece
- Southern Folk Art
- African Art
- Chinese Art
- Lowcountry Basket Weaving