

History for Elementary & Middle School

French Marine (4th & 5th grades)

A costumed interpreter leads a discussion on the French presence and life in 18th-century Alabama. This is followed by an interactive discussion about typical French Colonial personal items, which are laid out for students to identify.
(45 minutes)

Garbology (3rd-6th grades)

After a lively presentation about the myths surrounding archaeology, students learn about this field's basic ideas by sorting through actual garbage. Using scientific methods, they learn how to read the trash like archaeologists for clues about the people who created it.
(45 minutes)

Indian Life (4th grade)

An interpreter dressed as an 1800's Native American named Moccasin Woman brings her baskets of Indian clothing, natural objects, and artifacts to discuss the lives of Southeastern Indians in the early 19th century. She also introduces children to Native American stomp-dancing.
(45 minutes)

History for High School & College

French Marine

A costumed interpreter leads a discussion about the French presence and life in 18th-century Alabama. An interactive section follows, during which pre-modern battle tactics are demonstrated and students are invited to participate. (45 minutes)

Captain Bernard Romans

Romans was an 18th-century jack-of-all-trades, having been a British sea captain, cartographer, amateur botanist, and surveyor. He was most famous for his trip down the Tombigbee River and along the Gulf Coast. A costumed interpreter acts as Captain Romans while teaching about the natural and Native American life in 18th-century western Alabama.
(1 hour)

History for All Ages

Tour of Fort Tombeche

A walking tour of Fort Tombeche by museum staff covers the history of this unique 18th-century French, British and Spanish fort as well as summaries of recent archaeological excavations. A costumed interpreter delivers a

live 18th-century musket demonstration for all visiting groups. (2 hours)

French Mortar Crew

Two highly experienced and professionally trained museum staff members demonstrate use of a French mortar. Demonstrations show how 18th-century artillery crews functioned. The program includes a discussion of the benefits and problems associated with having artillery part of a colonial French Army. (2 hours. Please contact our staff about special needs associated with this program.)



Natural History for All Ages

William Bartram

A costumed interpreter portraying William Bartram shares the fascinating discoveries he made during a 1775 journey across the wilderness of the Southeast. Bartram was a trained botanist who discovered new species of plants and recorded descriptions of Native American cultures. (1 hour)

Black Belt Prairie

On the campus of UWA, a staff member leads a one-mile walk through a portion of the restored Black Belt Prairie. Participants learn how the prairie landscape was formed and about some of the unique and beautiful plants inhabiting the area. (1 hour)

Black Belt Natural Past

This presentation focuses on the natural history of the Black Belt from prehistoric times to present, especially the variety of animals that live or lived in the region. Bones, fossils and representations of common animals are used for hands-on learning experiences. (30 minutes. This presentation is geared toward younger audiences.)



To schedule any of these programs for your organization or classroom, contact Educational Program Coordinator, Brian Mast.

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