

Schoolhouse Experience Reflection

We hope your class enjoyed their Midway School Experience at the Harbor History Museum. To deepen student learning, use these questions and activities to help them reflect on their visit and what they learned.

Discussion Questions:

- What parts of your time in the schoolhouse did you find the most interesting or were your favorite?
- In what ways was your experience like or unlike what you expected?
- Did anything surprise you? Did you experience different feelings during the schoolhouse experience?
- What kind of students do you think the schooling was trying to create?
- How might different kinds of students have experienced school? Children from other countries, children whose parents did not speak English, children who had Native heritage, children who were rich or poor, children who moved here from somewhere else, etc.
- What was similar and what was different between the Midway School experience and school now?
- Would you like to have gone to school during that time? Why or why not?
- Why do you think it is useful to learn about schooling in the past?
- What do you still wonder about? What more would you like to learn about early schools?

Suggested Activities:

- Have students write a journal entry of their school day in the voice of their 1915 persona.
- Create a Venn diagram with the class of schools then and now.
- Have students find or create their own Memory Gems to share and/or display.