

**SOUTH CAROLINA STATE MUSEUM
PRE-VISIT MATERIALS
FOR THE MUSEUM TOUR**

**INTRODUCTION TOUR
(GRADES K5-12)**

TO THE TEACHER

Thank you for selecting the Introduction tour. The programming staff of the South Carolina State Museum has developed a wide variety of study-visit programs to meet the needs and interests of your students and to fulfill the Basic Skills Assessment Program objectives.

South Carolina has many stories to tell through its art, natural history, science and technology and cultural history. The docent conducted 60-minute program is designed for first time visitors. **The tour will briefly introduce young students to a few exhibits in each of the museum's disciplines.**

PLEASE NOTE All study-visit programs are conducted by volunteer docents. If there are exhibits of particular interest please speak with the docents before the tour begins. They will make every effort to fulfill your requests.

The State Museum building has four floors. Each floor is approximately the size of a football field. An Introduction Tour cannot cover each exhibit on every floor in 60-minutes.

In the future you may wish to take advantage of other study-visit programs described in the Teacher's Handbook. Individual Highlights Tours are designed to concentrate on one of the museum's disciplines. For example, during a Cultural History Highlights Tour, students would have a more in-depth study-visit of the history floor.

In addition, teacher-directed museum activities called "In Search Of" are available. These activities are self-guided scavenger hunts. They are more focused than a regular self-guided tour and this museum uses "In Search Of" activities in place of self-guided tours.

OBJECTIVES

To introduce your students to art, natural history, science and technology and cultural history as illustrated through museum exhibits.

To have young students recognize the many contributions of the people who have lived in South Carolina.