

## CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS

Classroom Connections are 45 minute hands-on history workshops designed to bring history to life! Sessions are offered based on staff availability, so contact Carol Manning at [carol.manning@illinois.gov](mailto:carol.manning@illinois.gov) or 217-558-8929 to schedule yours today.

### **19<sup>TH</sup> Century Kids**

What was it like to grow up in the 19<sup>th</sup> century? Find out in this exploration of school, work, and play. Daily chores, blab schools, games, and entertainment will be just some of the topics covered in this hands-on workshop. *Grade Levels 4-6*

### **Tracking the Underground Railroad**

Neither underground nor a railroad, the Underground Railroad was a network to freedom for slaves. Students will be introduced to the origins of the Underground Railroad, its routes, and stories of some of those who were *passengers, conductors, or station masters* on this *freedom train*. Students will also learn how historians and researchers determined if reported Railroad activity actually existed in various communities. *Grade Levels 4-6, 7-10*

### **Life of a Soldier**

Learn about the life of a Civil War soldier while getting up close and personal with reproduction artifacts. Students will be given reproduction artifacts including objects, letters and diary entries, and images to analyze before comparing their soldier's belongings with their classmates. *Grade Levels 6-8, 9-12*

### **Women in the Civil War**

Learn about how women of the Civil War served as soldiers, nurses, spies, and those who kept the home fires burning for both the Union and Confederacy. Using photographs, letters and diaries, students will examine the many roles women played in the Civil War and their impact on both sides. *Grade Levels 4-6*

### **Civil War Folk Dancing**

Up through the 1800s, long before the telephone and Facebook, communities got together for social events that often revolved around familiar songs and dances. Doing those folk dances provides a window into life during the time period, broadening the students' learning. It also allows for a physical component to their museum experience. *Grade Levels 4-6*