

About French Colonial Missouri History

1720s – French entrepreneurs arrive in this region and open the lead mines. They live on the east side of the Mississippi River

1730s – French colonial Americans living in Kaskaskia begin farming on the west side of the Mississippi River in the Grand Champ (Big Field)

1740s – Ste. Genevieve becomes a town on its first location east and south of where it is today

1760s – Louis Bolduc arrives in Ste. Genevieve, from St. Joachim, New France, a refugee from the French and Indian War

1763 – Louisiana is transferred from France to Spain and Great Britain becomes the colonial ruler east of the Mississippi River and St. Louis becomes a village

1780-1785 – Ste. Genevieve experiences repeated Mississippi River floods

1792 – Ste. Genevieve relocates to its present site

1800 – France reacquires Louisiana from Spain

1804 – Louisiana is purchased by the United States

1821 – Missouri becomes a state

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Bolduc House Museum
125 S. Main
Ste. Genevieve, MO 63670

Teaching French Colonial Missouri History Hands-On

at



the

**Bolduc House
Museum
in
Ste. Genevieve**

When Your Class Visits the Museum

There are several options for what your field trip to the Bolduc House Museum may entail

[Tour the first town in Missouri](#) when you purchase a *Passport to Ste. Genevieve*. Your students will visit the Bolduc House Museum, Felix Valle State Historic House, Ste. Genevieve Museum, and the Jacques Guibourd House.

Cost: \$5/student Duration: 3 hours

[Schedule an Extended Bolduc House Field Trip](#) where your class will spend two hours experiencing the Bolduc House Museum.

The students will play period games and do a variety of activities designed to connect them to the 18th century French culture here. *Cost: \$4/student Duration: 2 hours*

[Plan a customized Bolduc House field trip](#) designed to enhance your instructional objectives in history, geography, French, art, architecture, math, or technology. Catholic schools may want to arrange a trip that emphasizes our rich Catholic connections. The cost and duration will be arranged as we plan.

Hands-on Activities may include: bousillage repair, eye-spy architecture tour, salt-making relay, floor care, cooking, interactive time line, garden adventures, making clay marbles, crafts, archeology finds, indoor and outdoor games, stories, document investigation in the archives, helping with historic preservation, sing-alongs in French and more

When the Museum Visits Your Classroom

Perhaps your budget or time constraints do not permit you the luxury of a field trip to Ste. Genevieve. We would love to be invited to visit your classroom to present one of these 45 minute programs

[History Mystery](#) – we bring items from the Museum's collection and involve your students in the critical thinking and research process to determine what the items are, how they were used, and who would have owned them. This presentation is adaptable *for any grade level or subject area*

[Mapping New Places & People](#) – we bring a reproduction of the 1755 French map that hangs in the Museum to explore themes related to geography, politics, and the interaction between Indian, African, and European cultures in this region. *This is appropriate for grades 4-12*

[The New Kid](#) – we bring excerpts from the writings of Henry M. Brackenridge whose father sent him to Ste. Genevieve to learn French in order to compare and contrast French and American life in 1793. *This is appropriate for grades 4-12*

[Zuts](#) – we bring our French squirrel, Zuts, who can, but does not like to read and write. He is responsible for keeping a journal of what the humans do at the Bolduc House. We'll also bring a few things to help primary grade children think how everyday life has changed since 1800. *This is designed for grades K-3*

We do not charge a specific fee when we make a classroom visit. However, a donation to the Bolduc House Museum to off-set the cost of our travel expenses would be welcome.

Resources for Teachers

The following Museum resources and opportunities are for teachers

[Aujourd'hui Chez Louis](#)—a free monthly e-newsletter for students that you can download and distribute to your students. Email bolduchouse@sbcglobal.net to sign up to receive this resource

[18th Century Technology Barrel](#)—(coming in 2011) - arrange to borrow this barrel filled with artifacts and ten lessons that connect students to the French colonial experience here in Missouri. Watch our website for details

[Enhancing Your Field Trips](#)—a professional development workshop for teachers presented by Bolduc House Museum director, Lesley Barker, MAT. Call 573-883-3105 to schedule this workshop for your teachers or instructional team

[Museum Goes to School](#)—a graduate level summer school class for teachers provided for credit by Webster University and partially held at the Bolduc House Museum. The class will only be held if there are enough pre-registered students by the university's deadline. Call or email

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