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## Virginia Museum of History & Culture Announces New Expanded Digital Education Offerings Online for Students and Educators This Fall

Richmond, VA — Richmond, VA — The Virginia Museum of History & Culture (VMHC) is very pleased to announce that the VMHC Education Team will roll out a series of new expanded online digital offerings for students and educators this Fall.

“With so many families being impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic at this time, we know that there is a crucial need for as many students and teachers to have access to our resources as possible,” said Hailey Fenner, VMHC Manager of Digital Learning. “Our team has created many new and exciting online offerings and increased our Zoom capacity to 500 participants to connect our large audience directly with history.”

Digital Offerings will be available in the following categories:

### VIRTUAL TOURS: 360-Degree Views

- Story of Virginia Exhibit – 360 Tour available, pairs with the Story of Virginia Digital Timeline and Story of Virginia Online Exhibition Narrative
- Agents of Change Exhibit – 360 Tour available with embedded artifact information

### VIRTUAL TOURS: Live Gallery Walks (New!)

- 30-minute Highlight Tours of the museum galleries which will be broadcasted on the VMHC Education Facebook page and YouTube Channel
- Topics will be announced ahead of time
- No registration will be required and all may login to watch live

### HISTORY CONNECTS WEBINARS: Live and Recorded Options

- **Paid & Free Live Distance Learning Programs** – Free webinars will be posted as calendar events; paid programs can be booked online from our catalog or by contacting [hfenner@virginiahistory.org](mailto:hfenner@virginiahistory.org)
- **Recorded Options** – New Paid On-Demand Video Access for Primary Source of the Month videos & worksheets; a selection of FREE Previously Recorded Webinars will remain on the site

### STUDENT/CLASSROOM RESOURCES: Lesson Ideas & Primary Source Materials

- Learning Resource from the VMHC website: Museum of You, You Be the Curator, Teaching with Photographs, Linking to Our Past
- Primary Sources & Videos from the VMHC website: The Story of Virginia Digital Timeline, Educational Videos, Notable Dates in History, Virginia History Explorer

The VMHC Education Team is gathering resources and primary source material that educators and parents can use to bring history to life and allow students to engage in primary source analysis. These VMHC primary source materials and worksheets will enhance lesson plans and will be useful to students, teachers and homeschool educators; including those who are new to homeschooling. Parents, educators and students can contact the VMHC Education team at [education@virginiahistory.org](mailto:education@virginiahistory.org) with questions. And please visit [VirginiaHistory.org/Learn](http://VirginiaHistory.org/Learn) to see all of the museum's education resources.

The Virginia Museum of History & Culture is owned and operated by the Virginia Historical Society — a private, non-profit organization established in 1831. The historical society is the oldest cultural organization in Virginia,

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and one of the oldest and most distinguished history organizations in the nation. For use in its state history museum and its renowned research library, the historical society cares for a collection of nearly nine million items representing the ever-evolving story of Virginia.

The Virginia Museum of History & Culture is located at 428 N Arthur Ashe Boulevard in Richmond's Museum District. Hours are Monday – Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the galleries and museum shop, Monday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the research library. For more information call 804.340.1800, visit [VirginiaHistory.org](http://VirginiaHistory.org), or connect on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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