



VANCOUVER ISLAND MILITARY MUSEUM

Centennial Building, 100 Cameron Rd., Nanaimo, BC, V9R 0C8

Tuesday - Friday 10:00am - 3:00pm Saturday 11:00am - 3:00pm

Who we are:

Located in the heart of Nanaimo's inner harbour, Vancouver Island Military Museum is one of the West Coast's most significant military history institutions, offering educational programming to visitors of all ages. Experience Canadian military history through engaging exhibits and get close to artifacts and memorabilia from the War of 1812 right through to Canada's involvement in Afghanistan. VIMM shares the human experience of war, inviting audiences to engage with Canadian military history in meaningful ways.

What we can offer:

Vancouver Island Military Museum offers a wide variety of on and off-site learning opportunities, designed to support curriculum objectives. These include:

- **Museum Tours:**
 - Educational tours tailored to the interests of your group, incorporating VIMM's extensive collection of artifacts, and highlighting the stories local people and their part in global events.
- **Guided Learning Programs, including:**
 - Object-based Kits: Sets of objects (such as replica artifacts, medals, uniforms, memorabilia) and high-quality photographs/images that are used as hand-on educational aids during a program. These can be booked for classroom use or included in a museum tour.
 - Handouts, Activity Sheets, Worksheets: Printed materials that support museum tours, object-based kits, and provide background information and activities to take home.
- **Instructor and Teacher Support Materials:**
 - Comprehensive lesson plans and background materials to accompany Guided Learning Programs, ensuring the program is easy to integrate into your curriculum.
- **Youth Impact Program:**
 - VIMM provides volunteer opportunities for students from Nanaimo's local Secondary School Districts, to meet their community service Grade 12 graduation requirements. Youth are mentored by one or more Veteran volunteers.
- **Collaborative Learning Programs:**
 - Have an idea not listed here? Want us to come to your classroom? Let us know and we can work with you to develop a learning opportunity that suits the interests of your class.

Subjects:

- First World War
- Second World War
- Racial and gendered discrimination
- Segregation and internment
- National identity and independence
- Cold War, Nanaimo's Diefenbunker, and Nuclear Disarmament
- Geography and Cartography
- Collective action, activism, and protest
- Korean War, NATO, UN Peacekeeping, Afghanistan
- Museum practice, collecting and curating local stories

Curriculum Links:

Social Studies K - 9

- Significance of personal or local events, objects, people, or places
- The development and evolution of Canadian identity over time
- The changing nature of Canadian immigration over time
- Past discriminatory government policies and actions, such as the Chinese Head Tax and internments
- Human rights and responses to discrimination in Canadian society
- The urbanization and migration of people
- Roles of individuals, governmental organizations, and NGOs
- International co-operation and responses to global issues regional and international conflict
- Media technologies and coverage of current events

Social Studies 10 - Canada and the World: 1914 to Present

- Canadian autonomy and identities
- Discriminatory policies and injustices in Canada and the world, including against indigenous peoples, the head tax, racial segregation, and the internment of Japanese Canadians
- The Holocaust and the concept of genocide
- Domestic and International conflicts and co-operation

Explorations in Social Studies 11

- Social, cultural, or technological innovations and developments in the 20th century
- Methods used by individuals, groups, and organizations to promote social justice
- Recognition of and responses to genocide

20th Century World History 12

- Religious, ethnic, and/or cultural conflicts, including genocide
- Global conflicts, including World War I, World War II, and the Cold War
- Interdependence and international co-operation
- Social and cultural developments
- Communication and transportation technologies

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