



YOUNG ARCHAEOLOGISTS



POINTE-À-CALLIÈRE

Elementary-Secondary
| Interactive workshop

Archaeologists really dig what they do!

Invite your students to get some dirt under their fingernails at a simulated archaeological dig where they can learn all about this fascinating profession!

Their mission will be to unearth traces linked to different periods on Montréal's birthplace, where Pointe-à-Callière stands.

By following the steps in the scientific method in archaeology as they identify objects and put them in context, the students will get a good idea of the joys and challenges of this profession.

They'll also see the city's past from an unusual viewpoint, as they unearth layers and layers of history.

WHAT WILL THE STUDENTS DO AT THE MUSEUM?

- Take part in a simulated archaeological dig and unearth traces of the past.
- Analyze some objects in the laboratory to determine what period they belong to.
- Learn about stratigraphy and identify the periods of occupation on the Pointe à Callière site.
- Handle actual archaeological artifacts and use real archaeologists' tools.



A [Teacher's Guide](#) has been designed for elementary teachers who reserve this workshop at the Museum. The kit includes some suggested activities to help the students get ready for the visit or to prolong the fun and learning back in the classroom.

CONCEPTS COVERED DURING THE WORKSHOP

Archaeology, stratigraphy, artifacts, ecofacts, remains, scientific approach, digs, published results, heritage conservation, display, periods of occupation.

COMPETENCIES DEVELOPED

The activities during this workshop are in line with the aims of the Quebec and Ontario education programs.

They are related to the **career orientation** and **exploration areas of learning**, and aim to familiarize young people with the work done by archaeologists.

By taking part in the proposed activities, the young visitors will apply a number of intellectual, methodological and communication-related competencies:

- + Use information;
- + Solve problems;
- + Exercise critical judgment;
- + Use creativity;
- + Adopt effective work methods;
- + Communicate appropriately.



The students will also become familiar with the **scientific approach** in archaeology and apply various exploration, instrumentation and communication strategies to solve problems.

In addition, the various activities contribute to the development of the elementary **Social Sciences** subject-specific competency "Perceive the organization of a society in its territory."



Students can experience the thrill of the archaeological hunt!



We suggest that teachers who have reserved for this workshop also have their students play an educational game, so that they can continue learning more about archaeology back in the classroom:

• **Archaeological Digs**

Conduct virtual archaeological excavations on the site of the Archaeological Field School at Pointe-à-Callière and find traces of Fort Ville-Marie!



RESERVE TODAY!

 **90 MINUTES**

 **50 PARTICIPANTS**

 **RESERVATIONS**

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 **SCHEDULE**

TOUR AND ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

- > **September 2009 to April 2010:** Tuesday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- > **May-June 2010:** Tuesday to Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. + Mondays, May 10 and June 7, 14 and 21.

 **COST**

- COST – SEPTEMBER 1, 2009 TO JUNE 24, 2010
- > **\$7.00:** Elementary students
- > **\$7.50:** Secondary students
- > **FREE ADMISSION** for accompanying adults: 1 for every 15 students
- > **\$12.00:** Additional accompanying adults

THE MUSEUM IS OFFERING 30% OFF IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY!

 **ONE-DAY PACKAGE**

Add an interpreted tour to this workshop and enjoy a full day at Pointe-à-Callière:


- > *Where Montréal Was Born* interpreted tour **OR** *Here's to Progress - 19th-Century Style!* interpreted tour **OR** Interpreted tour of the *Pirates, Privateers and Freebooters* temporary exhibition
- Package cost: **\$14** per elementary student, **\$15** per secondary student

 **LUNCH ROOM**

A group lunch room is available by reservation.

Cost: \$1 per student. Free if you participate in two activities during the day.

 **ACCESS TO THE MUSEUM**

- > The Museum is located at **350 Place Royale**, at the corner of Rue de la Commune, in Old Montréal.
- > Visitors planning to come to the Museum by bus or car may [download instructions \(PDF\)](#).
- > There is free bus parking on Rue de la Commune, at the corner of Place Royale.
- >  By metro: Place d'Armes metro station (an 8-minute walk from the Museum)
- **Contact us for further information: 514 872-9127**



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