



G.I.F.T. TRUNKS (Gilbert's Interesting Facts and Treasures)

What is a G.I.F.T. Trunk:

These trunks contain hands-on activities designed to bring Gilbert history to life for your students, generate interest in the history of their community, and support core social studies curriculum. The Trunks contain objects and activities that motivate, teach and entertain students in the subject of social studies. Activities are designed for 3rd and 4th grade, but can be readily adapted for different age groups. In addition, the activities are appropriate for other educational settings including home school, camps, and scouting environments.

Trunks can include:

Historical artifacts	Photographs	Maps
Games	Presentations	Recipes
Oral history tapes	Student worksheets	Reproductions
Teacher instructions	Photocopy masters	Clothing

How to Check Out a Trunk

Trunks may be borrowed for up to two weeks. Teachers are responsible for picking up and returning them. G.I.F.T. Trunks are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Call the museum at 480-926-1577 to schedule a pick up. You must speak with Kayla Kolar, Executive Director.

Trunks available to check out:

1. Early Gilbert in Time and Space

Theme: Gilbert began as a small farming community in the Salt River valley and has grown into a large suburban town in the eastern part of metro Phoenix.

Activities: Use maps to understand the physical and geographical context of Gilbert, their school/home, and the Museum; match a historic town photograph with a historic map; and make a Gilbert history timeline.

2. From Alfalfa to Butter

Theme: Alfalfa, originally grown by homesteaders and farmers to feed their livestock, became such an important commodity that Gilbert was known as the Alfalfa Hay Shipping Capital of the World during World War I.

Activities: Use real alfalfa plants as a reference when coloring an alfalfa plant coloring sheet; Play "Cut Hay" card game to learn about the process of farming alfalfa; View "Churning Butter" PowerPoint and make butter from cream; and sprout and grow alfalfa seeds.