

# MOR DISCOVERY

## History Hall

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### Scavenger Hunt and Time Travel Activity

Visit the History Hall and see how much of our past you can piece together.

Part 1: All of the items below can be found in the History Hall. How many can you find and identify?

 <p>How far can this Ordinance Rifle accurately launch a projectile? <u>2000 yards</u></p>	 <p>Find the display case with the animal furs. What animals did these pelts come from? (Name two) <u>beaver, mink, marten, ermine, muskrat, otter</u></p>	 <p>What was this fire extinguisher filled with? <u>water and baking soda</u></p>	 <p>Where was the first major gold strike in Montana? <u>Grasshopper Creek near Bannack City, MT</u></p>
 <p>Who is this? <u>Dr. Caroline McGill</u></p>	 <p>Find the laundry display. What is the soap made of? <u>wood, ash, animal fat, borax, water</u></p>	 <p>Who is this? <u>John M. Bozeman</u></p>	 <p>How many non-motorized vehicles can you find? <u>9</u> What powered them? <u>horses</u></p>
 <p>What are these gloves made from? <u>bison hide</u> Who wore these gloves? <u>stagecoach drivers</u></p>	 <p>In 1940, what percent of urban homes had a bath or shower? <u>68%</u></p>	 <p>Find the Browning Rifle. What is its muzzle velocity? <u>1375 feet/second</u> What does this model commemorate? <u>Montana's Statehood</u></p>	 <p>Where would you be going if you were on board this stagecoach? <u>Yellowstone</u></p>

Part 2: Pick one of the below scenes and imagine you have been transported back in time to that place. Describe a day in your life.



It's 1864. You're 17 years old and striking out on your own. When President Lincoln signed the Homestead Act two years ago, you left your home and family in Pennsylvania and headed west. You decided to settle in Montana in hopes of finding some gold and striking it rich! These are exciting times, but also tough times; it seems like you are constantly making repairs on your tar paper shack and you're worried about the coming winter. Describe a typical day in your life.



It's 1917 and your family are sheep ranchers. During the summer months, you and your two older siblings must take a band of 1000 sheep into the mountains so they have enough food for grazing. Describe your journey.



It's 1934 and your family owns a rural filling station outside of Yellowstone National Park. Times are tough because of the Great Depression, but by selling fuel to tourists on their way to the Park, your family is making ends meet. Your nearest neighbors are a half day's horseback ride away, but you meet all sorts of interesting people by helping them fuel their automobiles. Describe a typical busy day in your life.

**Note to teachers:** This activity can be completed in the Museum as an individual reflection after completing the scavenger hunt, or as a post-trip activity, back in the classroom.

**Extension:** After completing the scavenger hunt, have students brainstorm why people moved to Montana (fur trapping and trading, gold and other mining opportunities, the Homestead Act of 1862, tourism, etc.). Ask students if they know why their family came to Montana.