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I. Introduction

Contains important information for teachers about *Tavern in a Trunk*, including a trunk inventory to complete before use and return shipping instructions.

II. Traveling Back in Time: A Power Point presentation

Introduce students to life in the 18th century while providing them with a historical background of the City of Alexandria and the two buildings that make up Gadsby's Tavern Museum.

III. 18th Century Manners

Act out George Washington's *Rules of Civility* and learn about the social etiquette of the period.

IV. A Colonial Town: Location is Key

As a class, examine the 18th century maps of both Alexandria and the Chesapeake region and discuss the impact that location had on the success of towns and businesses during the Colonial period.

V. Alexandria Advertisements: How Was a Tavern Used?

Tavern activities provide a window into daily life in a Colonial urban center. By studying original newspaper advertisements for Gadsby's Tavern, students uncover the many roles a tavern played in society and can compare it to life today.

VI. From the Traveler's Mouth: A Lesson Based on Quotations

Get a glimpse into the life of an 18th century traveler by examining excerpts from original letters and diaries of the period. Students learn about the conditions of Virginia taverns and write their own letter to a loved-one taking on the character of an 18th century traveler.

VII. Lost and Found: Runaway Slave Ads

Alexandria's large free Black population was a magnet for runaway slaves. By studying excerpts from runaway slave ads, students learn about the skills and characteristics possessed by enslaved African Americans of the period.

VIII. Now and Again: Learning From Objects of the Past

Like a curator in a museum, each student examines an object, uses the enclosed information to research it, and compares it to a modern object. Create a one-day classroom exhibit with everyone's findings!

IX. Colonial Dress-up

Students learn about 18th century clothing as they try on reproductions from our costume collection.

X. Recreating an 18th Century Ball

Discover what it was like to attend a ball in Alexandria by reading a first-hand description written by Nicholas Cresswell in 1775. Practice the common customs and dance steps needed to have an 18th century ball in your classroom! Includes music and dance notations.

XI. Colonial Signs

Wonder what was it like to walk down the street of a colonial town? Students study the design of 18th century trade and business signs, complete a worksheet, and design their own tavern signs.

XI. Craft Projects & Games

Make your own ball and cup toy, ladies pocket or soldier's haversack. Craft materials not included. Also includes directions to the reproduction games in the plastic tub: Dominoes, Draughts (checkers), Ball and Cup, Ninepins.

XII. Recipes for an 18th Century Feast

Let your students make butter and spiced cider in your classroom or give them ideas on how to make an 18th century feast at home!

XII. Bibliography