

Introduction to Post-Field Trip Activities

Follow-up activities include:

1. Thank You Notes
2. Student reflections
3. Writing activity-Captions
4. Creating a collection

Once students have experienced the Gray/Campbell Farmstead field trip, it is important to give them time and lessons that will help them better connect to what they have experienced.

Thank You Notes- Learning to express one's appreciation is extremely important and often overlooked. The docents at the Gray/Campbell Farmstead are all volunteers and the field trip is provided free of charge or a nominal fee. Having students write thank notes to the docents is greatly appreciated. Students can include things they enjoyed about the field trip, things they have learned or appreciation for a particular docent. If you complete this activity please send the notes to:

Friends of the Gray/Campbell Farmstead
2400 S. Scenic Ave.
Springfield, MO 65807

Student Reflections- this activity is good to do the day of the field trip once they return to school while the events are fresh in their minds. The reflection is a list of ten questions that will help them process the day.

Writing Activity-Captions- this lesson focuses on the importance of images and captions in nonfiction writing. It will be important for the teacher, chaperones and/or students to take several pictures while they are on the field trip. They will be writing short articles about their day and include images with captions.

Creating a Collection- this lesson focuses on a deeper dive into topics chosen by the students. They will make either photo or physical collections of items that have ties to the Ozark settlers. Examples include music, recipes, native plants, etc.