Soaring Beyond the Field Trip:

Elevating K–12 Teacher Support

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Agenda

- Welcome
- The Ringling
- Manatee Village Historical Park
- Discussion
- Activity
- Questions

What is the biggest challenge in supporting teachers through your school programs?

What strategies can tackle these challenges in supporting teachers for your programs?













The Ringling serves as the legacy of John and Mable Ringling—a place of art, architecture, and circus in an environment that inspires, educates, and entertains.

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FREE School Tours

K-12 schools can visit The Ringling for free on field trips. Free planning visits are also available.

TOURS

Professional Development

Teachers can attend free-hands on workshops throughout the year.

WORKSHOPS

Curriculum Resources

Teachers can access guides, audio guides, activities, and more.

RESOURCES

Funding Opportunities

In addition to free admission, we also offer bus scholarships.

FUNDING

Customzations

Many teachers ask for custom tours, resources on specific pieces, or topics for their visit.

CUSTOM

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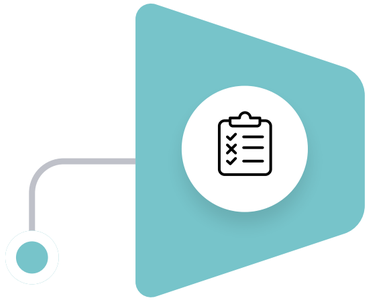


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On Site School Visits

Bring your class to The Ringling for a field trip! On-site School Visits to the museum are FREE. All School Visits include access to the Museum of Art, Circus Museum (Tibbals Learning Center and Historic Circus Galleries), Bayfront Gardens, and a first-floor walk-through of Ca' d'Zan. Depending on your group size, you may choose to take a Guided School Tour led by one of our specially trained volunteer guides or to lead your students on your own through a Teacher-led Visit.



Guided School Tours

Ringling School Tours

Public/Private School Guided Tour (up to 50 people)

Public/Private School Guided Tour (u...
30 minutes
Free

College Visit
30 minutes
Free

Teacher-Led for Homeschool/Public/...
30 minutes
Free

December 11

December 2026

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11:30 AM 12:00 PM 12:30 PM

1:00 PM

All times are in (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

Provide additional information

Group Name

Teacher name, email, and cell phone

Select your school type.

--select an option--

Is your school Title 1?

--select an option--

School District (optional)

Your group's city, state, and zipcode

Choose your tour theme below.

--select an option--

What grade level(s) are your students?

How many TOTAL people will attend your field trip? (note: guided tours are for up to 50 people)

Will your group participate in a free first-floor walkthrough of Ca' d'Zan during your field trip?

--select an option--

I acknowledge that my FULL group will meet outside before our scheduled check in time.

--select an option--

New booking from

[redacted]

Public/Private School Guided Tour (up to 50 people) with
Ringling-School-Tours

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM
(UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art (5401 Bay Shore Rd, Sarasota, FL, 34243, United States)

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MUSEUM OF ARTSCHOOL TOUR



STOP ONE | GALLERY 2

The Meeting of Abraham and Melchizedek

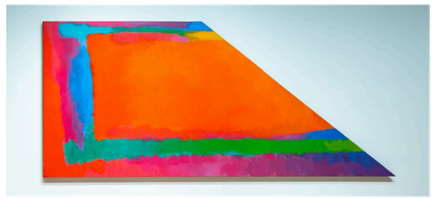
Peter Paul Rubens, c. 1625, SN212



STOP TWO | GALLERY 6

Rest on the Flight into Egypt

Paolo Veronese, c. 1572, SN82



STOP THREE|SEARING WING

Spacer

TrevorBell,1985. Gift of the Artist, 2004. SN11118.2



STOP FOUR|CHAO CENTER FOR ASIAN ART

Galleria

TingTsungandWei Fung Chao Center for Asian Art



STOP FIVE | GALLERY 16

Lieutenant General Philip Honywood

ThomasGainsbrough,1765.SN390



STOP SIX | GALLERY 21

Plowing in the Nivernais (Labourages nivernais)

Rosa Bonheur, 1850, SN433

MUSEUM OF ART SCHOOL TOUR **STANDARDS**

GRADES K-2

VISUAL ARTS
VA.K.C.2.1
VA.K.C.2.2
VA.K.O.1.1
VA.K.O.2.1
VA.K.H.2.1
VA.K.H.1.2
VA.1.C.1.1
VA.1.C.1.2
VA.1.C.3.1
VA.1.O.1.1
VA.1.O.2.1
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VA.2.C.2.2
VA.2.O.1.1
VA.2.H.1.2

SOCIAL STUDIES
SS.K.A.1.1
SS.K.A.1.2
SS.K.A.2.1
SS.1.A.1.1
SS.1.A.2.2
SS.1.A.2.5

SCIENCE
SC.1.N.1.1-1.4
SC.2.N.1.1-1.5
SC.2.L.14.1
SC.3.L.15.1-15.2

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS
ELA.K.R.1.1
ELA.K.R.2.1
ELA.1.R.1.1
ELA.1.R.1.2
ELA.2.R.1.1
ELA.2.R.2.2
ELA.2.R.3.3

GRADES 3-5

VISUAL ARTS
VA.3.C.1.2
VA.3.C.3.1
VA.3.O.1.1
VA.3.H.1.2
VA.4.C.1.2
VA.4.H.1.1
VA.4.O.1.1
VA.4.O.2.1
VA.4.H.1.2
VA.5.H.1.1

SOCIAL STUDIES
SS.3.A.1.1

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS
ELA.3.R.1.1
ELA.4.R.1.1
ELA.5.R.1.1

GRADES 6-8

VISUAL ARTS
VA.68.C.3.1
VA.68.C.3.3
VA.68.H.1.1
VA.68.H.1.3
VA.68.H.2.3
VA.68.H.1.2

SOCIAL STUDIES
SS.6.G.1.1-6.2

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS
ELA.6.R.1.1
ELA.7.R.1.2

GRADES 9-12

VISUAL ARTS
VA.912.C.1.1-1.4
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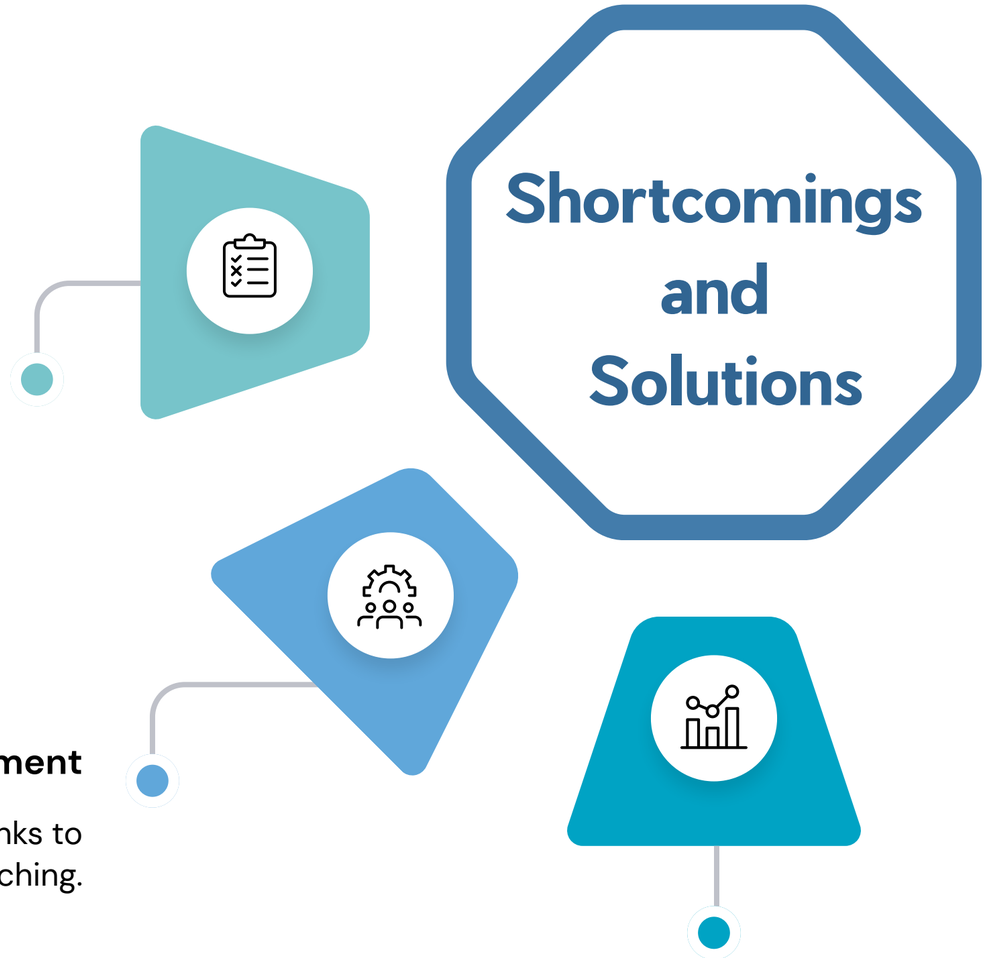
SOCIAL STUDIES
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GRADES K-12

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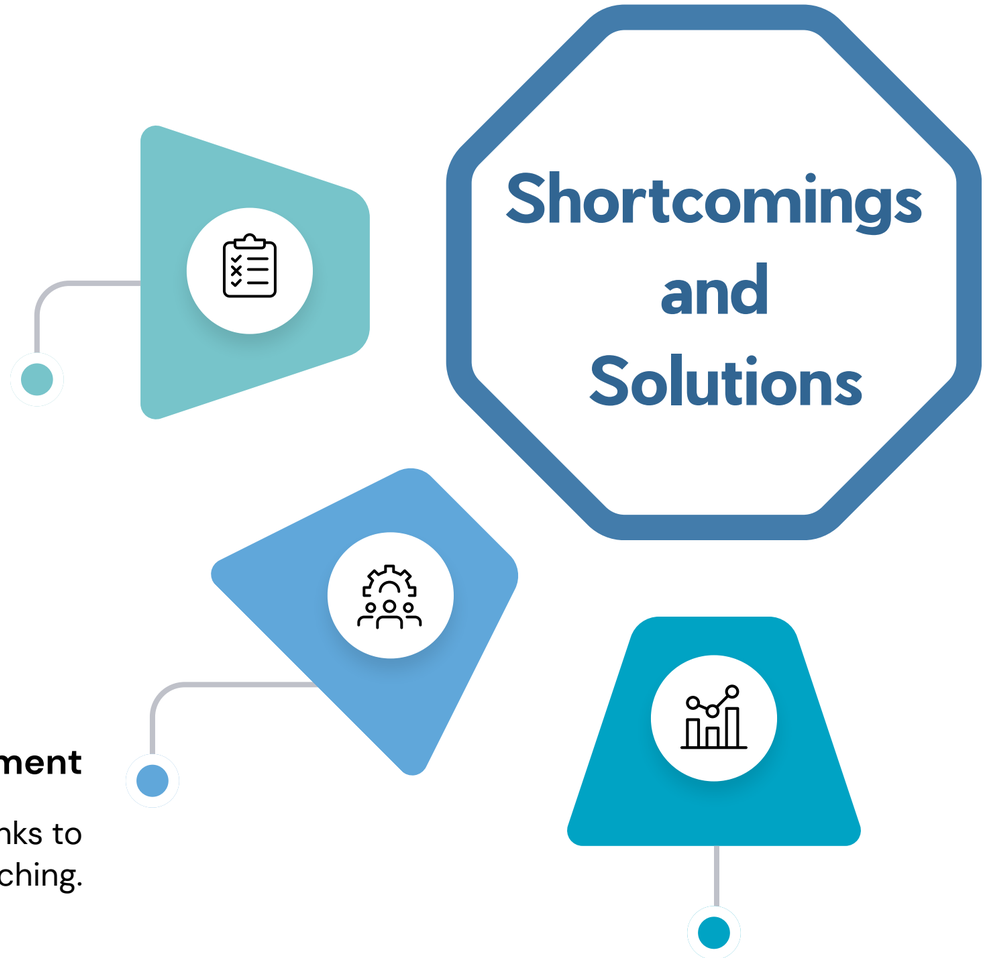
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- Connect with districts
- Connect with local, regional, and state orgs

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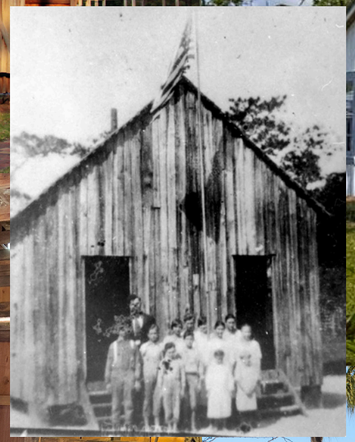
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MANATEE VILLAGE
Historical Park
Manatee County







Manatee Village Historical Park's mission is to preserve and share the history of Manatee County's founding era (1840-1918).





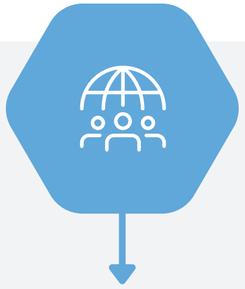




School Programs at Manatee Village Historical Park

FREE School Tours

MVHP always offers free admission and free tours for school groups.



TOURS

Lectures

Teachers can request and attend staff-led lectures & workshops year round.



OUTREACH

Resources

Teachers can access guides, audio guides, worksheets, and more.



RESOURCES

Active Learning

Many teachers request hands-on experiences & resources on specific history for their visit.



CUSTOM



Field Trips

Consider Manatee Village Historical Park for your next field trip! We offer self-guided visits year-round and guided field trips during select months. Our field trip programming focuses on Florida history during Manatee County's founding era, 1840-1918.

Our educational activities, teacher resources, materials, and tours prioritize providing meaningful experiences that enhance learning local history and aligns with Florida curriculum standards.

To book a visit, contact manatee.village@manateeclerk.com and/or call 941-749-7165 at least 14 days prior to your visit. Booking details will be confirmed via email and a reminder confirmation will be sent ahead of your visit. Your reservation must be confirmed in writing via email by MVHP staff.

When emailing or calling to book, please include:

- How many students and adults will be present
  Please note: due to building sizes we can only accommodate 50 total participants each day including chaperones, teachers and assistants (there must be at least 1 adult per 10 students)
- Arrival time (we cannot accommodate arrivals earlier than 9am)
- Duration of visit (must depart prior to 4pm)
- Transportation/how you will arrive (i.e. by bus, van, separate cars, etc.)
- If you will be eating lunch on site
- Any accommodation or accessibility needs to be noted

Field Trip Policies/Information
Field Trip FAQs

To learn more about our field trip programming and to reserve a date for your school visit, contact us at 941-749-7165 or email Emma.Driggers@manateeclerk.com.

Planning Process & Pressure Points



Booking Process/Paperwork

Booking a visit was a hurdle with unclear instructions and too much paperwork.

Fix:

- Eliminate forms/paperwork
- No signatures needed
- FAQs & Policies listed on website
- More detailed information & instruction on website

Teacher Resources

Teachers need ready-made, standards-aligned curriculum materials and activities.

Potential Long-Term Fix:

- Listed standards and lesson plans in a Teachers Resources tab on website

Short-Term Fixes:

- Variety of worksheet activities always available at check-in desk and by request for groups
- Hands-on activities integrated

Expectations

Teachers do not know what to expect

Potential Fix:

- Streamlined tour options clearly outlined, stop by stop
- Hosting teacher workshops, virtual options

Relationship Building

Teachers need to have a relationship with the museum to visit year after year.

Potential Fix:

- Teacher workshops, info sessions
- Connect and promote with methods already in place through the districts

Access

While admission and all school visits to MVHP are always free, many teachers were not aware, could not afford buses, or could not swing multi-day visits for groups larger than the site capacity of 50.

Potential Fix:

- Research funding possibilities via grants & scholarships
- Grow virtual and in-class options

Group Discussion:

What pressure points do you experience in your programs?

Group Discussion:

What support systems do you currently offer for teachers?

Group Discussion:

Which strategies from either organization could work in your setting?

Group Discussion:

How would you support teachers in your work if resources were not a factor?

Group Activity:

Let's practice what we've talked about!

Key Takeaways

01

Low-cost, high-impact teacher support
There are many ways to support teachers. Some of these can support sustainability in our own work, too!

02

Creating educator-centered experiences regardless of budget or size
Supporting teachers does not need to be a high-cost project. It can be free or low cost, like going to an in service day or supporting their field trip planning.

03

Activate outside resources that reinforce teacher support and programs
Meeting with local school board district members and utilizing promotional systems already in place at both the school and museum level.

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