



Why Take a Field Trip to Old Sturbridge Village?

- **Hands-On Experiential Opportunities:** Whether through workshops led by museum educators or interactive spaces in the village, a field trip offers opportunities for students to engage multiple senses in their exploration of the past.
- **Practice Critical Thinking Skills:** Students interact with costumed historians and exhibit spaces to investigate the challenges and perspectives of 19th-century rural New Englanders and compare them to your experiences today.
- **Boost Historical Empathy:** A field trip to OSV offers an immersive experience for students to step into the lives of rural New Englanders and imagine what it was like to live in the 1830s.
- **Connect to Learning and Civics Standards:** Explore themes and events that align with standards across grades levels and states

Themes and Learning Highlights:

- Slavery, Abolition, and Social Change
- Westward Expansion
- Community and Rural Life
- Civics and Local Government
- Primary Sources and Object-Based Learning
- Northeast Environmental Adaptations
- Industry and Trade

For more complete list of connections to Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut curriculum, [check out this page](#).