

WELCOME EDUCATORS!



Thank you for taking the time to consider how the General Lew Wallace Study and Museum can fit into your classroom. We are always excited by the opportunity to share Lew Wallace history. We hope that by helping teachers integrate the museum experience into the classroom experience, you, your students, and their families will see the Museum as an effective resource. Although Lew Wallace is known as an important figure in Indiana history for his role in the Civil War and his authorship of *Ben-Hur*, he was truly a Renaissance Man and a study of his life can follow many potential avenues. We offer the following information and activities as

background and as a starting point to make a visit to the Museum more than an isolated event. We also have a new section of our website aimed at 4th graders doing local history. It can be found under the heading “For Kids” in the Resources section of the website (www.ben-hur.com). By providing better links to Indiana history and by integrating the visit into the classroom, we hope that a trip to the Museum will be a worthwhile educational event instead of a “day off” from school.

This packet is a work in progress, and we would love for you to contribute to it. If you develop activities you would like to share with us and with other teachers, please tell us about them so we can include them in future versions. We want the Museum to be useful to you, so please let us know how we can help. Feel free to contact Stacy Klingler, Assistant Director, at 362-5769 or study@wico.net.

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Indiana Standards

Several of the General Lew Wallace Study & Museum activities meet Indiana Standards for Social Studies and/or Language Arts. These are listed below and at the beginning of each activity.

Lew Wallace Puzzle

Social Studies 4.1.8, Summarize the participation of Indiana citizens (Lew Wallace) in the Civil War.

Language Arts 4.7.9, Engage audience with appropriate expressions

Language Arts 4.7.12, Make informal presentations that focus on one main topic and include facts and details

Map It: Morgan's Raid

Social Studies 4.3.2, Estimate distances between two places on a map, use scale, use directions

Lew Wallace Timeline

Social Studies 4.1.13, Organize and interpret timelines

Newspaper Article

Language Arts 4.4.2, Select focus, organizational structure, audience, etc for a piece of writing

Language Arts 4.4.10, Review, evaluate, and revise writing for meaning and clarity

Language Arts 4.4.11, Proofread one's own writing, as well as that of others