

Oilfield Roughneck

The oilfield roughneck is an interpretive living history program providing information and analysis on the day to day environment and duties of oil field workers through first person interpretation. With narrative and audience questions, this program allows students to discover life in an oil boomtown from the perspective of a roughneck during the 1930s. It is intended to be a supplement curriculum for teacher's use on Oklahoma's natural resources.



Philosophy

Living History is a tool used by historians to engage the public and inspire them through entertaining interactions to investigate the past. It allows the audience to experience history by transcending from a two-dimensional book to a three-dimensional character. If done well, it enables the public to travel in time through their mind's eye to a point in the past and give them a glimpse of what life was like. Used in a teaching setting, it allows the student to inquire about life of a time past. It allows for the Visual, Sensory, and Auditory learners access to the past in a way no other medium in teaching can match. Living History makes history personal to the student, and they will long remember the experience.

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The Oilfield Roughneck program is designed to meet the following PASS Skills and others:

- Build connections with social studies content and help students develop an understanding of human history.
- Describe major events of Oklahoma's past, such as settlements by Native Americans, cattle drives, land runs, statehood, and the discovery of oil.
- Demonstrate an understanding of unique features contributing to the settlement of Oklahoma.
- Explore regional United States geography, including the physical and human characteristics of the state of Oklahoma.
- Investigate economic assets of Oklahoma and their effects on state history.
- Identify the impact of the Industrial Revolution on the United States.
- Analyze the impact of the automobile on society.
- Make observations and measurements to test ideas.
- Investigate the process of change of energy from one form to another.
- Analyze the use of Oklahoma's natural resources (e.g., salt, bison, oil, coal, timber and sod) by early visitors and settlers.
- Evaluate how the physical environment affects humans and how humans modify their physical environment.
- Identify forces beneath and above the earth's crust, explaining the processes and agents that influence the distribution of resources.
- Examine how economic cycles (e.g., the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl, and oil boom and bust) have affected and continue to affect major sectors of state employment (e.g., fossil fuels, timber, mining, tourism, the military, and agriculture).

The Oklahoma History Center offers a number of educational opportunities including field trips, living history characters, hands-on trunks, and instructive classes.

For more information on other trunks and educational programs contact the Oklahoma History Center at 405-522-5248 or visit our website at www.okhistorycenter.org.