

Using Your Interactive Whiteboard Activities

Welcome to "Wisconsin: Our State, Our Story" whiteboard activities! Here are a few tips to get you started, and some hidden gems you'll find as you go through the resources.

- 1. Be sure to download and preview the software before using it in the classroom. Make a note of anything you or your class may have a question about. Familiarize yourself with the pace and placement of the various slides. Please email me with any questions you may have.
- 2. These files were created using SMART Notebook 11 and will work best with SMART hardware. They can be used on Promethean hardware by within the Promethean ActivInspire by following these steps: File -> Import -> Smart Notebook File
- 3. Most images can be resized for closer inspection. Engage your students with questions about time periods, clothing, technology, and more.
- 4. Each chapter of the SMART Notebook file comes with PDFs, images, audio, and video from the Wisconsin Historical Society and its partners. Feel free to use these materials in your classroom for other activities. You'll find them under the Attachments tab in the SMART file.
- 5. Each chapter begins with the map from the textbook and an interactive timeline. Feel free to explore the images with your students.
- 6. Activities included in various chapters include audio, video, sorting, matching, vocabulary, and content that supports the ideas of both "Thinking Like A Historian" and the textbook. Be sure to review the concepts of each chapter as you go through the slides.
- 7. Each chapter ends with a vocabulary and content assessment.
- 8. Small icons denote clickable content (such as slide 13 in chapter 6; the paperclips bring up a PDF transcript of the audio interviews that you and your students can read along with). At other times, entire pictures transform, and pull tabs reveal more information about different subjects.
- 9. Finally-your feedback is important! Please feel free to <u>offer your insights</u> into how we can improve the experience.

Enjoy and explore!

Please send questions and comments (and your suggestions for improving the activities) to:

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