



## Serving King and Country – An Emerging Nation Grade 6

**Length:** One Hour

### Program Description

Explore the experiences of a small, tightly knit railway town that was forever changed by the events of WWI and WWII. Handle authentic artifacts that help tell the story of the men and women of Transcona who served during WWI and WWII. Also learn about the Winnipeg General Strike and the Great Depression and how these events all worked together to make 1918-1945 an important time for the emerging nation of Canada.

### Curriculum Connections

#### a) Social Studies – Grade 6, Cluster 2: An Emerging Nation (1914-1945)

Students will...

#### 6.2.1 World War I

KC-003 Recognize Remembrance Day as a commemoration of Canadian participation in world conflicts

KG-039 Identify major causes and events of the First World War

KG-040 Describe Canada's involvement in the First World War and identify its impact on Canadian individuals and communities

#### 6.2.2 Social Change

KH-035 Describe the causes, main events, and results of the 1919 Winnipeg General Strike

#### 6.2.3 Depression

KL-024 Give examples of the influence of the natural environment on daily life for various groups during the depression

KE-056 Relate stories of the Depression and describe its impact on Canada

*Examples: changes in agricultural practices, the development of social safety net, new political parties...*

#### 6.2.4 World War II

KG-041 Identify major causes and events of the Second World War

KG-042 Describe Canada's involvement in the Second World War and identify its impact on Canadian individuals and communities

*Include: internment of ethnocultural groups*



VG-014 Appreciate the sacrifices that soldiers and other Canadians made during the World Wars

## **Timeline**

### **1. Introduction – 5 minutes**

Students are welcomed to the museum, introduced to the concept of a museum, and the rules of visiting a museum are outlined.

### **2. Archival PowerPoint – 40 minutes**

Students are taken from 1911 through 1945 including WWI, the Winnipeg General Strike, the Depression, and WWII through a PowerPoint made up of images from THM's archives. The PowerPoint focuses on Transcona as an example of a Canadian community going through these major world events – the impacts on local businesses, families, and community infrastructure.

### **3. Artifact Handling – 15 minutes**

Students are able to get up close to uniforms, helmets, gas masks, letters home, food stamps, and other authentic artifacts used by Transconians during the First and Second World Wars. Students will be given a broader and more personal understanding of what life was like by learning about these objects, how they were used, and the stories of those who used them.

## **Other Information:**

Available at the Transcona Museum (max of 30 students) or we can come to your classroom. To Book or for more information: call 204-222-0423 or email: [info@transconamuseum.mb.ca](mailto:info@transconamuseum.mb.ca)