

Goldie's Kids Club Activities

Check out the list of [Goldie's Kids Club](#) activities that celebrate important moments and cultures that have shaped the state. These activities are recommended by staff from the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs.

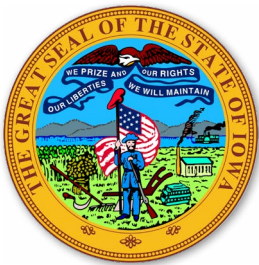
Innovative Iowans

Explore the [Innovative Iowans program](#) that includes interactive activities that connect history with STEAM education – science, technology, engineering, art and math. The easy-to-follow instructions require few materials and can provide children with a fun, hands-on approach to Iowa history



Comparing State Flags

Have you ever looked closely at Iowa's state flag? As we commemorate Iowa's upcoming 175th anniversary of statehood, the Innovative Iowans program will explore Iowa symbols from rock to tree, and everything in between. This activity asks young historians to investigate Iowa's official state flag and compare it to state flags from the states that surround Iowa.



Design a State Seal

Did you know that Iowa has a state seal? This Innovative Iowans activity has young historians creating and designing their own colorful Great State Seal of Iowa. What images would you pick to showcase the state?



Genealogy Oak Tree

Family trees can tell many intriguing stories about the past. To commemorate Iowa's upcoming 175th anniversary of statehood, this family tree activity takes on the shape of an oak tree, Iowa's official tree. Explore your own family history, the history of those important to you or a famous Iowan while adding leaves to the oak tree's branches.



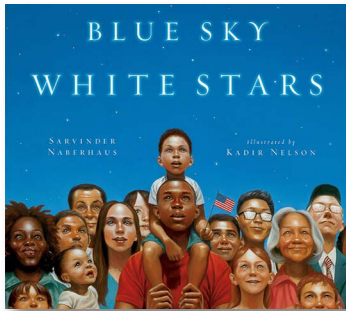
Pack Your Wagon

Have you ever packed all your belongings and moved to a new home or went on a long trip? This Innovative Iowans activity explores the Conestoga wagon, one of Iowa's earliest modes of transportation. Early Iowa settlers needed to pack everything they would need for long trips within these wagons.

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Storytime

Read these [Storytime](#) book recommendations and try out hands-on activities with Iowa history connections.



Storytime Blue Sky White Stars

by Sarvinder Naberhaus

Blue Sky White Stars by Sarvinder Naberhaus and illustrated by Kadir Nelson is a simple, yet powerful story celebrating the United States and the American flag. Using words pulled from patriotic materials, the beautiful illustrations help tell a variety of stories from across the nation.



Storytime Sweet Corn and Sushi: The Story of Iowa and Yamanashi

by Lori Erickson

Sweet Corn and Sushi: The Story of Iowa and Yamanashi by Lori Erickson tells the story of international friendship. In 1959, Yamanashi, Japan was struck by two typhoons. Iowan Richard Thomas wanted to help, so he organized an "Iowa Hog Lift" which flew 35 pigs to Yamanashi. This gift started America's first sister-state relationship with Japan.