

THE LINCOLN FAMILY HOME
HILDENE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Pullman Porters: Unsung Heroes; Former Slaves, Labor Organizers,
Middle Class Citizens & Civil Rights Activists
Grade Levels: 5-6

Our restored 1903 wooden Pullman car, Sunbeam, provides the setting for students to discover the critical role that Pullman porters played in giving rise to America's black middle class, the formation of the black labor movement, and the momentum for the civil rights movement; a slice of history that spans 100 years beginning with the Emancipation Proclamation.

Students role-play what it was like to travel and work on a Pullman car, use primary sources that relate to the era, construct a timeline of milestones in African American civil rights, and visit the mansion where Robert Lincoln conducted Pullman business when he was in Vermont.

Common Core State Standards Addressed:

Fifth Grade

Speaking & Listening > Comprehension & Collaboration: 5.1, 5.1b, 5.1c 5.1d & 5.2

Reading: Informational Text > Key Ideas & Details: 5.1, 5.3, 5.4 & 5.7

Sixth Grade

Speaking & Listening > Comprehension & Collaboration: 6.1, 6.1c, 6.1d & 6.2

Reading: Informational Text >Key Ideas & Details: 6.1, 6.4 & 6.7

Sixth-Eighth Grade

Reading History > Craft & Structure: 6-8.2 & 6-8.4

Vermont's Framework of Standards and Learning Opportunities Addressed:

Fifth-Sixth Grade

Historical Connections 6.4

Traditional and Social Histories 6.5

Human Rights 6.12

Forces of Unity and Disunity 6.14

Impact of Economic Systems 6.16

Nature of Conflict 6.18

