



**MUSEUM OF  
MISSISSIPPI  
HISTORY**

## **Gallery Activity**

### **THE FIRST PEOPLES**

13,000 BC-AD 1518

1. What do we know about the lives of the earliest peoples living in Mississippi? Include three artifacts in the gallery that support your conclusion.

### **CULTURAL CROSSROADS**

1519-1798

2. Use examples from the gallery to explain the often complex relationship between Native Americans and Europeans. Provide two positive and two negative examples.

## **ENDURING CULTURES**

3. Mississippi's Native Nations have a rich heritage that remains strong today. What examples do you see of this legacy? Pick two artifacts and explain.

## **JOINING THE UNITED STATES**

1799-1832

4. How did the invention of the cotton gin transform cotton production? How is this technology linked to forcing Native Americans to cede (give up) their lands?

## **COTTON KINGDOM**

1833-1865

5. Why did Mississippi's enslaved population grow rapidly in the thirty years prior to the Civil War? Use the color-shaded map in this gallery to determine where enslaved populations were the most concentrated and why.

## **A SENSE OF DUTY: MISSISSIPPIANS IN THE MILITARY**

6. Pick two uniforms in this gallery to compare and contrast. How are the uniforms similar? How are they different? What do you think contributed to changes in these uniforms over time?

## **THE WORLD REMADE**

1866-1902

7. What new opportunities were available to recently freed African Americans during this time period? Use at least three artifacts to justify your answer.

## **PROMISE AND PERIL**

1903-1927

8. Progressivism sought to enhance the public good. Who benefitted from progressive reforms and who was left out? Explain your answer using three examples from the gallery.

## **BRIDGING HARDSHIP**

1928-1945

9. How did Mississippians cope with the devastation brought on by the Great Depression? Provide specific examples to discuss how the New Deal and World War II ultimately helped Mississippi recover.

## **THE SOUL OF THE STATE**

10. Mississippi's deep creative roots include distinguished musicians, artists, and writers. If you could add a Mississippian to this gallery, who would it be and why?

## **FORGING AHEAD**

1946-PRESENT

11. How have natural disasters shaped Mississippi culturally, geographically, and economically throughout history? Pick two events (tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, oil spills, etc.) and explain their effects on the state.