



EDUCATION  
PROGRAMS

Educators:

We invite you to join us for the in-Museum program:

# Candle-Making

Western Development Museum -  
Yorkton

September - June

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### Curriculum Connections

#### **Social Studies RW3.2:**

Evaluate the ways in which technologies have impacted daily life.

#### **Social Studies RW4.1:**

Analyze the strategies Saskatchewan people have developed to meet the challenges presented by the natural environment.

#### **Social Studies DR5.2:**

Assess the impact of the environment on the lives of people living in Canada.

#### **Social Studies DR6.1:**

Analyze the impact of the diversity of natural environments on the ways of life in Canada and a selection of countries bordering the Atlantic Ocean.

Grade 3 - 12 students will learn about candle-making and why it was important in the time before electricity. Students will learn the process of making candles by building up layers of beeswax to create the desired size of candle. Students will work together to make six hand-dipped beeswax candles to take back to the classroom.

As a result of this hands-on candle-making activity, participants will:

- Recognize and appreciate the effort (and science) that goes into making candles.
- Understand the importance of candles in the time before electricity, Explore how the introduction of electricity and changes in technology impacted how people lived and worked over time.
- Understand what materials are required and the processes involved in making a candle.

Note that this activity is only available as part of a pre-booked Museum visit or program.



**Program Availability:** This program is available for scheduled bookings from September - June.

**Program Time:** This demonstration must be booked in conjunction with a self-guided visit and will be scheduled at the start of that visit's timeslot.

**Program Length:** The structured Museum-led component of this demonstration program is approximately 45 minutes in length. This is followed by a self-guided scavenger hunt activity to explore the galleries and takes approximately one hour to complete. A chaperone supervised visit of the Museum galleries must be booked in conjunction with the demonstration. Groups are encouraged to plan their departure time for at least one hour after the demonstration so they have time to visit the galleries.

**Program Cost:** \$3.50 per student + \$25 candle demo add-on (up to 30 students)

**Chaperone Ratios:** Groups are expected to provide chaperones (including teachers) at a ratio of 1 adult per 5 students. Chaperones are admitted free of charge. Support staff and chaperones for students with significant needs are allowed at a 1:1 ratio at no charge. Admission for additional adults beyond the required number is \$12 each.

**Visiting with multiple classes:** It is possible for two classes (up to 30 students) from the same school to participate in this program together. Both classes may book together, but must indicate the name and contact information of all educators that will be attending on their joint booking.

**How To Book:** Visit our booking sheet at  
[https://wdm.ca/for\\_teachers/candle-making/](https://wdm.ca/for_teachers/candle-making/)

**For More Information:** Contact us at [yorkton.ed@wdm.ca](mailto:yorkton.ed@wdm.ca) or 306-783-8361.