



Dear Educator,

Do you teach your Grade 7/8 students about the 1837 Rebellion of Upper Canada? If this notable moment in Canadian history is part of your classroom instruction, then Georgina Pioneer Village and Archives has a unique learning opportunity that you won't want to miss.

Scheduled for Thursday, May 11 and Friday, May 12, 2023, Georgina Pioneer Village and Archives is hosting the annual Education Days for Rise to Rebellion: an Interactive Re-creation of the 1837 Rebellion of Upper Canada. Unlike any other education program throughout the Greater Toronto Area, students will have a chance to learn about the issues involved in the struggle for responsible government from costumed personalities, and to actually participate in an interactive re-creation of this celebrated episode of Canadian history.

Georgina Pioneer Village and Archives has assembled the talents of re-enactors from the Incorporated Militia of Upper Canada and the Lloydtown Company, as well as numerous historic demonstrators and interpreters, who together will provide you and your students with an unforgettable day of learning.

The following page includes greater detail about Education Day 2023. Attached to this email is a registration form for you to complete if you choose to participate. I invite you and your students to join us at Georgina Pioneer Village and Archives on May 11 or 12 for an informative and memorable learning experience. The fee to participate is \$6 per student.

Please contact the Village today for further information. I look forward to receiving your registration form soon.

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Curriculum Links:

Rise to Rebellion Education Day is directly linked to the Grade 7 History Strand B: Conflict and Challenges.

As part of Education Day, students will:

- Investigate the causes of the 1837 Rebellion of Upper Canada through interaction with key personalities involved in the conflict.
- Analyse the competing points of view put forward by William Lyon Mackenzie and Sir Francis Bond Head, and examine how their differences led to armed conflict. After booking, each participating class will be assigned a side that they must represent during Education Day. Teachers will then be mailed a preparation package to help them prepare their students for Education Day. These instructions will provoke students to think critically about the issues they will be supporting, and how they differ with the competing point of view.
- Learn appropriate vocabulary used by both sides of the debate over responsible government. Your package will include a list of terms employed by the Rebels and Loyalists. Additionally, through contact with costumed personalities and historical demonstrators, students will have the opportunity to further compare and contrast the words chosen by the local Reform politician and Loyal supporters as they attempt to sway students' opinions.
- Witness first-hand the outcome of the armed conflict between Mackenzie's Rebels and Bond Head's Loyalist forces.

EDUCATION DAY

OPTION 1: MORNING SESSION

10:00am to 12:00pm

- 10:00:** Arrival & greetings.
- 10:15:** Students will rotate through various historic demonstration stations.
- 11:15:** Students will hear speeches from the local Loyalist and Reform representatives.
- 11:35:** Interactive re-creation of the 1837 Rebellion alongside costumed re-enactors.
- 12:00pm:** Departure.

OPTION 2: AFTERNOON SESSION

12:30pm to 2:30pm

- 12:30:** Arrival & greetings.
- 12:45:** Students will rotate through various historic demonstration stations.
- 1:45:** Students will hear speeches from the local Loyalist and Reform representatives.
- 2:05:** Interactive re-creation of the 1837 Rebellion alongside costumed re-enactors.
- 2:30:** Departure.