

Take a Trip to Lucknow

Pre-Visit Activity

Grades/Level: Lower Elementary (K-2), Upper Elementary (3-5)

Subjects: Social Studies, Language Arts

Time Required: Mid-length Activity (30-40 minutes)



Activity Overview

While pretending to be a guest of Tom and Olive Plant, prepare a packing list for a stay at the Lucknow Estate, and follow up with a thank you letter to your hosts.

Learning Objectives

- Children will use historic photographs to visualize what life was like in the 1920s.
- Children will compare their own experiences to those of people from the past.
- Children will develop lists based on their observations and comparisons.
- Children will summarize their imagined experience by writing a thank you letter

Activity Steps

- 1.) Introduce the activity of pretending to be a friend of Tom and Olive Plant in the 1920s who has been invited to stay at the Lucknow Mansion for one week.
- 2.) Brainstorm activities you would like to do during your visit. Use the historic photos of the Lucknow Estate on the following pages to get a sense of the activities a guest of the Plants might participate in during their stay.*
- 3.) Create a list of items you will need to pack for your trip.
 - a. What items do you need for an overnight stay somewhere other than home?
 - b. What time of year are you visiting? Do you need anything special for the weather?
 - c. Do you need special clothes or equipment for any of the activities you would like to do?
- 4.) Write a thank you note to the Plants outlining what you did during your stay.

* The historic photos included below were taken between 1917 and 1934 by George Perry, who photographed the Lucknow Estate for a real estate advertisement.











