

Indiana History Classroom Ideas from 2013 Teacher Panel

- Read *Freedom Train* and make quilts
- Use salt dough to study elevations and regions of Indiana
- Make your own seal
- Community project – research community/use video and map
- Famous Hoosiers
- Choose state historical site to research and share
- Shadow box – early Indiana, dwellings
- In class demonstrations – make butter or cider, dye cloth
- Visit a pioneer village
- Visit Indiana resources - <http://www.in.gov/visitindiana/for-teachers/>
- Ball State sites
- Covered wagons – decide what to bring
- Stone cutter
- Dress up like historical characters. Speak to class as character.
- Rewrite the state song
- Create their own mound including items important to them
- Plan your own Indiana field trip – standards, cost, chaperones, persuasive letter to principal
- Design your own historical marker
- Nibble Indiana with graham crackers
- Field trip to one room school house or farm
- Indiana living history museum
- ABCs of Famous Hoosiers
- Take class to local history centers
- Make Indiana Notebooks with sections on symbols, geography, and chapter reviews
- Make a Native American village
- Indiana bingo
- Indiana in a box
- Map of Indiana (3 regions) using any material and size
- Hoosier festival
- *Floating House* by Scott Sanders – study flatboats
- Camping experience – mapping, water safety, plant identification, forestry department, nutrition, weather, insects, poetry, food chain, Army Corps of Engineers, taxidermy