

For Use in the Classroom
Pre and Post Visit Materials Designed for

*Growing Up at Gunston Hall:
Through a Child's Eyes*

A Tour for Students in 1st and 2nd Grades

Gunston Hall
Mason Neck, Virginia

Goals of Tour:

Compare a child's life in the 1700s to a child's life today.

See Gunston Hall as a plantation community.

Describe George Mason as an important person in history.

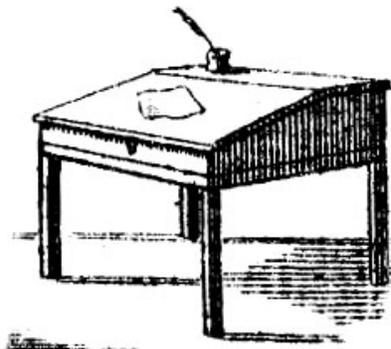


Activity 1: Working with Words

Find the words listed here in the word scramble. Draw around them.

sheep slave kitchen plantation tobacco
chamber George Mason colony chickens patriot
planter writer schoolmaster cook

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Activity 1: Working with Words (Teacher's Key)

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Activity II: Colonial Matching Game

Draw a line from the words on the left to the definitions on the right.

chamber	person who put ideas down on paper
colony	name for a bedroom in the 1700s
cook	farm where crops and animals were raised
kitchen	person who was loyal to his country
George Mason	building on the plantation where all of the cooking was done in or near a large fireplace
patriot	man who owned Gunston Hall in the 1700s
plantation	land which belonged to another country
planter	person who was the property of another person
schoolmaster	animal that provided wool
sheep	person who prepared the meals for the planter family
slave	person who used his land to raise crops like tobacco and wheat
tobacco	teacher
writer	crop raised on a Virginia plantation



Activity III: Map Skills

Using the classroom map, help students to discover, *Where in the world is Gunston Hall?*

**** Find the approximate location of Gunston Hall.**

**** Locate the following places and discuss how they were important to Gunston Hall.**

Atlantic Ocean

America

Great Britain

Chesapeake Bay

Potomac River

Virginia

Maryland



Activity IV: The Mason Family

Have you heard of a “family tree”? A family tree shows all the people in a family – the grandparents, parents, and children. Find the answers to the questions below by looking at the Mason Family Tree.

Who was George Mason's wife? _____

What was the year when George and Ann Mason were married? _____

Name George Mason's parents: _____ and _____

Name Ann Mason's parents: _____ and _____

How many children did George and Ann Mason have? _____

What was the name of their oldest son? _____

Was their youngest child a girl or a boy? _____

How many girls did George and Ann Mason have? _____

How many boys did George and Ann Mason have? _____

Mason Family Tree

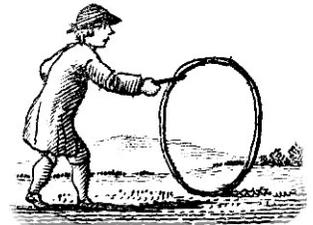
George Mason married Ann Thomson
1721 1730

William Eilbeck married Sarah Edgar

Son
George Mason
of Gunston Hall

Daughter
Ann Eilbeck

Married
April 4, 1750



Sons and daughters

George 1753	Ann 1755	William 1757	Thomson 1759	Sarah 1760	Mary 1762	John 1766	Elizabeth 1768	Thomas 1770
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