

Gifted Education Awareness Week

Ideas for Activities in Jefferson City

Activity	Websites	Notes
Pre-Jefferson City Activities	https://mostateparks.com/page/85051/educational-resources	Virtual tours (videos), traveling trunks, lesson plans, and traveling exhibits are included on this page.
Missouri State Capitol Tour	https://mostateparks.com/page/55179/capitol-tours for general information and for a link to book a tour	The tour is excellent, and a highlight is the Thomas Hart Benton artwork. However, the room is sometimes used for meetings and the tour won't stop in the Thomas Hart Benton room. If your tour doesn't include the art, this video is a good option: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=afp2hly7-4c&list=PLQFbgef-y7wuTzdOnTNC4w8JmZVKmmsca&index=6
Capitol Exploration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maps – https://www.senate.mo.gov/Home/CapitolMaps • Scavenger Hunt – https://mostateparks.com/page/85051/educational-resources • Information about the Capitol – https://mostateparks.com/page/55186/missouri-state-capitol • Flag Conservation – https://mostateparks.com/content/flag-conservation-missouri-state-museum • Capitol Commission site – https://capitol.mo.gov/ • Hall of Famous Missourians – https://house.mo.gov/famous.aspx 	Self-guided tours are allowed when the building is open, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is helpful to study the maps before arriving. The “pre-Jefferson City Activities” link includes a scavenger hunt to use on-site. Information about the Capitol and flag conservation will add to the experience. The lesson plan for the Resources Hall Lunettes is designed for 3 rd and 4 th graders but can be adapted. Possibly, study the lunettes in-person and then complete the lesson back at school. (See the link in the “pre-Jefferson City Activities” row.) The Capitol Commission site provides more videos and articles, and links to a flickr.com site of photos. (No lesson materials are on the Capitol Commission site.)
Watch Government in Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missouri House of Representatives – https://house.mo.gov/default.aspx • Missouri Senate – https://www.senate.mo.gov/ • The Missouri Senate Kids’ Page – https://www.senate.mo.gov/NewsRoom/KidsPage/index.html 	<p>The House and Senate Upper Galleries provide a vantage point to observe lawmakers working on the House or Senate floor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are going to go to the House of Representatives, this video is useful: https://youtu.be/YL-fpc3YnRg?si=oaGCsheEmDGcH7oH.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senate Tour Guide - https://www.senate.mo.gov/Newsroom/Photos/tourguide/sidegalleries.html 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This page provides a schedule for the House when it is in session: https://house.mo.gov/Session.aspx This article provides some behind the scenes information: https://jeffersoncitymag.com/missouri-capitol-hidden-places/ It is possible to listen to the Senate hearings at this site: https://www.senate.mo.gov/hearingsschedule/hrings.htm Studying the Missouri Senate Rule Book is informative: https://www.senate.mo.gov/webPDFs/RuleBook.pdf (Gifted educators can turn this into a lesson!)
Visit Legislators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find your Representative and Senator: https://house.mo.gov/default.aspx (it is possible that your students have different representatives) Another option: the 9-digit zip code look up - https://www.senate.mo.gov/LegisLookup/ZipLookup 	Once you find your Representative and Senator click on the links below their photos to learn more about them and to find contact information. Contact the legislators in advance to make an appointment to meet with them.
Governor's Mansion	https://mostateparks.com/page/55182/missouri-governors-mansion-tours	The Mansion allows 25 people per group, and tours are provided every 15 minutes. Tour reservations are required, and a photo ID and/or additional information may be needed before entering the mansion grounds, for security purposes.
Jefferson Landing Tours	https://mostateparks.com/page/55181/jefferson-landing-tours	More on the Jefferson Landing Site: https://mostateparks.com/page/55184/jefferson-landing-state-historic-site The exhibits at the Lohman Building are interesting.
Missouri Supreme Court	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tours - https://www.courts.mo.gov/page.jsp?id=100 Home page for information - https://www.courts.mo.gov/page.jsp?id=27 	Tours must be scheduled in advance. Visitors may also observe oral arguments, but it is important to study which cases will be argued the day of your visit. Many cases are sensitive and not appropriate for children. Supreme Court of Missouri Argument Calendar: https://www.courts.mo.gov/page.jsp?id=1975

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Christopher S. Bond U.S. Courthouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About the Building - https://www.gsa.gov/about-us/gsa-regions/region-6-heartland/buildings-and-facilities/missouri/christopher-s-bond-us-courthouse and https://www.mow.uscourts.gov/outreach/bond_courthouse • About the Western District of Missouri – Central Division - https://www.mow.uscourts.gov/offices/jefferson-city-central-division • Contact Tania Lock - tania_lock@mow.uscourts.gov at 573-556-7552 to schedule a tour. • Tour Information - https://www.mow.uscourts.gov/civic-education/tours 	<p>The U.S. General Services Administration’s Fine Arts Collection is one of the oldest and largest public art collections. https://art.gsa.gov/ The Christopher S. Bond U.S. Courthouse is graced by River View, a three-part project by Betty Woodman. The artwork is worth the visit! There are other exhibits on display about the courts and Missouri history.</p> <p>The building is a LEED Gold certified building with a “timeless and iconic aesthetic. Learn more at the SFS Architects site: https://sfsarch.com/portfolio_page/christopher-s-bond-u-s-courthouse/</p> <p>You can request to use the courthouse for a mock trial: https://www.mow.uscourts.gov/sites/mow/files/Courthouse-Use-Policy.pdf</p>
Bicentennial Bridge to Adrian’s Island	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief Introduction: https://www.visitjeffersoncity.com/listing/bicentennial-bridge-to-adrians-island/58/ • More information: https://www.jcparks.com/park/deborah-cooper-park/ • Information on the bridge: https://www.jcparks.com/park/bicentennial-bridge/ 	<p>Ready for some time outside? Need a place to eat lunch? Walk over the Bicentennial Bridge to Adrian’s Island. While on the island check out the Bicentennial Chess Board. https://www.jcparks.com/wp-content/uploads/Bicentennial-Chess-Board.pdf</p>
Senate Student Arts Exhibition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.maea.net/programs-and-events/art-shows/senate-exhibit 	<p>The exhibit is located on the grounds of the Capitol in the hallway that leads from senate parking to the Capitol ground floor entrance. K-12 teachers may submit high-quality photos of a work of art or performance and submit them. The senators choose one image each year to be included in the exhibition.</p>