

PRE-VISIT: ORIENTEERING

ABOUT THE ASHM:

The American Swedish Historical Museum in South Philadelphia is the oldest Swedish Museum in the United States. Founded in 1926, the museum has been dedicated to preserving and promoting Swedish and Swedish-American cultural heritage and traditions for more than 80 years. The museum is a place where Swedes, Swedish-Americans, and people of all nationalities can explore Swedish contributions to history, art, architecture, music, science and technology. We hope you will find the following information helpful in preparing your class for their visit to the American Swedish Historical Museum (ASHM).

ORIENTEERING

Orienteering is one of the most popular sports in Sweden, an individual sport, much like cross-country running in which athletes use a compass and a map to land upon different check points. Students will locate Philadelphia and Sweden on a map, understand the different uses for maps, understand the difference between land ownership in US and in Sweden, learn to use a compass for way-finding and be able to make their own compass to take home.



VOCABULARY

Scandinavia – *The region of Northern Europe that is made up of Sweden, Denmark and Norway*

Navigation – *To direct a course*

Legend – *A part of a map that tells us what symbols on the map mean*

Compass Rose – *A symbol on a compass or map that is circular with graded points for the directions; also called rose*

Map Scale – *Gives us an idea of how far apart places on the map are.*

Relief – *Physical Geography; the differences of higher and lower parts of a land's surface.*

Topographic map – *A map showing physical relief of the earth's surface, usually by means of contour lines*

(Activity Suggestions on Back)

ACTIVITIES

CLASSROOM MAP

Help students identify different landmarks in the room and create a key that symbolized different objects in the room. Ask volunteers if they can locate where their own desk would be and what other elements should be included on the map. Discuss why it is important to keep a map and that is it much like seeing the world from a birds-eye view.

The goal of this lesson is to provide students with the understanding of the elements of a map by creating a title, key, cardinal directions in a compass rose and legend.