

# Curiosity Corner

## Treasures from the FCS Archives

Welcome to **Treasures from the FCS Archives**, a repository of resources for teachers and history enthusiasts! Every month, we are sharing photos, artifacts, documents and other treasures for you to review, discuss and discover. We encourage you to click the links, scan the photos and dig deeper into these treasures, all of which can be found in the Fulton County Schools Archives. Enjoy!

### THE LITTLE LOG CABIN: LIFE AT THE TURN OF THE 20TH CENTURY



[Click here for a "Look inside" video tour of the log cabin](#)

**Log Cabin Dollhouse, c.1890-1910, 40"x25"x17"**  
FCS Archives and Teaching Museum 2018.9.1

Donated by Carl and Judi Schieffelbein

Every artifact has a story to tell. Sometimes, we are fortunate enough to find an artifact that can tell us several. One such item is the scale model log cabin dollhouse, part of the Teaching Museum's historic toy collection, and the featured object of this edition of *Curiosity Corner*. Donated in 2018 by Judi and Carl Schieffelbein of Jasper, Georgia, this novel work provides a lens through which several histories can be explored, using only one single primary source.

Although its creator is unknown, it's estimated that this dollhouse was produced between 1890 and 1910, when it would have been the prized possession of the child to whom it belonged. As such, we get a glimpse into [the life of children](#) who lived at the turn of the century, a time when play and leisure were balanced with [time spent working](#); a time when [going to school](#) was a privilege not shared by all.

This timeless artifact also offers us a closer look at the [history of the log cabin](#) itself, one of the most iconic symbols of American life. Images of these rustic buildings have endured from the frontier days to be featured in our national parks, capturing the American ideas of mobility, ingenuity and the pioneer spirit.

#### Curiosity in the Classroom: *A Closer Look*

Have students investigate the details of this wonderful log cabin, looking for clues to how people in rural communities lived over 100 years ago.

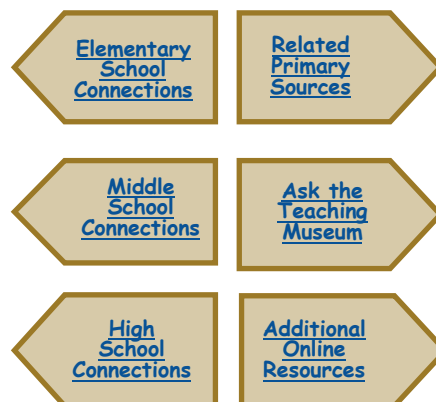
**The Hunt** Use this link: [Let's Take a Closer Look!](#) to access a virtual tour of the cabin and its contents. The main page is linked to close-up views of objects and descriptive labels. Using this [looking guide](#) have students hunt through the cabin for evidence of how people lived.

**The Reflection** Students will consider the tasks of daily life, how these tasks are the same and different from life 100+ years ago, and consider questions they would ask the creator of this cabin.

**Extend the learning** Once they have investigated the details of the cabin, students create first-person narratives about rural life 100+ years ago based on the objects they have observed.

For another look inside this cabin, click here for a [video tour!](#)

#### Lesson Ideas & Links: Connecting to Standards



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