

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Diefenbunker: Canada's Cold War Museum

2023 Virtual Programs

IMMERSE YOURSELF IN CANADIAN HISTORY

The Diefenbunker is one of the most unique educational sites in Canada, offering a one-of-a-kind experiential learning environment 75 ft underground. Tour the museum with your class or school group to experience the complexities of the Cold War first-hand and discuss the implications on our lives today.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

All our virtual educational programs include an informative tour component and an interactive activity with discussion. The descriptions below outline the available themed offerings.

Art and Peacebuilding

Ideal for: Grades 4–12

What role did art play in the Cold War? How can art be used to build and promote peace? This program encourages dialogue and discussion about the role of art in peacebuilding, art as an expression of values, and how art can promote ideas. Students view examples of art from the Cold War and make their own artworks.

Continuity of Government

Ideal for: Grades 7–12

This program uses primary sources from a scenario that took place in 1986, when the Diefenbunker was active. As air-raid sirens blare, students are assigned key roles and tasked with making difficult decisions for Canada. They learn about Canada's *War Measures Act* and the role that the different levels of government play in an emergency.

Daily Life in the Diefenbunker

Ideal for: Grades 5–9

In this program, students explore what life would have been like in the Diefenbunker during a lockdown. Divided into three groups (military, civilian, and government), they discover how each group would operate during an emergency. They then debate the importance of each individual's role in the defence of the country, to decide who among them warrants one of the limited spots in the bunker.

Emergency Preparedness

Ideal for: Grades 6–12

What did people do to stay safe during the Cold War? To find out, students watch a primary source: the 1973 government-issued 11 Steps to Survival video. Students then look at emergency preparedness in today's context, and end the program by building their own emergency survival kit.

EDUCATOR CHECKLIST

- **Final participant numbers**
Please provide final participant numbers to our team via email two weeks in advance of your program.
- **Payment**
Payment will be processed once the program date and time have been confirmed and officially booked.
- **Before your program**
We will send a Zoom link to you in advance of the program date. Please share this with your students if they will be joining separately.
Any additional materials related to the program that you may need to share with your students will be sent at the time of booking confirmation.
- **Technology setup**
We will facilitate the program over Zoom. Please test your internet connection, speakers, microphone, and video in advance.
If applicable, arrange the camera to face the students/the classroom so the facilitator(s) can easily see everyone.
If applicable, project the Zoom meeting on a screen in your classroom so that the students can easily see the facilitator(s) and the presentation.
Recording of the program, in full or in part, will not be permitted.

- **After your program**

You will receive a survey via email after your program. We would appreciate your feedback on your and your students' experience so we can continue to deliver high-quality programs!

SCHEDULING & PRICING

Virtual educational programs are offered Monday to Friday between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., and Saturday to Sunday between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., excluding statutory holidays. Virtual programs can be offered during museum closures. Please contact us if you have a request for outside of these hours. All virtual programs are 60 minutes long, including the tour and activity components.

Programs are offered in English, or can be offered in French with advance notice.

All virtual programs are \$75 per group, regardless of the number of participants.

HOW TO BOOK

To reserve a time for an educational program virtually to your homes or classrooms, please fill out our [Virtual Program Registration Form](#) and return it to our Operations Team by email at reservations@diefenbunker.ca.

Please return the Registration Form to us **at least two weeks prior to your intended program date**, as space is limited. For any questions or special requests, please contact our Operations Team by email at reservations@diefenbunker.ca or by phone at 613-839-0007 x227.

Find more information at diefenbunker.ca/educational-programs.