

Helen Hamilton Stockton: Keeper of the Flame



OVERVIEW

A community is made up of individuals, each with the power to make change. This lesson is geared towards third through fifth grade students and can take place in either the classroom or the museum. In this activity, students will learn about Helen Hamilton Stockton, “the keeper of the flame,” who advocated and completed significant changes for Morven during her lifetime.

Using Helen’s impact as an example, students will explore how an individual can initiate change in their community, as well as how they can participate in the action of change. Students will do a creative project that encourages them to place themselves in Helen’s shoes: how would they make a change to preserve their personal and community stories?

OBJECTIVE

Through analyzing primary sources and doing hands-on activities, students will be able to describe possible ways individuals can make change in their communities. Students will also be encouraged to imagine how they can make a change in their lives using Helen Hamilton Stockton as a source of inspiration.

MATERIALS

- Copies of the worksheet included in the lesson plan
 - Primary source documents + creative project
- Writing utensils (pencils, pens, etc.)
- Coloring materials (markers, crayons, color pencils, etc.)

NEW JERSEY STUDENT LEARNING STANDARDS

6.1.5.CivicsPD.2
 6.1.5.CivicsCM.1
 6.1.5.CivicsCM.5
 6.1.5.HistoryCC.2
 6.1.5.HistoryCC.9
 6.1.5.HistorySE.2
 6.1.5.HistoryCA.1

FORMAT

Morven can provide an in-class experience, an on-site field trip, or a combination of both. All programs are led by a Morven staff educator.

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