



Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership



2014 CVNHP Local Heritage Grant

History Comes Alive!

Project Summary

The Flynn Center for the Performing Arts received a \$5,000 2014 Local Heritage Grant to expand its History Comes Alive! program to Addison and Grand Isle Counties as part of its Rural Arts Literacy Initiative. For more than ten years, the Flynn Center has interwoven youth engagement, the study of local history and heritage and creative, dramatic self-expression through the History Comes Alive! program. In partnership with the Shelburne Museum, the Ethan Allen Homestead, Shelburne Farms and the Rokeby Museum, the Flynn Center has offered a summer program in which youth spend a week learning about and dramatizing the lives of people from a particular era of time in Vermont. Through improvisation, students develop real and fictional costumed characters who respond to the challenges of the time, a process that augments understanding of and passion for history. The Flynn Center worked to have the students create a finished product that documents some aspect of local history that could be used in classrooms throughout the region to help teach that moment in history and perhaps light a spark for other youth to become actively engaged in the retelling of historical eras through theater or dance.

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Students learned about the history of Lake Champlain through the theater.

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