Educators Kit

Old Prison Museums Lesson Plans

The information you need to complete these worksheets will come from the guided tour book and other materials provided.

Old Prison Review

Directions: Write a short answer to each question

1. During the many years of operations, inmates built several buildings. Name two structures that still exist at the Old Prison?

2. What year was the prison wall extended, and why?

3. How many years was Frank Conley warden at the prison?

4. Two riots are discussed in the Guided Tour Booklet. In what years did they occur?

5. The earthquake in 1959 damaged which building?

6. How many cells are in the 1912 Cell House?

7. What other job did Frank Conley have while he was the prison warden?

8. Why did the prison staff retire cell number one?

9. Why was Paul "Turkey Pete" Eitner in prison?

10. Who were the men who started the 1908 riot and why did they start it?

11. Who were the men who started the 1959 riot and why did they start it?
12. What organization was asked to assist in bringing the 1959 riot to an end?
13. For how many hours did the 1959 riot last?
14. What year was the Women's Prison added to the outside of the prison wall?
15. Before the Women's Prison was built, where were the women housed?
16. How many miles of road did the inmates build in the State while Frank Conley was Warden?
17. Which three buildings where taken to the New Prison and are still in use today?
18. What was the area now housing the Montana Auto Museum and Visitor Center originally used for?
19. Flat Bar Cells were never used at the Old Montana Prison. What were they used for and where?
20. What area was the main entrance for people coming into, and leaving, the prison?
21. Name at least two areas that are accessible by the underground tunnel system.
22. In what year was the old prison closed?

23. How many seats were inside the W.A. Clark Theater?
24. Name at least three activities that the inmates did in the prison yard
25. During the course of the prison's history, two Deputy Wardens were killed in the line of duty. Give the name of at least one and the year that he died.
26. Who was Prison Warden during the 1959 riot?
27. How many inmates could be housed in the Federal Building?
28. How many inmates could be housed in the 1896 Cell House?
29. Which area of the Old Prison Museum did you think was the most interesting? Please give your reasons.