

## Lesson Plan for the Introduction of the History of Springfield and Its Connection to the Springfield Armory

**Grades: Elementary**      Regions, Local History, U.S. History

**Time Allotment:**              Suggested time 5 class periods

**Curriculum Areas:**              Social Studies, Reading, Art, Technology

**Rationale:** History and technology are a major factor in our lives today. We use technology more and more in our daily lives, but rarely do we stop to think that the basis for these inventions came from our own “back yard”. The Springfield Armory was an integral part of this development. Today, interchangeable parts are part of our daily lives from LEGO’s to automobiles.

**Goal:** The goal of this lesson plan is to introduce children to the history of Springfield and its connection to American technology.

**Objectives:** The students will read, have a visual tour of the Armory Museum, view the developed website, and have hands on experiments to enable them to make connections between past, present, and future technological development.

### **Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks Standards:**

**Social Studies:** Standard 3.9 Identify historic buildings, monuments, or sites in the area and explain their purpose and significance.

Standard 5.21 Describe Shay’s Rebellion of 1786-1787 and explain why it is one of the crucial events leading to the Constitutional Convention.

**Language Arts:** Reading Standard 8 Students will identify basic facts and main ideas a text and use them as a basis for interpretation.

Reading Standard 9 Students will deepen their understanding of literary or non-literary works by relating it to its contemporary context or historical background.