North Dakota State Museum

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| **Program Title:** China Dolls | | **Developed By:** Marirose Tan | | |
| **Location:** Inspiration Gallery | | **Date:** March 17, 2017 | | |
| **Rationale:** I wanted to do something on culture since this day is St. Patrick’s Day. I found this doll. Based on my research, it is probably made before the 1850s. Probably came to ND through the Germans from Russia immigrants. Then I would mention the other major cultures that immigrated to ND. Through this, I would possibly spark an interest in the other cultural groups aside from a brief history of Germans from Russia. | | **Interpretive Themes Met:** | | |
| **Audience:** | | | | |
| GOALS:  To engage them in the cultural section of the Inspiration Gallery  To compare the china doll with the doll from the Great Depression (Our Lives, Our Communities)  To teach them the history of china dolls and connect it to the Germans from Russia  BEHAVIORAL OBJECTIVES: Visitors will…  Spend more time in the cultural section of the Inspiration Gallery (focus on things that are German from Russia)  Go to section on Newcomers and Settlement  Possibly look up more information on cultures in ND  LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Visitors will learn…  The history of china dolls  How the China doll is connected to the Germans from Russia | | | | |
| **Information:** | **Objects:** | | **Strategies:** |
| China dolls (antique china dolls meant to be played with)  1710 Germany  1830s high quality first made  German-made= black molded (high foreheads, part in the middle, rows curls & ringlets around ears, slopping shoulders)  1850-1870 Parisian hair  1870 replaced by wigs  Early 20th century – plastic heads  *(bisque dolls – unglazed china; thought to be more realistic*  *china dolls – glazed china; antique and made to be played with*  *Porcelain dolls – still glazed china; contemporary but made to be displayed only opt.)*  Germans from Russia came to ND – 1884  *History of Germans from Russia -50000 went to Russia 1870 because of Catherine the Great*  *They left Russia because of Alexander II wanted to make them Russian*  *Largest ethnic immigrant group in ND*  ND became a state in 1889  Other cultures =  Scotch-Irish-English  *Business and political leaders*  *Alexander McKenzie*  Scandinavian | China Doll  Objects in handout on Germans from Russia (I would need extra copies of this to pass to visitors)  Great Depression doll in Our Lives, Our Communities  Cabbage cutter in Cultural Expressions | | Objects, Questions  Start with china doll as an attention grabber  What is china? “hard white clay, ceramic” Where is it from?  History with Germany  First made high quality dolls  German-made typical features  Parisian hair  Replaced by wigs  Plastic heads  “Let’s go see a doll made in the early 20th century.” – 1930s  (What difference do you see between?)  What year range would this doll be made based on info given? Go over the years again.  Opt. on dif types of terms used with china dolls  How did this doll get here to North Dakota? “Germans from Russia”  It’s still in somewhat good condition  Germans from Russia  Opt.  *Since ND became a state in 1889, who might have brought this doll to ND? What path could it have taken?*  “Besides this artifact, you can find artifacts from the Germans from Russia throughout this gallery.”  (go to Cultural Expressions) cabbage cutter – recipes Borscht and Sauerkraut  “This cultural artifact is part of a list of others found on this handout.”  Opt. transition  *What is culture? Germans from Russia culture.*  End –  besides this ethnic cultural group, there are other cultural groups:  Scandinavian – largest cultural group,  Scotch-Irish-English – They counted among the earliest businessmen and politicians at the founding of ND. For example, Alexander McKenzie “The Boss”  Today being St. Patrick’s Day…Happy St. Patrick’s Day 😊  I’ll be available after this if you have any questions. Thank you for coming. |

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“Catherine, who was a German by birth, knew that Germans were excellent farmers and that Russia needed a more stable and plentiful food supply. She promised that immigrants would receive free land, could exercise religious freedom and would be exempt from service in the Russian army. In other words, Germans in Russia could continue in their German ways.”

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handout on Germans from Russia