Dwight D. Eisenhower
Presidential Museum

Take an Ike Expedition!
Welcome to the Eisenhower Presidential Library, Museum and Boyhood Home! We are delighted that you are here and hope you enjoy learning about a very important part of world history.

The educational scavenger hunt in this guide follows the artifacts and topics displayed throughout the four permanent galleries of the Presidential museum: Introduction, Mamie, World War II, and Presidential. Based on learning levels and available time, teachers or parents are able to determine which galleries they want students to tour, if they prefer their students to simply find the images and check them off, or if their students should also answer the accompanying questions.

You will also notice a few different symbols throughout this guide that will digitally connect you to more information during or after your trip:

1) Use a free Quick Response (QR) Code Reader app to scan the pixel boxes found in this guide (example on left).

2) When you see this augmented reality icon (right), use the free HP Reveal (used to be Aurasma) app to scan the indicated image or artifact in the museum and watch it come to life.

3) You will find photo opportunity prompts throughout this guide (left icon). Use them to capture a memory of your day here, and also share them with us on social media. Don’t forget to add #ILikelke.

Enjoy your visit as you explore the remarkable life of Dwight D. Eisenhower!

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Dwight and his brothers were expected to take turns assisting with daily chores like gardening, cooking, cleaning, and tending to the livestock. Which two brothers are feeding the chickens in this photo?

Common items like these kitchen supplies were used in the Eisenhower home throughout the time the family lived there. Ida Stover Eisenhower lived in the house until the year of ___ ___ ___.

Find this 1914 Rauch and Lang electric car that belonged to Mamie Eisenhower's mother and was frequently driven by Ike. Look closely in the car. What part is missing in front of the driver's seat?
John Eisenhower followed in his father’s footsteps and attended the United States Military Academy at West Point. He wore this “Tar Bucket” hat during his graduation. What was the date of John’s graduation? Do you know where Ike was on that day?

Ike wore this World War I era campaign hat during his service with the Tank Corps. Its style was referred to as a “M _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ P _ _ _ _” hat.

Ike earned this Private Pilot’s License while stationed in the Philippines. Why had he previously postponed this ambition?

This baby cup belonged to the Eisenhower’s first son, Doud Dwight, who passed away from scarlet fever, on January 2, 1921, at the age of three. What nickname did the family have for Doud?

West Point’s graduating class of 1915 included more men who would become General Officers than any other class in the history of the U.S. Military Academy. Because of this, it was nicknamed “The Class the __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __.”
The Mamie Gallery

Find this saved piece of Dwight and Mamie’s wedding cake. What date did they get married? **July __, 19__**

Use your math skills to figure out the age of this piece of cake.

Mamie Eisenhower was considered one of the most fashionable women in the world during her years as First Lady. Ike thought her best features were her shoulders and __ __ __ __ __. What was Mamie’s favorite color?

When Ike and Mamie were on the **1952 campaign** trail, not only did the public “Like Ike,” they wanted “Mamie for __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __!”

Mamie earned this medal for helping a cause close to her heart. What national association presented this award for “**Distinguished Volunteer Service**” to Mamie in 1970?

As an **Honorary President of the Girl Scouts of America**, Mamie Eisenhower received this hat on January 20, 1953. What important task did she help the Girl Scouts do?

Mamie’s famous bangs, styled by Elizabeth Arden in Paris, completed what became known as “The Mamie __ __ __ __.”

Use this QR to watch a video and learn more about Mamie Eisenhower.
World War II Gallery

This photo is an image of the infamous attack on the U.S. by Japan that caused the U.S. to officially enter World War II. When and where did that attack happen?

General Eisenhower and other Allied commanders used this table during Top Secret planning sessions for Operation __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ (Commonly known as “D-Day”).

This Browning M1917A1 .30 caliber water cooled heavy machine gun was used during the war. It fires __ __ __ rounds per minute and weighs __ __ pounds.

Who were the main leaders of World War II? Cross out the men who were the leaders of the Axis countries and circle the men who were the leaders of the Allied countries. Write their last names underneath their photos.

Examine the deception plans exhibit. What is similar between this artifact and the other photos on the wall?
Find these personal identification dog tags issued to Melvin J. Strunk. There is also a laminated identification card belonging to him as well. What was the date it was issued?

Have you seen this emblem and the acronym SHAEF on many artifacts? What does SHAEF stand for?
S__________________ H___________________ A_________
E____________________________ F____________________
What was General Eisenhower’s title within SHAEF?

What was the purpose of the Mulberry Harbors?

What was a corncob? A beetle?

When was this famous picture taken?
It shows General Eisenhower talking to paratroopers from the __ __ __ st Airborne Division who would soon be dropped behind enemy lines as Operation Overlord began.

The Message (Order) of the Day was distributed to the Allied expeditionary forces just prior to the D-Day invasion. Examine Ike’s handwritten note to the left. What was its purpose?

Use this QR to listen to Ike’s recording of the Order of the Day that sent the Allied forces into action.
This waist-type life belt was used by U.S. Navy and Army personnel for the D-Day landings. What beach was this life belt found near?

Duplicate either of the plaster soldier’s pose at the Battle of the Bulge exhibit, snap a picture, and post it to your social media with the hashtag: #ILikelke

How did this battle get its name?

The German army destroyed the bridges to keep Allied troops from crossing the Rhine River. The Americans found and seized the Ludendorff bridge near what town?

In whose bathroom did Lt. Louis Peckham find this glass decanter in 1945?

What car company produced more than 600,000 jeeps for the military in World War II?

What happened on May 7, 1945?

What is V-J Day?

Listen and watch historical news reel footage.

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Both Republicans and Democrats wanted Ike to run for president on their ticket. Find and examine this “Baitin’ for Ike” cartoon to determine what year the election was to take place.

Ike chose to return to Abilene to announce his candidacy at the Plaza Theatre. Why did he make the announcement two days in a row?

Ike set out on a “W __ __ __ __ __ S __ __ __ campaign” across the United States. At every stop, Ike would emerge from the back car of the Eisenhower Special train to deliver a speech.

Stand beside the drum head and make a short video of a campaign speech you would make. Post to social media with #ILikeIke

“I Like Ike” was one of the most successful campaign slogans and songs in U.S. political history. Examine the many drawers and cases of “I Like Ike” artifacts. Which piece is your favorite?

Dwight D. Eisenhower was sworn in as President of the United States on January 20, 1953. What did Ike allow during his inauguration parade that startled his Secret Service?
Alaska and Hawaii became the 49th and 50th states in 1959. Examine the lamps and cross out which natural resource Alaska does not bring to the United States: Elk Fish Wheat Oil Lumber

As a direct result of the Sputnik crisis and at Ike’s urging, Congress passed the National Aeronautics and Space Act in July 1958, creating NASA. Its first major undertaking was called “Project __ __ __ __ __ Y.” What was the goal?

With the passing of the Interstate Highway Act of 19__ __, President Eisenhower forever changed the mobility and way of life for all Americans.

The U.S. began its U-2 reconnaissance (spy) plane flights over the Soviet Union in 1956. What happened in 1960?

Fears about Soviet technological dominance arose when they successfully launched the first artificial satellite, named __ __ __ __ __ __ K. A replica is hanging from the ceiling of the Presidential Gallery. Find it!

This image shows school children practicing “D __ __ and __ __ __ __ R” drills to prepare for a surprise nuclear attack by the Soviets. From what country do we fear a nuclear attack today?

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Eisenhower used this **desk** while President of Columbia University, at SHAPE headquarters, and in the White House study. What is significant about the airplane sitting on top of Ike’s desk?

Find Ike’s **bullet-proof traveling podium**. Stand behind it and imagine giving a speech as President of the United States. Have a friend take your photo or a short video and post to social media with #ILikeIke

**Camp David** is a presidential retreat outside of Washington, D.C. used for both relaxation and as a less formal place to conduct official business. How did Camp David get its name?

One of President Eisenhower’s favorite ways to exercise and reduce stress was to play **golf**. In order to do that, what did Ike have installed at the White House?

What **award** did Ike win for his extensive use of television to speak directly to the American public?

Put your hand under the award and strike your best photo pose or give your acceptance speech on a short video! Post to social media with #ILikeIke
This guide begins here and covers the Introduction, the Mamie Gallery, the Military Gallery, and the Presidential Gallery.