



TEACHER PACKET #1

THE CHILDREN'S BLIZZARD OF 1888

Indian Creek Historical Fashions

Where History Comes to Life



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

It began as an ordinary school day...

Then the temperature dropped.

The wind screamed.

And a wall of white erased the world.

The **Children's Blizzard of 1888** program is a deeply immersive and emotional living history experience that places students inside one of the most devastating winter storms in American history.

Through powerful storytelling, soundscape, and real accounts, students experience the choices, fear, and bravery of children, teachers, and families caught in the storm.



EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

Students will:

- Understand the historical impact of the Children's Blizzard of 1888
 - Explore decision-making in life-threatening situations
 - Develop empathy through real human stories
 - Analyze cause and effect in historical events
 - Connect emotionally to the past
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CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

- U.S. History
- Great Plains history
- Weather & environmental science

- Social-emotional learning
 - Critical thinking & decision-making
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WHAT STUDENTS EXPERIENCE

- Immersive storytelling with dramatic sound effects
- Firsthand accounts of survival and loss
- The role of teachers and students in crisis
- A powerful emotional journey through the storm

This is not just history told... it is history felt.



WHY THIS PROGRAM WORKS

Students are drawn into the moment:

- ✓ They feel the urgency
- ✓ They face the choices
- ✓ They remember the story

Emotional connection = lasting learning



CONTENT NOTE

This program contains intense, emotional historical content.
Recommended for upper elementary through high school audiences.



PROGRAM DETAILS

- Length: 45–60 minutes
 - Setting: Indoor (preferred for sound immersion)
 - Audience: Upper elementary – high school
 - Group Size: Flexible
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SERVICE AREA

Nebraska • Iowa • Missouri • Kansas • Midwest Region

ABOUT THE PRESENTER

Professional historical storyteller specializing in immersive, emotional interpretation using authentic costuming and historically grounded narratives.

PRE-VISIT QUESTIONS

- What would you do if you were caught in a sudden storm?
 - How do weather warnings today compare to the past?
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POST-PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

- Write a journal entry from a child in the blizzard
 - Discuss survival decisions made during the storm
 - Explore modern weather forecasting vs. 1888
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WHY THIS MATTERS TODAY

This story is about more than a storm.

It is about:

- Courage
- Responsibility
- Human connection in crisis

And the choices that define us.



BOOKING

👉 Bring this unforgettable experience to your students

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