

Education Objectives

The objective of this workshop is to give your group the opportunity to:

- Learn about the history of Chicago in a unique, accessible setting
- Increase knowledge and appreciation for the city's history and landmarks
- Think critically about population distribution, industry needs, and consumer demands and how they shaped the growth and development of Chicago

Illinois Curriculum Standards

This resource corresponds to the following areas of the Illinois Curriculum:

- **Social Sciences** Late Elementary
- **State Goal 16** History
 - **16.E.2a** The unique geographical location of Chicago and its importance in drawing people to the US is discussed
 - **16.E.2c** The environmental factors that influenced the development of transportation and trade in Illinois is discussed
- **State Goal 17** Geography
 - **17.C.2b** The unique relationships between geography, resources, population distribution, and economic activity in Chicago is discussed
 - **17.D.2b** The growth in population in Chicago and its relation to the location of the city is discussed
- **State Goal 18** Social System
 - **18.B.2a** In the critical thinking activity, students must make decisions and draw conclusions based on population distribution and commercial demands



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Chicago History

The city of Chicago has a unique and fascinating history that is reflected in its skyline and its people.

From the establishment of Fort Dearborn to the completion of world-class skyscrapers, Chicago has often been a focal point of state and national history. The building of railroads, the Chicago Fire, the reversal of the Chicago River, and completion of Grant and Millennium Parks are just a few major historical moments in our city's past.

The Chicago Skyline workshop is designed to help open young minds to the history of their city in a fun and interactive setting.

Some suggestions for fun and engaging activities to do before your visit to help your class get the most out of the Chicago Skyline Workshop:

- Have students research one major event in Chicago's history and give a short presentation to the class
- Let students write about their favorite places to visit in Chicago, where they are, what they like about them, and who else might enjoy this place

During your visit

Chicago Skyline Tour

The Chicago Skyline Tour is a unique, interactive guided tour through the LEGOLAND Chicago Skyline exhibit. Participants will learn how the history of Chicago shaped its world-famous skyline. Afterward, students are challenged to think critically about designing a new building for Chicago in a hands-on classroom setting.



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After the Workshop

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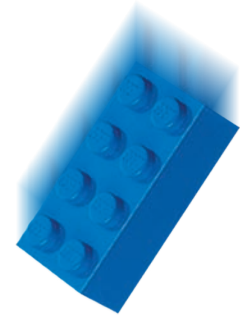
Head back to Miniland for a scavenger hunt to discover the secrets of our LEGO city and let the students explore this LEGO world at their own pace.

Build and Test

Students can design their own skyscrapers and buildings with the LEGO bricks, DUPLO bricks, and even the exclusive, life-size SOFT bricks.

Bob the Builder 4D

Let Bob and his team of builders teach important lessons about teamwork and planning in this fun, educational 4D movie.



Activities after the visit

Favorite Skyscraper project

Have students research one skyscraper in the city of Chicago, create a replica of the building, and give a short report on its history and importance to the city.

Chicago's Landmark People

Have students research a famous citizen of Chicago past or present and give a presentation on the individuals, highlighting their life and its importance to the history of Chicago.

