



# How to Get Started

## TAILORING YOUR OWN PROGRAM

This Interdisciplinary Guide has been designed to be One-Size-Fits-All. Here's how it works.

*Around the World with Miss Columbia* can be a useful, curriculum-based addition to your school activities this year on three different levels. None of these implementation levels requires that your school actually host Miss Columbia during her trip, but at the School-wide and Community levels, it's recommended.

- 1. Classroom Curriculum Supplement:** You can provide the Guide to any teacher in grades K-6 who would like to incorporate one or more of its activities into his or her regular curriculum.
- 2. School-wide Event:** You can use the Guide to coordinate a school-wide festival celebrating Miss Columbia's journey (and her visit, if applicable) that includes all or most grade levels in the school.
- 3. Community Event:** The Guide also offers ideas on how to use a visit from Miss Columbia to build a wonderful community-wide event—one that draws together community resources and brings parents, elected leaders, media representatives, and others into your school.

The Curriculum/Activity Table (Section 1.4) provides an at-a-glance summary of the focus of each activity in this Guide—by curriculum area, by suggested grade level, and by implementation level.

## TAKING THE FIRST STEP

We suggest that you first look over Section 2, “The First Voyage”, to gain an appreciation for the compelling nature of Miss Columbia's 1900-1902 trip. Then glance through the activities, come back to the Curriculum/Activity Table, pull out your school calendar, and determine whether you want to pursue either a School-wide or Community-wide Event. Take a look, too, at Section 1.3, which offers suggested “Itineraries” for one-day, week-long, and year-long learning projects focusing on Miss Columbia and the turn of the century.

If you've already signed up for a visit from Miss Columbia, you're locked into certain dates already. If not, call the Wenham Museum at 978-468-2377 to determine whether you can still get your school on Miss Columbia's itinerary. If that's not possible, everything you need to create a meaningful program is still provided in this Guide.