

Troopers and Redcoats

Social script for schools



People at Sovereign Hill



People who work at Sovereign Hill dress up in clothes that make them look like they are from the olden days. I might see people in these clothes working in shops, driving the horse carriage or walking in the streets. A person wearing these clothes might talk to me. I can talk with them if I want to. If I don't want to talk to them I can politely say 'no thank you'.

Trooper



I might see a Trooper at Sovereign Hill.

The Trooper is acting and pretending to be a policeman on the gold fields.

They are easy to see because they are wearing a blue uniform.

Sometimes the Trooper might seem grumpy or angry. They are just acting so I don't need to feel worried or scared.

Trooper



Sometimes the Trooper will show people visiting Sovereign Hill how a musket (gun) from the 1850s works. It will make a very loud bang. Some people might be worried about the musket, but I don't need to worry because this gun can't hurt anyone.

When the Trooper is about to fire the musket, he will tell everyone to put their fingers in their ears. When I put my fingers in my ears the bang won't sound as loud.

If I don't want to be near the loud noise, I will tell my teacher and they will help me.

Redcoat Soldiers



I might see the Redcoat Soldiers marching in a line.

The Redcoat Soldiers are pretending to be soldiers from the goldfields.

They are easy to see because of their red uniforms.

Redcoat Soldiers parade



I can see the Redcoat Soldiers marching up Main Street at 3pm.

I will know the Redcoats are marching because I will hear the drummer beating on their drum as the soldiers march behind them.

I can put my fingers in my ears if I don't like the sound of the drum.

Redcoat Soldier parade



The Redcoat in charge of the soldiers is called the Corporal.

The Corporal will walk beside the soldiers and talk loudly.

The Corporal is giving the soldiers directions and telling them what to do.

The Corporal might sound like they are yelling, but I don't need to worry because they are just acting.

Firing the rifles



The Redcoat soldiers will show people visiting Sovereign Hill how they practice firing their rifles.

When the Corporal tells me to, I will put my fingers in my ears.

The soldiers will each take turns firing their rifle into the air. I will hear 3 or 4 loud bangs in a row.

Firing the rifles



Some people might feel scared of the rifles.

I don't need to worry because the rifles don't have bullets in them and they can't hurt anyone.

If I don't want to be near the loud bangs, I can tell my teacher.

Photos with the Redcoats



If I want to, I can get my photo taken with a Redcoat Soldier.

I will politely ask them 'can I please have a photo with you?'

When my photo has been taken, I will move away so that other people can have their photo taken too.

Seeing the Redcoat Soldiers is fun!

Important things to remember when I visit Sovereign Hill museum:

- Follow the teacher /adult who is leading my group
- Stay close to my group
- Walk, not run
- Speak with my quiet voice, even though it may be noisy
- Take turns with others
- Wait patiently when I have to line up
- Only touch things I am told that I am allowed to touch
- Look both ways to cross the road



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