

**Warren County History Center Tour**  
**GRUSESOME BUT TRUSESOME**

**Pre-Tour Lessons**

**GOAL:** The goal of this tour is to bring to light artifacts, practices and beliefs that were quite common in Ohio's and America's past but, when compared to today's standards, might come across as a little strange and maybe even a little gruesome. At one time, however, they were believed to be the correct tool to use; or the proper way to proceed; or, perhaps, the "truth" as they knew it at that time.

**PRE-VISIT DISCUSSION TOPICS:** Before visiting the Warren County History Center discuss the following topics with your classes:

- 1- **Do you do the same things your parents and grandparents did when they were your age? Why or why not?**
- 2- **Are there activities your parents and grandparents did when they were younger that would seem strange or funny to you today? If "yes", give an example.**
- 3- **Is there anything you did when you were younger that was once considered a proper activity but today is not looked upon as correct? If "yes", why the change?**
- 4- **Do some customs in in other counties seem strange to you? If "yes", give an example.**
- 5- **Can people in the same county have different customs? If "yes", give an example.**
- 6- **Do customs and practices change with time? Why or why not?**

**PRE-VISIT TERMS TO KNOW:** Students should be familiar with the following terms before visiting the Warren County History Center:

- 1- **CUSTOM-** a practice, habit, or act followed by a group of people or culture.
- 2- **CULTURE-** the arts, beliefs, institutions and all other products of work and thoughts that are created by a group of people at a particular time.
- 3- **FASHION-** the current style in which a thing was made or done.
- 4- **PROGRESS-** the steady improvement of a civilization.