How would you live 200 years ago?

Eat

North Carolina Room • Lower Level

You are dining with a wealthy family in the 1820s... and you’re just in time for dessert!

► What are the clues that this is a wealthy family?
► Would you want to eat in a room like this, or would you prefer a more casual setting?

Oklahoma Room • Lower Level

Before you eat the food, it must be cooked! This is a display of different kinds of cooking tools.

► Do any of these tools look like what’s in your kitchen?
► Can you find the...
  • toaster
  • salt box
  • mousetrap

Chat

Missouri Room • Floor 1

Parlors in the 1860s have one main purpose: entertaining! Here you would sit and chat with friends and visitors.

► What one word would you use to describe this room?
► Can you find evidence of at least two things you can do in this room while visiting with friends?
Sleep

Texas Room • Floor 2

Bedrooms in the 1860s were cozy... the whole family often shared one bedroom like this family does!

► Can you find where the parents, children, and baby all sleep?
► Which country did this family come from?

More bedrooms:
Illinois • Floor 1
Wisconsin • Floor 3
South Carolina • Floor 3

Play

New Hampshire Room • Floor 3

In the 1800s, houses that had a children’s play room usually put it in the attic or basement. Here children could have their own space away from the other parts of the house.

► Which toy looks like the most fun?
► Which toys do you think were used indoors? Outdoors?

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