

FLYOVER LAND - tour for HS students from Eau Claire and their German exchange students

INTRODUCTION:

Who has heard the phrase 'Flyover Land'?

Can you guess what it might mean?

To people who live on the East and West Coasts (Florida, New York, California) WE live in Flyover Land. All the states you 'fly over' on a flight from NYC to LA. People on those airplanes look down and see endless farm fields or tiny towns or vast mountains. But we know there is more to this place we call home. Based on MIA's collection we're going to take a tour of Flyover Land.

TRANSITION: I'm from Pittsburgh. The Steel City! I know how coal is mined and how steel is made. It's part of my heritage. If you are from Mpls your heritage is the mills, and rivers and flour.

#1 Channel to the Mills, 1913 by Edwin Dawes b. 1872 in Boone, IA 15.296

TRANSITION: 1913, Mpls was an economic powerhouse with many successful, wealthy businessmen who were interested in a new American style of Architecture. WI born FLW popularized the term Prairie School for this architecture.

#2 Architectural model of Frank Lloyd Wright of the Francis Little House , 2000.22
Architectural model, Purcell-Cutts House, 97.53

escape historicism - show picture of front of Mia

gesamtkunstwerk 'total work of art'

TRANSITION: Trends in fashion usually start in big, metropolitan centers and spread slowly to flyover land. Today, stores like H&M or Zara bring fast fashion to flyover land. But cheap, disposable fashion has a cost.

#3 Bale Variant No. 0024 (Everything), 2017, Shinique Smith, 2017.105

TRANSITION: Our tour through the Upper Midwest continues. Flyover Land sometimes makes that news because of our bone-chilling winters. Let's explore what we do when it gets really cold.

#4 Untitled [Minneapolis. Winter Games. Ice Fishing, 2012, Martin Parr, 2012.46.4

TRANSITION: MN is where the Mississippi River begins. For your German visitors tell a little about the River.

#5 The Reverend and Margaret's Bedroom, Vicksburg, Mississippi, 2002, Alec Soth, 2007.109.13

TRANSITION: This institution is built on Lakota land taken from them by European settlers. We'll go downstairs and look at some very old and a contemporary work by Native American Artists from this area of MN and WI.

#6 Pipe Bag, 19th century, Lakhóta
Leather, glass beads, porcupine quills, and feathers, 74.63.16

Pipe Bag, late 19th century, Lakhóta,
Animal hide, quills, glass beads, metal beads, 2004.27.2

Man's Pouch, c. 1800, Anishinaabe (Ojibwe) or Dakhóta
Hide, beads, quills, wool, cotton, 2000.75.1

TRANSITION: Now let's see how contemporary Native artists are creating new art using old techniques.

#7 Adaptation II, 2012, Jamie Okuma; Designer: Shoes designed by Christian Louboutin
2012.68.1A,B

TRANSITION: Mia wouldn't have the world class art that it has without the generosity of local donors. Generous individuals made the decision that donating art so everyone could see it, study it, enjoy it was important. They believe that art enhances and strengthens a community. We have large, important collections of art from China and Japan.

#8 Reduction I, 2013, Kondō Takahiro, 2014.64

#9 Wu Family Reception Hall, 98.61.1