Potential Topics Based on Objects from Wisconsin 101:

2025 is the 50th anniversary of National History Day and the theme is "<u>Rights & Responsibilities in History</u>". Object histories and related stories from Wisconsin 101 can inspire and enrich your students' projects. The objects listed below, and the accompanying lead-off questions, can help you use Wisconsin stories to talk about our national history of rights and responsibilities:



The Land of the Freed-Up Woman

How does the flag represent both rights and responsibilities? How were American women's rights and responsibilities shifting in the 1970s? Was it the same for all women?



Door County Bookmobile

In what ways is access to information both a right and a responsibility? How has rural access to information changed over time?



Potawatomi Beaded 'Soldier Coat'

How can nineteenth century treaties between the US government and First Nations reveal these groups' ideas about the rights and responsibilities of governance? Of occupying land? In what ways did rights and responsibilities shape Chief Kahquados's activism?



Box of Chlorinium

How did the Civil War help shape Americans' ideas about the rights of soldiers and the government's responsibility to care for them? How do the rights and responsibilities of the military and community interact around sites like Camp Randall? In what ways do rights and responsibilities around hygiene at military camps differ in a conflict on American soil rather than abroad?





The Canfield Temperance Case

How did ideas about rights and responsibilities shape the temperance movement in America? In what ways does this case represent thinking about rights and responsibilities in the Baraboo Valley?

Employers Mutual Audiometer

How does this machine help us think about rights and responsibilities around workplace health and safety? In what ways are employees' and employers' rights and responsibilities at odds in the workplace? In what ways are they aligned?



Draft Drum

In what ways can the draft drum help us see how various groups' rights and responsibilities intersected and overlapped during the Civil War? How did ideas about rights and responsibilities precipitate the Ozaukee County Draft Riot?



National Guard Nightstick

What were the roles of rights and responsibilities in the milk strikes of 1933? How do these strikes reflect national trends around labor rights and responsibilities in this period? How did the rights and responsibilities of law enforcement intersect with those of strikers?



...and more!

There are lots of objects on Wisconsin 101 that can help you talk about rights and responsibilities depending on the story you want to tell. Explore them by place, time, or topic.