

Student Materials

Virtual Tour of the Tenement Museum Activity--

On your computer, please go to the Virtual Tour of 97 Orchard Street at http://www.tenement.org/Virtual_Tour/index_virtual.html

Follow the directions shown for each section of the tour to find the answers to the items on this activity sheet. While you are on the virtual tour homepage, look for the answers to the questions below and write them in the space provided.

1. Who owned this tenement building?
2. Where did the owner emigrate from?
3. How was this building a ticket to prosperity for the owner?
4. What did he pay for it when he built 97 Orchard Street?
5. What did he sell the building for in 1886?
6. How does his investment return compare to what an investment of the same amount of money might bring today? (You might want to research this with a bank, your teacher, or in the newspaper?)

Now you are ready to go into the tenement for a tour. This can be done in one of two ways, either click on the first oval (labeled "Ruin Apartment" when you place the cursor over it) to the left that is shown on the top of the page, or you may move the cursor to the stairs where the sign "Enter Here" appears and click. This will take you to the ruined hallway of the building.

You may move around inside the virtual tenement in many ways. First you may place the cursor on the picture of the hallway shown and move it to the right or left to look in a 360 degree turn around the site. As you move the cursor over various objects shown on the picture, the symbol will sometimes change to show that there is more information available if you click on the object. A pop-up window will show you information which may help you with answering the next sections of questions. You may also use the light brown floor plan to move from room to room in the apartment.