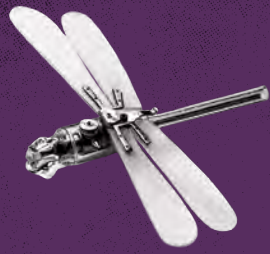




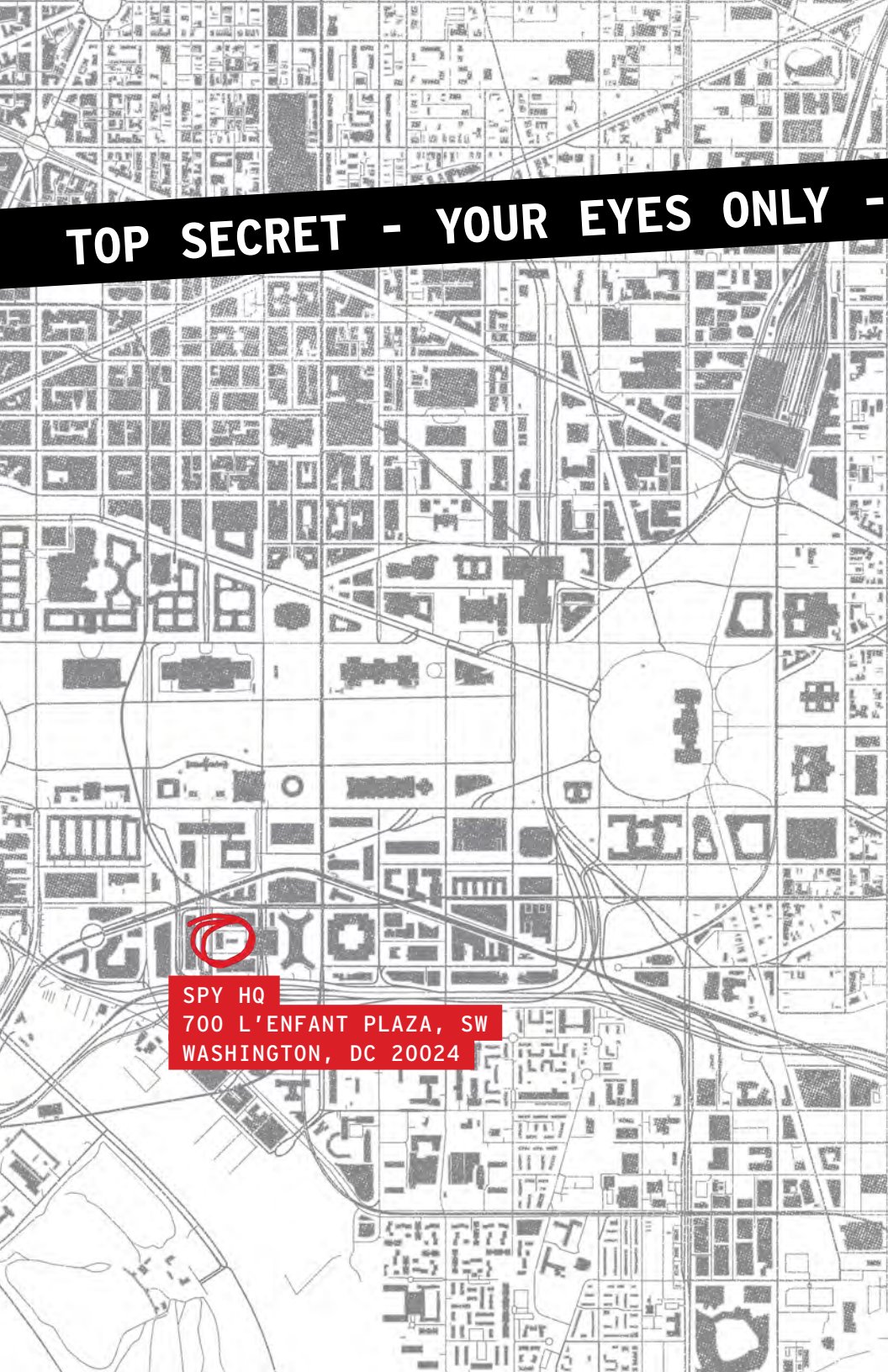
INTERNATIONAL SPY MUSEUM



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TO: EDUCATORS IN THE FIELD

FROM: YOUTH EDUCATION TEAM,
INTERNATIONAL SPY MUSEUM

HQ: WASHINGTON, DC

YOUR MISSION IS TO SPARK CURIOSITY, CRITICAL THINKING, AND CREATIVITY IN YOUR STUDENTS THROUGH THE SECRET WORLD OF SPYING. THE FOLLOWING PAGES CONTAIN INTEL ABOUT STANDARD-ALIGNED LESSON PLANS, HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS, AND RESOURCES DESIGNED TO BRING HISTORY, STEAM, AND MORE TO LIFE. WHETHER YOU'RE DECODING SECRET MESSAGES, ANALYZING REAL DECLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS, OR STEPPING INTO THE SHOES OF A SPY, WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED.

**YOUR CLASSROOM IS ABOUT TO GO UNDERCOVER.
WELCOME TO THE MISSION.**

SPY'S MISSION



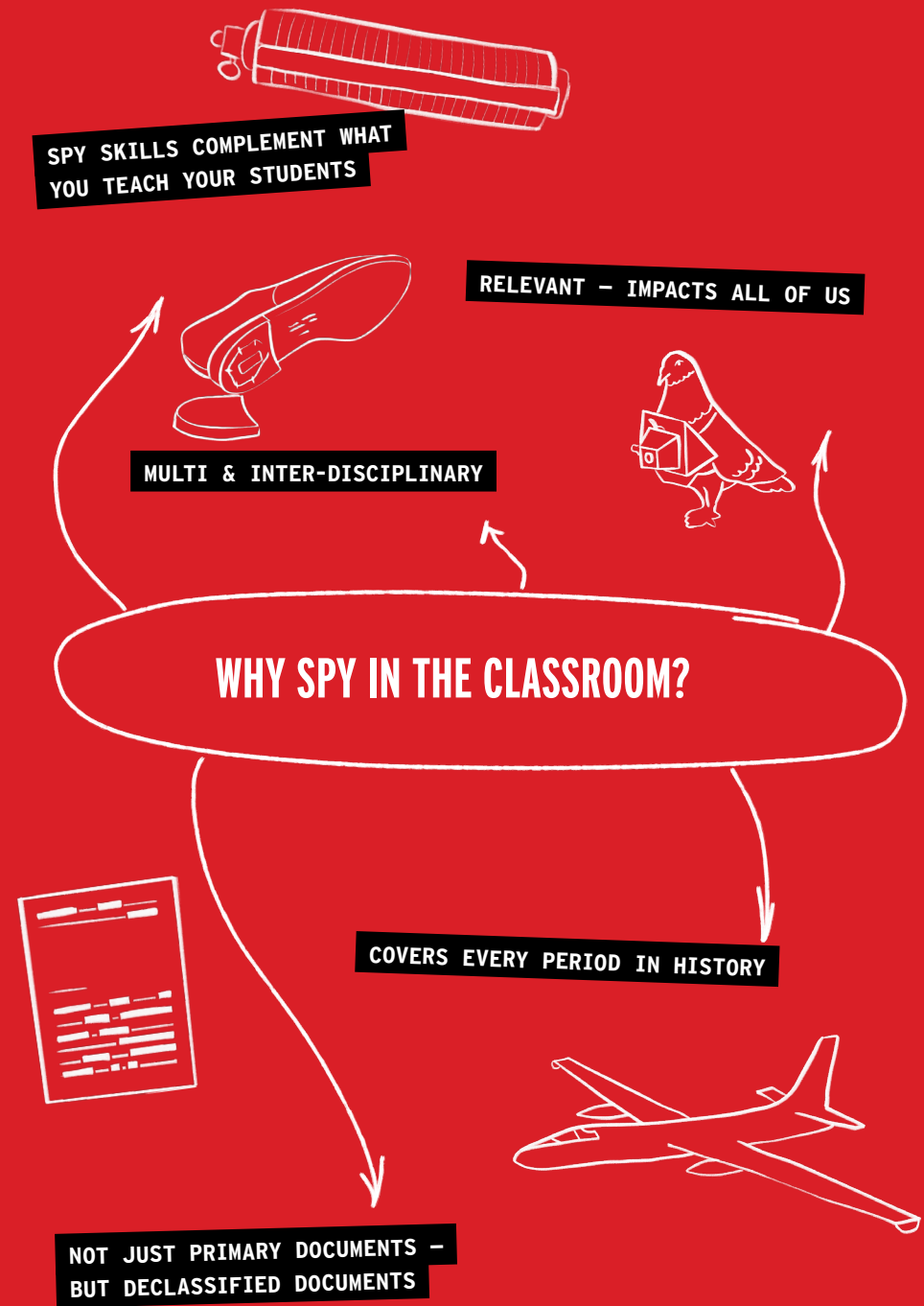
The **International Spy Museum** (SPY) creates compelling exhibitions and other learning experiences that shed light on the shadow world of espionage and intelligence, educating and challenging each of us to engage critically with the complex world around us.

- GLOBAL INTELLIGENCE PERSPECTIVE
- THE LARGEST COLLECTION OF ESPIONAGE-RELATED ARTIFACTS ON PUBLIC DISPLAY
- INDEPENDENT, NONPROFIT MUSEUM



Your museum offers the right amount of interactive exhibits and reading to keep students engaged and learning.

EDUCATOR, ANONYMOUS FIELD TRIP REVIEW



STUDENT EXPERIENCES



Enter the shadow-world of spying where all is not what it seems and your students will discover a new way of thinking about the world in which they live. Whether on-site at SPY or through a virtual workshop, there is something for every type of learner.

- **FIELD TRIPS TO SPY**

- **STUDENT WORKSHOPS**



FIELD TRIPS TO SPY

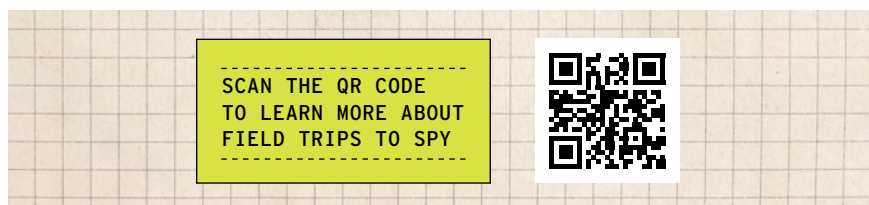
Plan a visit to the International Spy Museum to explore **interactive exhibits** displaying **stories** and **artifacts** from over 2,000 years of history!

IMPORTANT INTEL

- Special discount rates available for student groups of 10 or more.
- SPY's permanent exhibits highlight US and world history, science and technology, current events, and more!
- One adult chaperone is required for every 10 students and receives complimentary Museum admission.

FIELD NOTES

- The best time to visit SPY is in the fall and winter when it is less crowded!
- SPY Educators recommend 1.5-2 hours for your students to explore the exhibits.
- Take your visit to the next level with an on-site student workshop.
- Print one of SPY's educator-designed Mission Highlights. These gallery guides encourage your students to think critically about what they see as they explore the exhibits.



STUDENT WORKSHOPS

Sharpen your students' **problem solving**, **analysis**, and **critical thinking** skills with hands-on, standards-aligned workshops inspired by the real-world of espionage.

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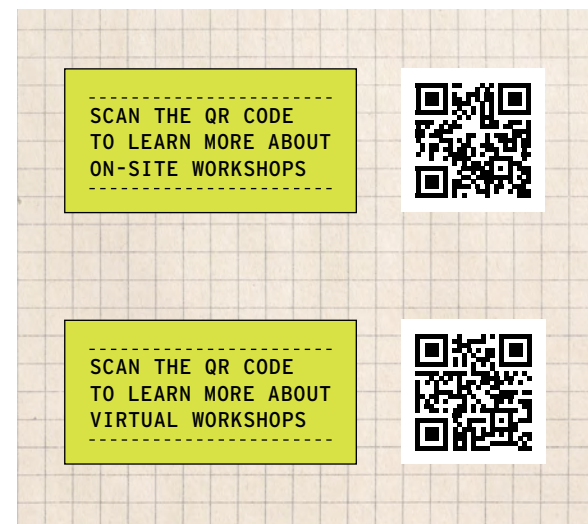
- Offered on-site at SPY or virtually.
- Workshops range from 45-60 minutes.
- Maximum number of students per workshop:
 - 35 (at SPY)
 - 30 (virtual)

GRADE LEVEL KEY

- 3
- 4-6
- 7-8
- 9-12

LOCATION KEY

- On-site
- Virtual



SEE SPY WORKSHOP OFFERINGS PG. 10-13

COVERT CLUES: A FORENSICS WORKSHOP

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY | PROBLEM SOLVING
DECISION MAKING/CONFLICT RESOLUTION

7-8

9-12

Is there a mole in your operation? While accusations fly, only forensic evidence provides the necessary counterintelligence clues to put this case to bed. Students become forensic scientists and use real FBI forensic techniques to examine evidence, make recommendations, and use the scientific method to determine the identity of the mole.

**HIDDEN INFLUENCE: A WORKSHOP ON PROPAGANDA**

US HISTORY/GOVERNMENT
WORLD HISTORY

7-8

9-12

Every day students are faced with different forms of propaganda. However, it is nothing new. Can your students identify the tools and techniques used to create successful propaganda campaigns? By the end, students will think critically about the information they consume and understand how it could be designed to manipulate their thoughts and opinions.

**MIND GAMES: SECRETS, BIAS, & BRAINS**

US HISTORY/GOVERNMENT | WORLD HISTORY
DECISION MAKING/CONFLICT RESOLUTION

7-8

9-12

Spies gather secrets, but it's the analysts who help make sense of them. In this workshop, students become intelligence analysts, spotting patterns, testing assumptions, and uncovering how cognitive biases can affect decision making. The workshop concludes with an exercise inspired by the real-life search for Osama bin Laden.

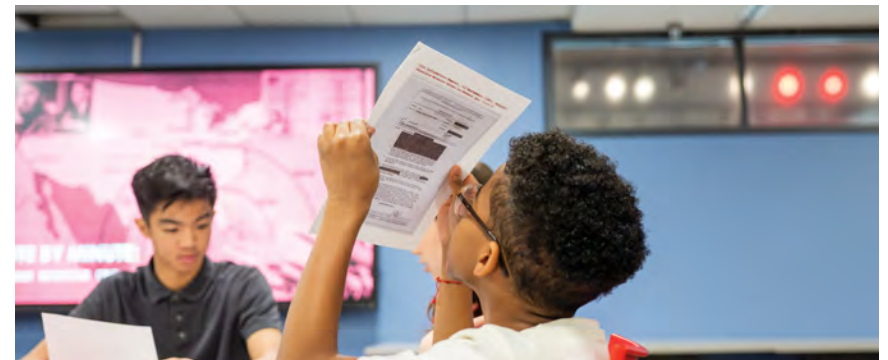
**MINUTE BY MINUTE: CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS SIMULATION**

COLD WAR | US HISTORY/GOVERNMENT | WORLD HISTORY
MATH | DECISION MAKING/CONFLICT RESOLUTION

7-8

9-12

Do your students have what it takes to avert a nuclear catastrophe? This classroom simulation places students in the role of CIA intelligence analysts in October 1962. By analyzing declassified primary documents and surveillance photos from U-2 spy planes, students advise President Kennedy of the “ground truth” at each stage of the Crisis.



OPERATION CODE CRACKER

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY | MATH | ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS
DECISION MAKING/CONFLICT RESOLUTION

4-6

There's a mole in the operation. Can your students decipher secret messages to reveal important intel? Supporting critical thinking, analysis, and problem-solving skills, this workshop demonstrates how codes and ciphers function in the shadow-world of espionage.

**RED, WHITE, AND SPY**

US HISTORY/GOVERNMENT | WORLD HISTORY
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

4-6

Reporting to General George Washington, students will travel back in time to the summer of 1780. The mission: craft a deception operation to divert the planned British attack on the incoming French fleet. Their methods: covert communication, invisible ink, and codes and ciphers. Integrating primary documents into a live action mission, students will assist General Washington while American success in the War hangs in the balance!

**SPY FICTION WRITER'S WORKSHOP**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

4-6

The shadow world of spying has captured the imagination of authors for centuries. Now, your students can be the ones to develop their own spy novel that grips readers' attention! This unique writing workshop goes through the process of creating intriguing characters and spine-tingling stories. Spy Museum educators will supply real spy stories, artifacts, and inspiration to get your students started.

**SPY SCHOOL 101**

US HISTORY/GOVERNMENT | SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
WORLD HISTORY

3

4-6

7-8

9-12

Can your students use their observation skills to spot suspicious activity, think like a gadget-maker to solve problems, uncover an agent in disguise, and more? In this skill-based workshop, interactive challenges with real-world stories will be woven together as students explore the shadow-world of espionage. *(This workshop can be customized for a variety of themes including American Revolution, World War II, Cold War, Female Spies, etc.)*





It was amazing! The kids were 1000% engaged and dialed in and devoured the activities. One of the best experiences all year!

6TH GRADE TEACHER, CANADA

CHESS SET WITH CONCEALED ESCAPE KIT

UK, 1941

AN X-RAY VIEW



THIS CHESS SET WAS MANUFACTURED WITH A HIDDEN COMPARTMENT CONTAINING MAPS, A SWINGER COMPASS, AND EMERGENCY CURRENCY.

TEACHER RESOURCES



The International Spy Museum offers interdisciplinary lesson plans, activities, and more that support educators in exploring the impact of intelligence. These resources equip teachers with flexible, ready-to-use tools that enrich classroom learning.

- **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- **DIGITAL LEARNING HQ**

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Explore SPY's searchable database for **free materials** to add to your curriculum! Resources include lesson plans, activities, short videos, artifacts, and more!

LESSON PLANS

Bring espionage into the classroom with ready-to-use, standards-aligned lessons that challenge students to think critically and make connections.

VIDEOS

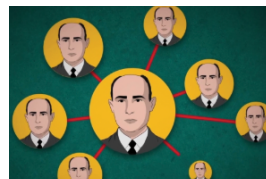
Quick, captivating videos that unpack spy stories, tools, and tactics perfect for sparking discussion or introducing a new topic.

ACTIVITIES

Hands-on activities that have students test their tradecraft skills.

ARTIFACTS

Explore real tools of the trade, from disguises to decryption devices, that reveal the hidden history of intelligence and its impact on the world.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Whether you're exploring espionage for the first time or enhancing an existing unit, the International Spy Museum offers professional development that helps you **decode complex topics**, uncover **hidden stories**, and bring **fresh perspectives** to your teaching.

Join a public workshop, book a private session for your school or district, or watch one of our pre-recorded sessions. All programs are standards-aligned, interdisciplinary, and packed with classroom-ready strategies.



I love that the session dove deeper into the topics our history books DON'T cover! ... It brings the curriculum to life for my students! Engaging and so many great ideas to bring into my class!

10TH GRADE TEACHER, NEW JERSEY

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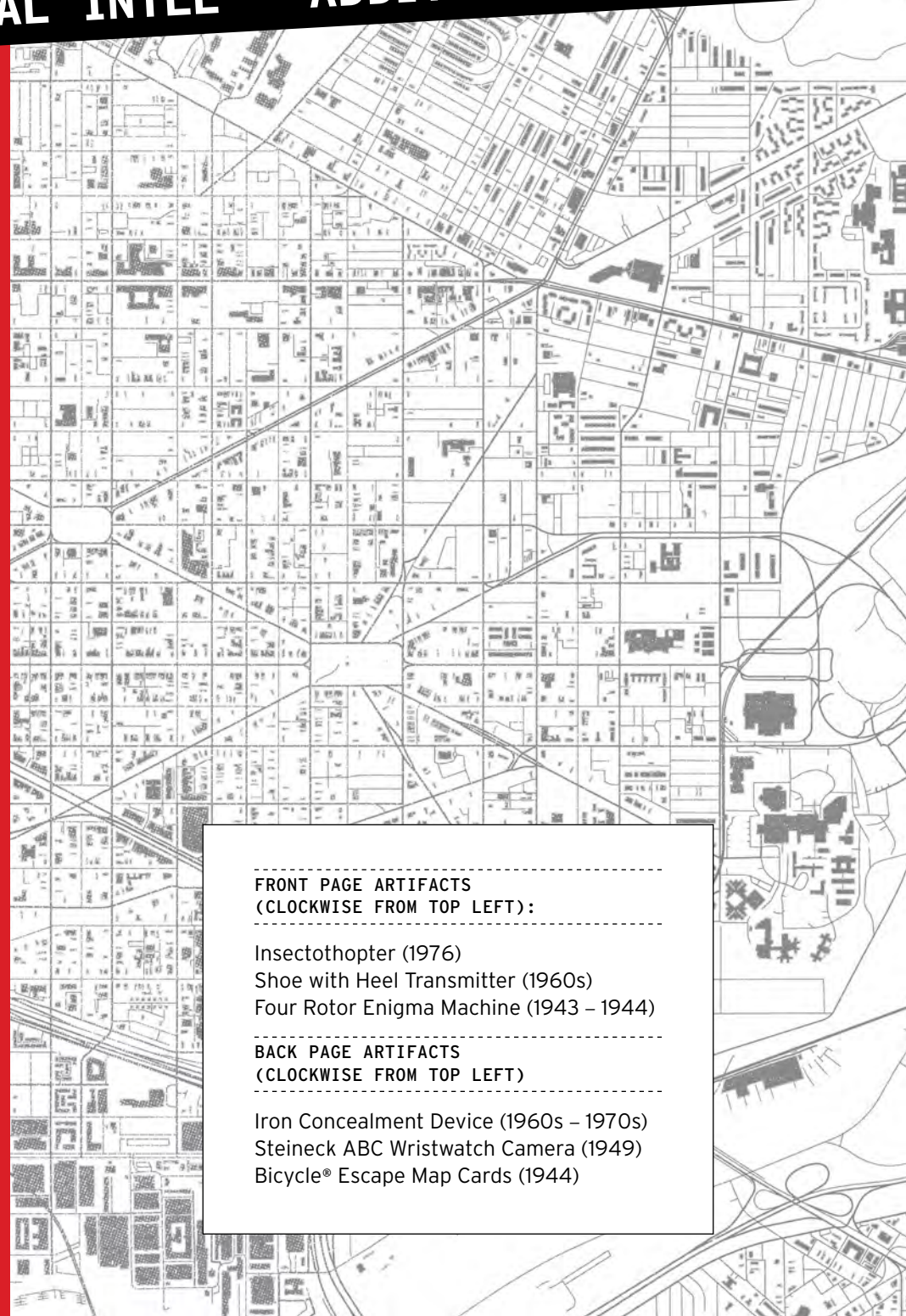
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FRONT PAGE ARTIFACTS (CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT):

Insectothopter (1976)
Shoe with Heel Transmitter (1960s)
Four Rotor Enigma Machine (1943 – 1944)

BACK PAGE ARTIFACTS (CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT)

Iron Concealment Device (1960s – 1970s)
Steineck ABC Wristwatch Camera (1949)
Bicycle® Escape Map Cards (1944)





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