



HISTORY

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Pre-Visit Activity:

Rate the following events by their significance to the history of the National Hockey League (*1-Most significant – 9-Least significant*)

Justify your answers.

- 1. Foster Hewitt broadcasts his first hockey game, March 22, 1923
- 2. Gordie Howe is born, 1928
- 3. CBC broadcasts its first NHL game, March 21, 1951
- 4. Alan Eagleson creates the National Hockey League Players' Association in 1966-67
- 5. The NHL expands from 6 to 12 teams in 1967
- 6. NHL players are permitted to participate in the Olympic Winter games for the first time, 1998
- 7. Wayne Gretzky is born, 1961
- 8. Mats Sundin becomes the first European player to be drafted first overall in the NHL, 1989
- 9. Manon Rheaume becomes the first woman to play professional hockey, 1992

HOCKEY AROUND THE WORLD



Preamble:

The International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) is the governing body of ice hockey around the world. Its membership is over 70 countries from all around the world, and is still growing. The current president of the IIHF is Mr. René Fasel, who was elected from the Swiss Ice Hockey Federation in 1994. Its membership depends on world economics.

Pre-Visit Activity:

- Research 5 countries that are included in the IIHF.
- What is the population of these countries?
- What is their climate?
- How have these countries changed borders and names over the years?
- How have their economies changed?
- Does their country have a women's ice hockey program?
- What are some major political changes that have taken place in these countries?
- How has Hockey developed in these countries over the years?

Hall Visit Activity:

As part of the IIHF 100th anniversary celebration in 2008, the IIHF featured the top 100 International Hockey stories from the past century. What criteria was needed in order to be included on this list?

GENERAL MANAGER HISTORY

Preamble:

The General Manager has a major role in creating and establishing team chemistry. Some teams have sought General Managers who were former players, and some teams hire students of the game, people who contribute to hockey more off the ice than on.

Hall Visit Activity:

Name six former General Managers or NHL Presidents honoured with a major NHL award named after them, and the accomplishment the award recognizes.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Each original six General Manager is well-represented in the Hockey Hall of Fame. Research an original six General Manager that is an Honoured Member of the Hockey Hall of Fame. *Hint: Check the computer terminals in the Esso Great Hall.*

Name: _____

Career Dates: _____

Year of Induction: _____

Team Affiliations: _____

Awards Won: _____

Stanley Cups Won: _____

What personality traits or professional strategies were fundamental in this General Manager's career and success?

Post-Hall Visit Activity:

1) Why do you suppose some teams relied on former players as their General Managers, and other teams focused on non-players as their General Managers?

2) When expansion was introduced in 1967, six new teams were created, adding more players. What were the six new teams added, and how did expansion affect General Managers?

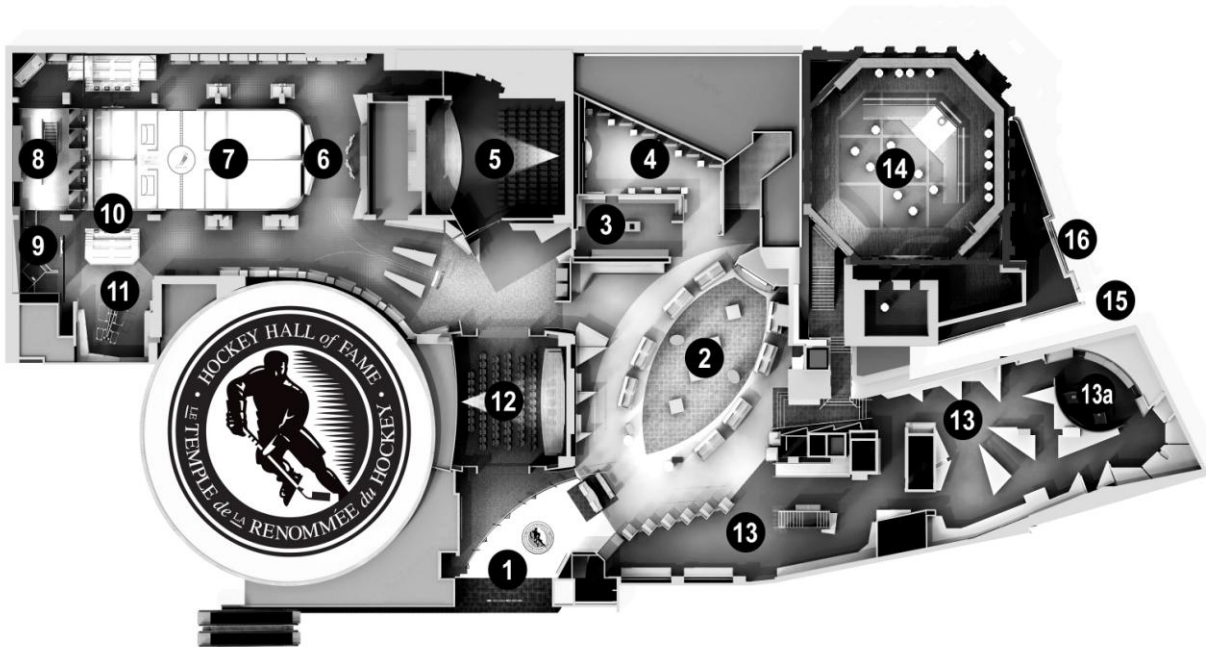
3) Before the expansion in 1967, the average work term for a General Manager was about 11 years. Since 1967, it has dropped to below 7 years. What trends do you notice in the Original Six General Manager's history regarding Stanley Cup wins, stability and the 1967 expansion? Speculate on the reasons behind these trends.

4) What conclusions can you make about the role of the General Manager in the NHL? Support your views.



GUIDE MAP

Floor plan of the Hockey Hall of Fame



1. Entrance Foyer Displays
2. NHL Zone
3. Canadiens Dressing Room
4. VIA Rail Stanley Cup Dynasties
5. Hartland Molson Theatre
6. Panasonic Hometown Hockey
7. NHLPA Be a Player Zone
8. TSN/RDS Broadcast Zone
9. EA Sports NHL Slapshot Zone
10. Pepsi Game Time
11. Upper Deck Collector's Corner
12. Esso Theatre
13. Tissot World of Hockey
- 13a. Global Game Encounter
14. Esso Great Hall & NHL Trophies
15. Spirit of Hockey Retail Store
16. Exterior Sculptures