



Independence Park Institute

Professional Development for Teachers

Program duration: 3 hours

Program Cost: \$2,500.00

Participant Limit: 30 teachers

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. **Teaching with Historic Sites and Primary Documents
18th Century Life**
(Teacher materials provided.)

This session provides teachers with many helpful and practical ideas for lesson plans, engaging classroom activities, and assessments that can be done using primary source materials.

9:45 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. **Liberty Bell**

During this time, teachers get to visit the Liberty Bell and learn how an old cracked bell became an internationally recognized symbol. They will get to view exhibits and see a short film about the evolution of the State House Bell from working bell to symbol.

10:20 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Independence Square**

Teachers will proceed to Independence Square where they will tour Independence Hall. This tour takes a look at the struggle to establish American Independence from Great Britain and then create a new government and a new nation. Tours discuss the people and events surrounding the founding of our country.

Teachers will get to explore Congress Hall (where the Congress when Philadelphia was the capital of the United States from 1790-1800), and Old City Hall (home to the U.S. Supreme Court from 1791-1800).

Finally, teachers will visit the Great Essentials Exhibit which houses an original broadside copy of the *Declaration of Independence*, George Washington's final draft of the *United States Constitution*, a draft of the *Articles of Confederation* belonging to Eldridge Gerry, and the Syng Ink Stand that was used to sign both the *Declaration of Independence* and the *Constitution of the United States*.

This tour can be adjusted for your group's interests and needs. For more information, or to make a reservation, please call (215) 597-2760.



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