



NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER



# *FIELD TRIP PLANNER*

**AN EDUCATOR'S GUIDE** TO VISITING  
THE MUSEUM OF US, THE PEOPLE AND  
INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION  
OF CIVIC LEADERS

***NEW!***

CONSTITUTIONAL  
AMBASSADORS PROGRAM

CIVIL WAR AND  
RECONSTRUCTION EXHIBIT

LIVE THEATER AND ENGAGING  
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

INTERACTIVE CONSTITUTION:  
CLASSROOM EDITION

**PLUS MORE INSIDE!** >>>

RARE DOCUMENTS AND ARTIFACTS,  
HANDS-ON LEARNING, AND MORE





# TOP 5 REASONS TO VISIT THE

NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER



1. From iconic *Signers' Hall* to our newest exhibit *Civil War and Reconstruction*, students will **JOURNEY THROUGH CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY** — from the nation's founding to the struggles to extend rights and liberties to "We the People."
2. The **UNIQUELY INTERACTIVE MUSEUM EXPERIENCE** combines hands-on multimedia exhibits, rare documents and artifacts, inspiring educational programs, and live theatre.
3. Our new **CONSTITUTIONAL AMBASSADORS PROGRAM** empowers the next generation of civic leaders and cultivates civil dialogue that will benefit instruction all year long.  
*See page 3 for all the details!*
4. Each field trip offers a chance to **LEARN ABOUT A DIFFERENT CONSTITUTIONAL THEME, LEADER, OR ERA IN U.S. HISTORY**. We can help you curate and customize your experience to meet your educational needs!
5. The museum is located in Philadelphia, in the most historic square mile in America, **JUST STEPS FROM INDEPENDENCE HALL** where the Constitution was signed.

## IT ALL ADDS UP TO AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE

Call us to discuss how to  
customize your visit to align  
with standards and curriculum.

Ready to book? Have questions?  
We are standing by to help!

## CONTACT GROUP SALES

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*“George Washington urged Congress to create a national university for the ‘education of our youth in the science of government.’ In creating the National Constitution Center, Congress finally answered Washington’s call. We believe what we’re doing is urgently important to the future of American democracy.”*

– JEFFREY ROSEN

President and CEO, National Constitution Center

## HOW TO USE THIS

# NEW AND IMPROVED FIELD TRIP PLANNER

NEWLY REORGANIZED BY GRADE  
LEVEL FOR QUICK REFERENCE  
AND EASIER PLANNING!

Flip right to your section and  
discover a field trip tailored to  
your students: an **IMMERSIVE**  
experience for high school, an  
**INTERACTIVE** experience  
for middle school, and an  
**INTRODUCTORY** experience  
for elementary school.

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMBASSADORS PROGRAM

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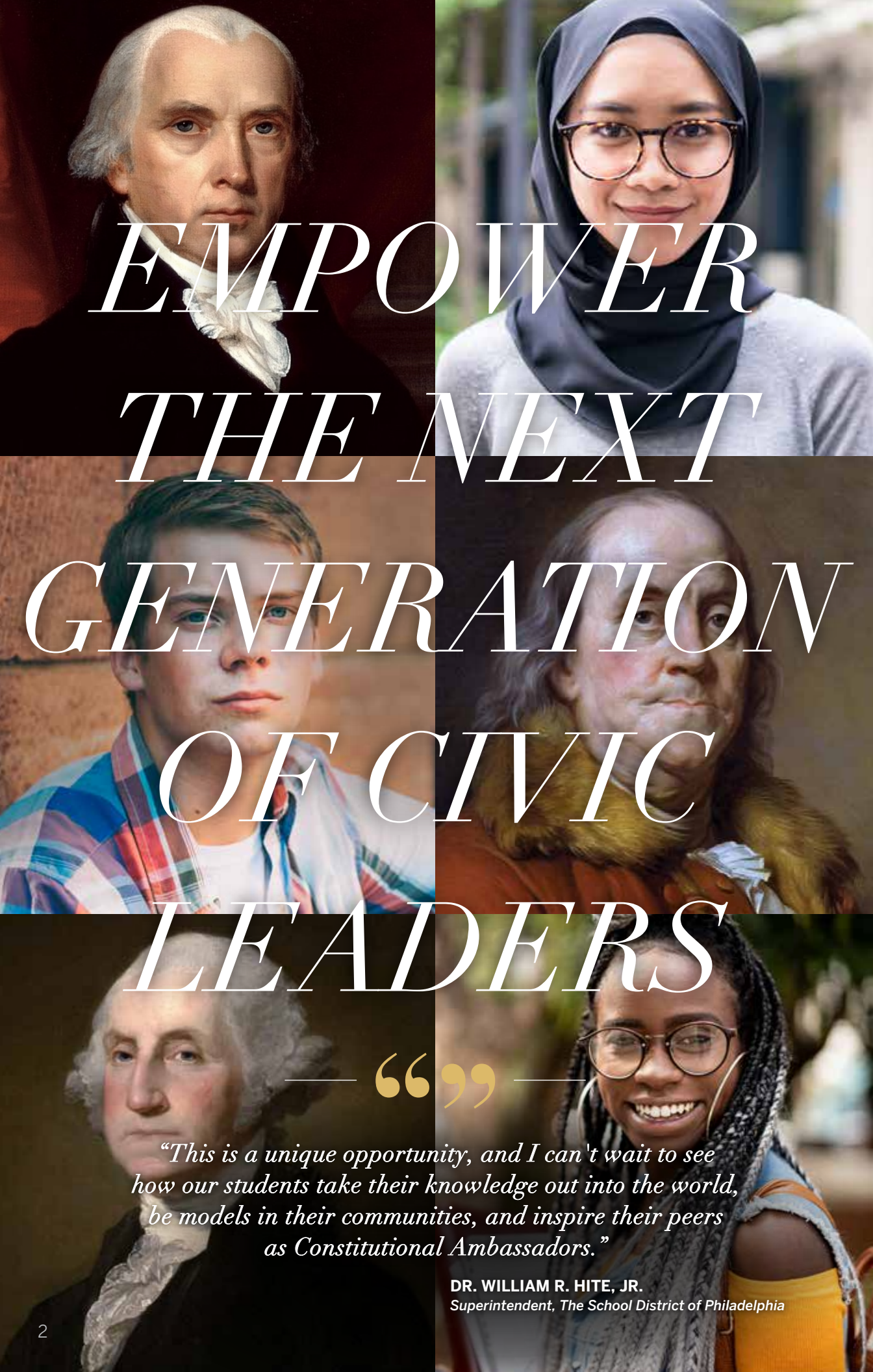
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*The National Constitution Center’s constitutionally-themed exhibits and education programs are made possible through the generous support of foundations, corporations, and individual donors and Members. To learn more, visit [constitutioncenter.org](http://constitutioncenter.org).*





# EMPOWER THE NEXT GENERATION OF CIVIC LEADERS

“This is a unique opportunity, and I can't wait to see how our students take their knowledge out into the world, be models in their communities, and inspire their peers as Constitutional Ambassadors.”

DR. WILLIAM R. HITE, JR.  
Superintendent, The School District of Philadelphia

NEW!

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMBASSADORS PROGRAM

More than just a field trip, the new **CONSTITUTIONAL AMBASSADORS** experience begins in the classroom before the students arrive; continues with a day-long educational experience at the museum, including live theatre; and follows students back to their classrooms, where they can have real-time conversations on constitutional issues with other classrooms across America through our **CLASSROOM EXCHANGES** program.

**FREE FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THE PHILADELPHIA AREA. TRANSPORTATION INCLUDED.**

**TO BOOK:**  
Visit [constitutioncenter.org/learn](https://constitutioncenter.org/learn) or contact Gina Romanelli at [gromanelli@constitutioncenter.org](mailto:gromanelli@constitutioncenter.org) or **215.409.6695**.

### *Your visit includes:*

#### **WELCOME & “ESSENTIAL QUESTION”**

Students are presented with a challenging, timely constitutional question — such as how the Constitution protects free speech — that they explore and discuss throughout the day.

#### **INTERACTIVE CONSTITUTION WORKSHOP**

Museum educators take a deep dive into a specific constitutional provision and teach students how to consider constitutional questions, critically examine primary sources, and distinguish their personal views from what the Constitution requires and forbids.

#### **GUIDED EXPLORATION OF THE EXHIBITS**

Students experience the museum's exhibits and live theatrical performances, which reinforce core constitutional concepts and shed light on the day's Essential Question.

#### **STUDENT TOWN HALL**

Students reconvene to meet a constitutional expert — such as a state or federal judge, legal scholar, or practicing lawyer — who leads an interactive, comprehensive discussion about the Essential Question.

#### **PEER EXCHANGE**

The day ends with students talking with and teaching one another what they have learned about the day's Essential Question. They practice civil dialogue and active listening skills while discussing and debating constitutional issues.



As part of the program, we will provide support before, during, and after your visit. The museum provides a variety of no-cost professional development to empower educators with content knowledge and nonpartisan resources. As Constitutional Ambassadors, your students can apply their new knowledge and civil dialogue skills through Classroom Exchanges with students across the country.  
**See page 11 for more info on Classroom Exchanges!**



# IMMERSION

## HIGH SCHOOL

[GRADES 9-12]

An **IMMERSION** in constitutional history, themes, and timely questions that empowers high school students to become informed civic leaders

### EXPERIENCE THE MUSEUM FOR JUST \$7.50 PER TICKET

(Groups of 15 or more)

One chaperone free for every 10 students.  
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This state-of-the-art, live theatrical performance immerses students in the powerful story of the Constitution and the American quest for freedom.

### THE STORY OF WE THE PEOPLE

Richard and Helen DeVos Exhibit Hall

*Take a Journey Through America's Constitutional History*

The Story of We the People is an immersive educational experience, filled with hands-on, multimedia exhibits and activities. Historical documents and rare artifacts bring students in contact with primary sources that help them build an understanding of the nation's past and how they play a key role in its future.

### SIGNERS' HALL AND FOUNDING DOCUMENTS GALLERY

*Step Into the Founding Era*

In the iconic Signers' Hall, students step into the last day of the Constitutional Convention and sign the U.S. Constitution alongside 42 life-size, bronze statues of the Framers. In the adjacent gallery, students can explore America's founding documents up close.



### NEW EXHIBIT!

### CIVIL WAR & RECONSTRUCTION: THE BATTLE FOR FREEDOM AND EQUALITY

*Learn about the Struggle to Extend Constitutional Rights and Liberties*

Students will step into this pivotal period in American history by examining rare artifacts and documents; exploring key court cases; and engaging with interactives about the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments. The exhibit also highlights the inspiring stories of Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, and other, lesser-known figures central to the conflict over slavery and the fight for equality.

### FOURTEEN: A THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE

February 4 – March 27, 2020

Duration: 35 minutes

Free with admission; Reservations recommended

This moving theatrical performance sheds light on the Reconstruction era and the ratification of the 14th Amendment through dramatic interpretation of primary sources.

FOURTEEN has been supported by The Pew Center for Arts & Heritage.



Actors:  
Nathan Alford-Tate  
and Ebony Pullum  
Photo by Daniel Kontz



### ENHANCE YOUR EXPERIENCE

### LIVING NEWS

April 27-June 12, 2020

Free with admission; Reservations recommended

Duration: 25-minute performance  
15-minute discussion

Today's headlines are brought to life in this dynamic performance incorporating video, contemporary music, and recent news broadcasts. Following the performance, students engage with the cast and a museum educator in a discussion about the issues.

Related lesson plans and video clips are available online at [constitutioncenter.org/livingnews](http://constitutioncenter.org/livingnews).

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*“The Living News performance was fantastic and so relevant to what the students are learning!”*

— Educator feedback



# INTERACTION

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

[GRADES 6-8]

An **INTERACTIVE** experience for middle school students that sparks interest in the Constitution and the importance of learning about our freedoms

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### THE STORY OF WE THE PEOPLE

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### *Take a Journey Through America's Constitutional History*

Our main exhibit is a playground of civic knowledge and practice. Students will explore the history of our country — from the Stamp Act Crisis to modern interpretations of the Constitution — through rare artifacts, hands-on multimedia interactives, and student-friendly programming. They will get to know how American government works and consider their key role in the ongoing story of “We the People.”

#### INTERACTIVE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Put on a Supreme Court robe and try some of the top cases on free speech and privacy
- Get sworn in as the next president and learn about the choices presidents had to make
- Explore the inspiring actions of famous and lesser-known individuals on the American National Tree



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### THEMED PROGRAMS

Duration: 30-minute interactive program  
and a 30-minute guided museum experience

### *New!*

### CONSTITUTION 101

A crash course in the basics of the Constitution: the system of federalism, the function of the three branches of government, and the amendment process.

### *Updated!*

### THE AMENDMENTS

Take a deep dive into the creation and legacy of the Bill of Rights with a trivia game show.

### *Popular Program!*

### CITIZENSHIP RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

In a game show-style program, students learn about American citizenship by answering real questions from the U.S. Citizenship test.

### THEMED PROGRAM PRICING

Groups of 15 or more

**Students:** \$14 (includes museum admission)

One free chaperone for every 10 students

Additional chaperones: \$14



# INTRODUCTION

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

[GRADES 3-5]

An inspiring **INTRODUCTION** to the nation's founding and those who helped shape it

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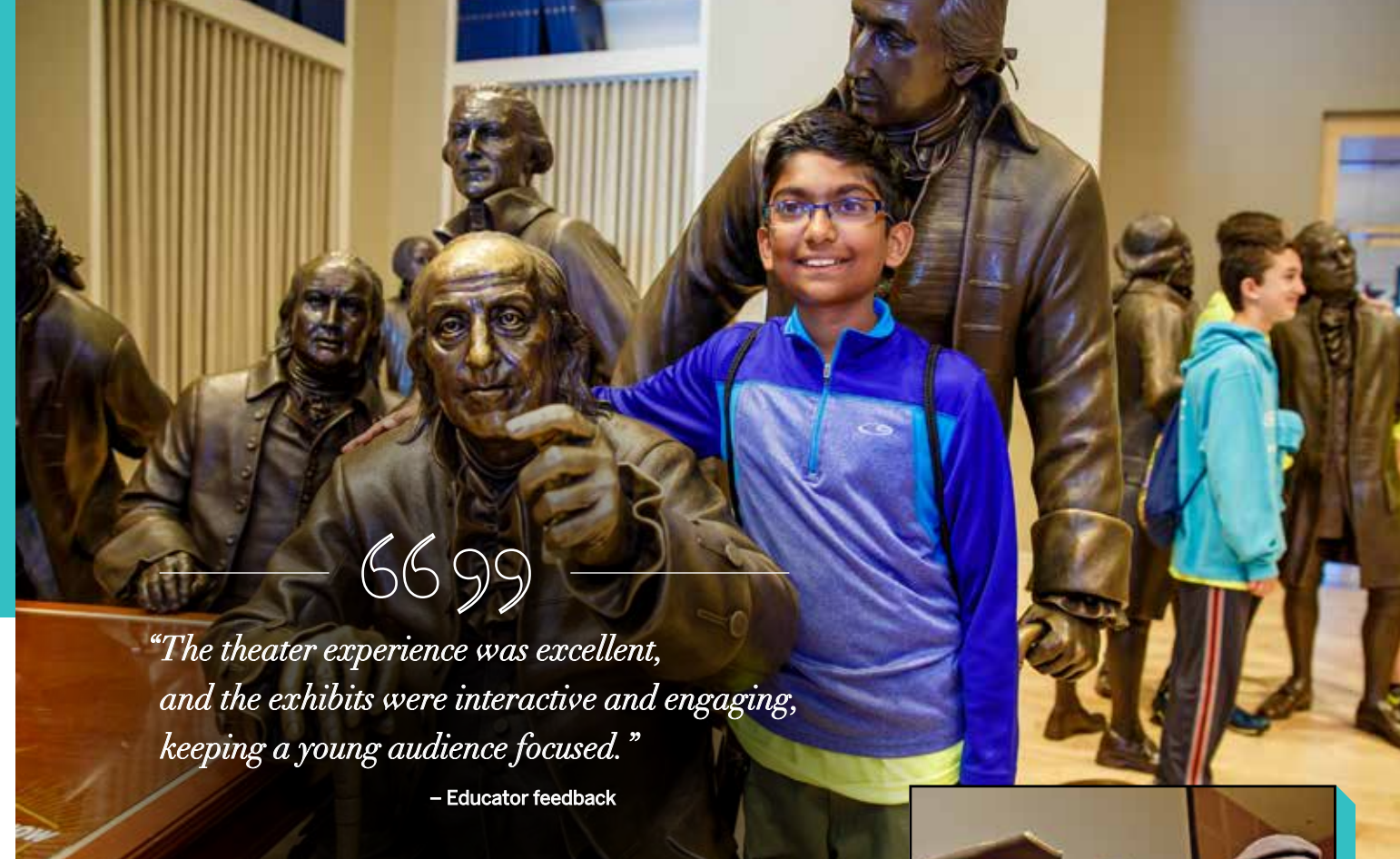
Richard and Helen DeVos Exhibit Hall

#### *Take a Journey Through America's Constitutional History*

Explore American history through the inspiring lens of "We the People," from the Constitutional Convention to the Civil Rights Movement to current day. Using grade-appropriate civics and government guides, students get to know the history of the Constitution through hands-on, multimedia activities, primary sources, and a rotating collection of rare artifacts.

#### EXHIBIT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Step inside a voting booth
- Get sworn in as the next president
- Learn fun facts about the states



*"The theater experience was excellent, and the exhibits were interactive and engaging, keeping a young audience focused."*

— Educator feedback

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### CIVIL WAR & RECONSTRUCTION: THE BATTLE FOR FREEDOM AND EQUALITY

#### *Learn about the Struggle to Extend Constitutional Rights and Liberties*

Through personal accounts and rare artifacts, young students can learn what life was like during this pivotal moment in American history. They will get to know the inspiring stories of Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, and other, lesser-known figures central to the battle to end slavery and the fight for freedom.



### ENHANCE YOUR EXPERIENCE

### GROWING UP IN AMERICA

Duration: 30-minute interactive program  
and a 30-minute guided museum experience

Students participate in a costume runway show featuring replicas of traditional-style dress from historical periods while learning what home, school, and work were like during those times.

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# CONSTITUTION

## IN THE CLASSROOM

The National Constitution Center brings **INNOVATIVE TEACHING TOOLS TO YOUR CLASSROOM**. Our unique approach to constitutional education emphasizes historic storytelling, constitutional rather than political questions, and the habits of civil dialogue and reflection.

CHECK OUT THE  
**INTERACTIVE**

NEW  
ONLINE

**CONSTITUTION**

Explore the new **INTERACTIVE CONSTITUTION: CLASSROOM EDITION** and learn about the text, history, and meaning of the U.S. Constitution from leading scholars of diverse legal and philosophical perspectives. Check out the new features including educational resources, plus a media library with videos, podcasts, blog posts, and much more!

Visit [constitutioncenter.org/interactive-constitution](https://constitutioncenter.org/interactive-constitution)

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**CLASSROOM**

**EXCHANGES**

High school students across America are **COMING TOGETHER TO ENGAGE IN CIVIL DIALOGUE** about major constitutional questions that impact their lives.

**SIGN YOUR CLASSES UP TO BE PART OF THE CONVERSATION!**

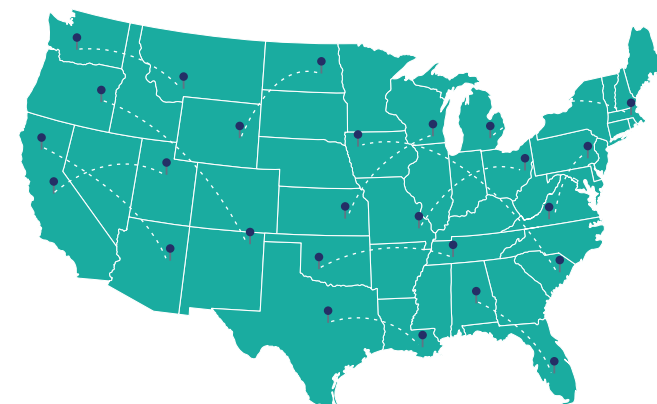
Register your class to discuss a big constitutional question with another classroom in the United States. It's easy to participate — the National Constitution Center facilitates these dialogues by pairing classrooms, connecting them with an expert moderator, and setting up videoconferencing sessions.

**CLASSROOM EXCHANGES** are meaningful opportunities for students and teachers who want to develop deep understanding of the major provisions of the U.S. Constitution and their relevance today. By participating in constitutional conversations with other classrooms, moderated by a judge or master teacher, students will learn the skills of healthy and respectful civil dialogue, including how to disagree without being disagreeable. In the process, they will learn the fundamental skills of American self-government.

Visit [constitutioncenter.org/exchanges](https://constitutioncenter.org/exchanges) to sign up today!

“Students were able to discuss the content matter with students from other schools, allowing for a greater diversity of thought and opinion in a civil manner.”

— Educator feedback





# PLAN YOUR VISIT

**EVERYTHING EDUCATORS NEED TO KNOW**  
before, during, and after a field trip

**ASK ABOUT STUDENT GUIDES TO  
ENHANCE THE MUSEUM EXPERIENCE!**

## GROUP PRICING

*Groups of 15 or more*

**STUDENTS: \$7.50**

One chaperone free for every 10 students.  
Additional chaperones: \$7.50

Pricing includes the full National Constitution Center experience including *Freedom Rising*, *The Story of We the People*, *Signers' Hall*, the new *Civil War and Reconstruction* exhibit, the Founding Documents galleries, plus other educational programs and performances. Programs requiring an additional charge are noted accordingly in this Planner.

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“This was such an informative and educational experience for our students and chaperones! The day went smoothly and without any complications!”

— Educator feedback



## Museum Essentials

### MUSEUM HOURS

The National Constitution Center welcomes visitors seven days a week (except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day). Groups will be admitted as early as 9:15 a.m. from Monday to Saturday and 11:45 a.m. on Sunday.

**MONDAY – SATURDAY:** 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**SUNDAY:** 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

### ACCESSIBILITY

The National Constitution Center is committed to making its facilities, exhibits, and programs accessible for all audiences. We regularly offer assistive listening systems, open captioning, sign language interpretation, wheelchair accessibility, and designated sensory-friendly days. To allow us to better serve you, please notify us of any special needs when making a reservation.

### BUS PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF

Bus unloading and loading takes place at the Independence Transportation Center (ITC), located at 540 Race Street adjacent to the National Constitution Center. Drivers can access the ITC from Race Street, between 5th and 6th streets.

### MUSEUM STORE

The newly renovated Museum Store offers an array of gift and exhibit merchandise, including books, souvenirs, replicas of historic documents, and educational toys and games.

## Food and Dining



### NEW! STARBUCKS

Starbucks offers handcrafted beverages, premium teas, and delectable treats. Accessible from inside the museum during normal operating hours.

### BOXED LUNCHES

**PRICING:** \$10.50 per box plus tax

If you are planning to order boxed lunches for your group, you will need to reserve space in advance in our School Lunchroom (\$15 nonrefundable flat fee per group). Lunches can also be boxed-to-go. Orders must be placed at least 10 days in advance of your visit.

### LUNCH VOUCHERS FOR ONSITE DELEGATES' CAFE

**STANDARD VOUCHER:** \$6.75 plus tax

**PREMIUM VOUCHER:** \$9.95 plus tax

**DELUXE VOUCHER:** \$11.95 plus tax

### DISPLAYED BUFFET LUNCH

**PRICING:** \$18 per person plus tax  
*Minimum of 75 people*

For more information about boxed lunches, lunch vouchers, and buffet options, we will gladly connect you with our exclusive caterer, Brûlée Catering.

### BRING YOUR OWN BAGGED LUNCH

Advance reservations are required (\$15 nonrefundable flat fee per group) for groups choosing to bring bagged lunches to our onsite lunchroom. We will collect and store lunches during your visit.



**NEW!**

## 19TH AMENDMENT EXHIBIT

**OPENING JUNE 10!**

Tracing the triumphs and struggles that led to the ratification of the 19th Amendment, this new exhibit will explore the long fight for women's suffrage, beginning before the Civil War. Students will explore the constitutional arguments and historical context of the movement, get to know the key advocates for women's rights, and learn about the methods they used to persuade the states and then the nation to recognize equal citizenship for women. The story highlights the ratification of the 19th Amendment, its impact, and the ongoing push for equal rights that followed ratification in 1920.

The 19th Amendment exhibit builds upon the National Constitution Center's newest permanent exhibit, *Civil War & Reconstruction: The Battle for Freedom and Equality*, exploring how the women's rights movement grew alongside the anti-slavery movement and ultimately gained momentum during Reconstruction as part of the ongoing battle for freedom and equality for all.





## NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Independence Mall ★ 525 Arch Street ★ Philadelphia, PA 19106

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*Cannot stress enough how helpful your staff was while planning our visit. It was much appreciated!”*

— Educator feedback

### HOW CAN WE HELP?

**OUR FRIENDLY GROUP SALES TEAM IS STANDING BY TO HELP YOU PLAN A FUN, ENGAGING FIELD TRIP EXPERIENCE.**

The National Constitution Center is located in historic Philadelphia, steps from the Liberty Bell.

In addition to coordinating your trip to the museum, we can set up special packages with other area museums and historic attractions — just ask!

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