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John Adams, Jane Stuart copies of her father Gilbert Stuart’s work from 1800. US Department of Interior, National Park Service, Adams National Historical Park

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Abigail Adams, Jane Stuart copies of her father Gilbert Stuart’s work from 1800. US Department of Interior, National Park Service, Adams National Historical Park

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Source #28, Souvenir Medal for the 60th Anniversary of the Patriotic Order Sons of America depicts Washington praying in the snow. From: The John F. Reed Collection, Valley Forge National Historical Park, www.nps.gov/vafo

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Source #31a–f, Letter from Edith Longfellow to her sister Alice Longfellow, August 14, 1875. From: Longfellow National Historic Site, www.nps.gov/long
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Statue of minute man, Minute Man National Historical Park.


North Bridge, Minute Man National Historical Park, Photo by Lou Sideris for National Park Service

Major John Pitcairn, Photo from the collection of the Lexington, Massachusetts Historical Society.

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Longfellow’s House, Longfellow National Historic Site.

Map of Stark’s Brigade encampment at Jockey Hollow, Morristown National Historical Park.

The Adams farmhouse, Adams National Historical Park.


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Fort Stanwix today, Fort Stanwix National Monument.

Monument at Kings Mountain, Kings Mountain National Military Park.


Battle of Oriskany, Oriskany Battlefield State Historic Site.


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Yorktown, Colonial National Historical Park.

Lafayette cannon, Colonial National Historical Park.

Washington Headquarters today, Valley Forge National Historical Park.
Soldier huts today, Valley Forge National Historical Park.

National Memorial Arch at Valley Forge, Valley Forge National Historical Park.

Longfellow’s House, Longfellow National Historic Site.

Room rented by Longfellow, Longfellow National Historic Site.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow photo, Longfellow National Historic Site.

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Federal Hall today, National Park Service, Manhattan Sites.

Inauguration of George Washington, National Park Service, Manhattan Sites.


Frederick Douglass, *Frederick Douglass*, Schreiber and Son, Philadelphia, PA. Carte-de-Visite, FRDO 3931, Frederick Douglass National Historic Site.


Site of the Gettysburg Address, Gettysburg National Military Park.


Eleanor Roosevelt, UN Photo # UN23783, courtesy of the United Nations. For more United Nations related teaching tools go to www.un.org/cyberschool.

Val-Kill Cottage, home of Eleanor Roosevelt, Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site.
Martin Luther King Jr. at the Lincoln Memorial, Civil Rights March on Washington, D.C. [Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. speaking.] on 08/28/1963; Miscellaneous Subjects, Staff and Stringer Photographs, 1961–1974; Records of the U.S. Information Agency; Record Group 306; National Archives – Still Picture Branch, College Park, MD (Local Identifier: NWDNS-306-SSM-4D(107)8).


Lincoln Memorial, Lincoln Memorial National Memorial.

Statue of Liberty, Statue of Liberty National Monument.
NPS SITES ASSOCIATED WITH THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, OR MENTIONED IN LESSONS

Adams National Historic Site, Quincy, MA
Homes of President John Adams and President John Quincy Adams and their families.

Arkansas Post National Memorial, near Gillett, Arkansas
During the Rev., the British attacked the post's Spanish garrison, allies of the French.

Benjamin Franklin National Memorial, Philadelphia, PA

Boston National Historical Park, Boston MA
Includes Rev. War sites like Bunker Hill, Faneuil Hall, and Old North Church.

Castillo de San Marcos National Monument, St. Augustine, FL
Built in 1672 by the Spanish. British occupied the Castillo during the Revolution.

Charles Pinckney National Historic Site, Mt. Pleasant, SC
Pinckney fought in the Revolution, helped write the Constitution, and ran his plantation with enslaved Africans.

Colonial National Historical Park, Yorktown, VA
Includes Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in North America, and Yorktown, the last major battle of the Revolution.

Cowpens National Battlefield, Chesnee, SC
Site of Revolutionary War battle and American victory, January 1781.

Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area, New Jersey
Revolutionary War sites and landscapes in New Jersey.

Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site, Hyde Park, NY
The First Lady’s home. She championed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Federal Hall National Memorial, New York, New York
Site of the first U.S. Capitol and George Washington’s first inauguration as president.

Fire Island National Seashore, Patchogue, NY
Home of William Floyd, signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Fort Moultrie National Monument, Sullivan’s Island, SC
Where patriots repulsed a British invasion of the South in June 1776.
Fort Necessity National Battlefield, Farmington, PA
Here, Washington commanded troops in the first battle of the French & Indian War.

Fort Stanwix National Monument, Rome, NY
In August 1777, patriots and Indian allies repulsed a British, loyalist, and Indian invasion.

Frederick Douglas National Historic Site, Washington DC
Home of Frederick Douglass. He struggled for human, equal, and civil rights.

Gettysburg National Military Park, Gettysburg, PA
Site of Civil War battle, July 1863, and Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address.

George Rogers Clark National Historical Park, Vincennes, IN
George Rogers Clark captured Ft. Sackville from British in February 1779.

George Washington Birthplace National Monument, Washington’s Birthplace, VA
Birthplace of Washington, commander of the Continental Army and first president.

Governors Island National Monument, New York, New York
Military installations on Governors Island provided protection for over two centuries.

Guilford Courthouse National Military Park, Greensboro, NC
The 1781 battle that began the campaign that ended with American victory at Yorktown.

Hamilton Grange National Memorial, New York, NY

Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site, Elverson, PA
1771 iron furnace is an example of industry and commerce during the Revolution.

Independence National Historical Park, Philadelphia PA
Includes Independence Hall (where the Declaration of Independence and Constitution were signed), U.S. capital from 1790–1800, and home of Benjamin Franklin.

Kings Mountain National Military Park, Blacksburg, SC
Where American patriot frontiersmen’s defeated loyalists in 1780.

Lincoln National Memorial, Washington, DC
Commemorates Lincoln’s legacy, his dedication to the Union, and abolition of slavery.

Longfellow National Historic Site, Cambridge, MA
Washington’s headquarters (1775–76) and home of poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site, Atlanta, GA
King applied principles articulated during the Revolution to his fight for civil rights.
Minute Man National Historical Park, Concord, MA
Scene of first military engagement of the American Revolution, April 1775.

Moores Creek National Battlefield, Currie, NC
Commemorates the February 1776 battle between North Carolina patriots and loyalists.

Morristown National Historical Park, Morristown, NJ
Site of Continental Army winter encampments in 1777 and 1779–1780.

Ninety Six National Historic Site, Ninety Six, SC
Scene of Nathanael Greene’s siege in 1781.

Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail, VA, TN, NC, SC
Commemorates the route used by patriot militia before the Battle of Kings Mountain.

Red Hill Patrick Henry National Memorial, Brookneal, VA
Home and burial place Patrick Henry. Henry’s speeches kindled the fires of revolution.

Saint Paul’s Church National Historic Site, Mount Vernon, NY
Site of early victory for religious freedom.

Salem Maritime National Historic Site, Salem, MA
Traces the influence of maritime commerce on the U.S. and stories of war privateers.

Saratoga National Historical Park, Stillwater, NY
This 1777 patriot victory convinced France to ally with the United States.

Statue of Liberty National Monument, New York, NY
Symbolizes the ideals and principles of freedom that are the foundation of U.S.

Thaddeus Kosciuszko National Memorial, Philadelphia, PA
Interprets contributions of the Polish military engineer and Continental Army volunteer.

Thomas Stone National Historic Site, Port Tobacco, MD
Home of a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Valley Forge National Historical Park, Valley Forge, PA
Site of the Continental Army winter encampment in 1777–1778.

Women’s Rights National Historical Park, Seneca Falls, NY
1848 Women’s Rights Convention produced the Declaration of Sentiments based on the Declaration of Independence.

For a full list of all national parks, please go to www.nps.gov
PARK EDUCATION PROGRAMS RELATED TO THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Many individual parks have lesson plans available for use. Please go to the National Park Service website www.nps.gov for more information on these or other education programs.

ADAMS NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK
QUINCY, MA

Program Title: The Boston Massacre: John Adams to the Defense (also offered by Boston National Historical Park)
Audience: Grades 5–8
Program Description: Using technology, journalistic methods, and role-playing, students investigate the massacre’s causes, examine the character of John Adams, and discover that events are interpreted differently according to point of view.

Program Title: Pen & Parchment: From Penn’s Hill to Pennsylvania
Audience: Grades 5–12
Program Description: By focusing on the Declaration of Independence, students discover the meaning of independence, the role of John Adams, and the vision of the future expressed by Abigail Adams.

Program Title: Families in the Revolution: Patriots in the Countryside
Audience: Grades 1–8
Program Description: Through participation in everyday activities of the period, students experience the hard work, uncertainty, and dangers facing families during the Revolution.

Website: www.nps.gov/adam

BOSTON NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK
BOSTON, MA

Program Title: The Battle of Bunker Hill: Now We Are at War
“Teaching with Historic Places” lesson plan
Audience: Grades 5–8
Program Description: Students explore how events in 1775, particularly Bunker Hill, united the colonies. They compare the growth of Boston and Charlestown and search their own community histories for events that united/divided citizens.

Program Title: An Incident in King Street
Audience: Grades 7–12
Program Description: Students role-play the trial of the British soldiers involved in the Boston Massacre, and use original trial records to discover the complexities and contradictions associated with the event.

Program Title: The Boston Massacre: John Adams to the Defense (also offered by Adams National Historical Park)
Audience: Grades 5–8
Program Description: Using technology, journalistic methods, and role-playing, students investigate the massacre’s causes, examine the character of John Adams, and discover that events are interpreted differently according to point of view.

Program Title: If Buildings Could Speak
Audience: Grades 3–6
Program Description: Through the use of maps, hands-on activities, and role-playing, students explore the many uses of Faneuil Hall and the Old State House and discover the similarities and differences between them.
Program Title: Merchants and Farmers  
**Audience:** Grades 3–6 and 9–12  
**Program Description:** Students explore the lives and motivations of the 18th-century soldiers who united to face superior British forces at the Battle of Bunker Hill.

Program Title: Phillis Wheatley  
**Audience:** Grades 5–8  
**Program Description:** In this interactive program, students work in small groups to trace the path of Phillis Wheatley’s life. They follow the route of a slave ship, write with a quill pen, and examine a Wheatley poem.

Program Title: Tea is Brewing  
**Audience:** Grades 4–8  
**Program Description:** Meeting at Faneuil Hall, Old South Meeting House, and the Tea Party Ship, students engage in experiential activities, including a town meeting and tea dumping, linked to the Boston Tea Party.

Program Title: What’s Behind a Monument?  
**Audience:** Grades 5–12  
**Program Description:** By exploring the March 17, 1776, event known as Evacuation Day, students learn about George Washington as commander of the Continental Army and the strategic location of Dorchester Heights.

Website: www.nps.gov/bost

CHARLES PINCKNEY NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE  
MT. PLEASANT, SC  
**Program Title:** Charles Pinckney: Framer, Statesmen, Founding Father  
**Audience:** Grades 3–11  
**Program Description:** Students explore the role that Pinckney played in establishing the nation, including helping to draft the U.S. Constitution, and learn about the contributions that Africans made to the plantation economy.

Website: www.nps.gov/chpi

COLONIAL NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK  
YORKTOWN, VA  
**Program Title:** The Fortunes of War  
**Audience:** Grades 4–5  
**Program Description:** To understand the effect that war had on both civilians and soldiers, students actively participate in battlefield and town tours and engage in hands-on activities, role-playing, and demonstrations.

Website: www.nps.gov/colo

COWPENS NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD  
NEAR CHESNEE, SC  
**Program Title:** Curriculum Guide  
**Audience:** Grades 3–8  
**Program Description:** Students can study eight topics (National Park Service; pre-agricultural landscape; backcountry life; American Revolution; Southern Campaign; Battle of Cowpens; human element; cultural/natural resources) or participate in a Junior Ranger Program.

Website www.nps.gov/cowp

FORT MOULTRIE, PART OF FORT SUMTER NATIONAL MONUMENT  
SULLIVAN’S ISLAND, SC  
**Program Title:** First Major Naval Battle of the American Revolution, June 28, 1776  
**Audience:** Grades 3–11  
**Program Description:** Students discover the importance of Fort Moultrie and the role that the fort played in the Revolutionary War.

Website: www.nps.gov/fosu
FORT STANWIX NATIONAL MONUMENT
ROME, NY

Program Title: The Battle of Oriskany: “Blood Shed a Stream Running Down”
“Teaching with Historic Places” lesson plan
Audience: Grades 5–8
Program Description: Students evaluate the decisions New Yorkers made about who to support during the war, analyze the Battle of Oriskany to determine who won, assess the impact of Oriskany, and apply Oriskany’s lessons to contemporary issues.

Program Title: Defending the Oneida Carry—A Soldier’s Life in New York
Audience: Grade 4
Program Description: Students prepare for on-site programs by exploring the reasons for the Revolution, formation of the army, soldier life and duties, the role of Oneida at Ft. Stanwix and Oneida Carry, and Ft. Stanwix history.

Website: www.nps.gov/fost

GEORGE ROGERS CLARK NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK
VINCENNES, IN

Program Title: The George Rogers Clark Teaching Units
Audience: Grades 4–12
Program Description: Via lessons created by the Indiana Department of Public Instruction and Indiana State Museum, students explore the life and times of Clark including his interest in the West and his contributions to the Revolution.

Website: www.nps.gov/gero

GUILFORD COURTHOUSE NATIONAL MILITARY PARK
GUILFORD COURTHOUSE, NC

Program Title: Guilford Courthouse: A Pivotal Battle in the War for Independence
“Teaching with Historic Places” lesson plan
Audience: Grades 5–8
Program Description: Students analyze written evidence and statistical data to draw conclusions about the outcome and impact of the battle, and examine their own community’s commemorative monuments.

Website www.nps.gov/guco

INDEPENDENCE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK
PHILADELPHIA, PA

Program Title: The Liberty Bell: From Obscurity to Icon
“Teaching with Historic Places” lesson plan
Audience: Grades 6–8
Program Description: Students analyze the symbolic meaning of the Liberty Bell, explore how current events shape ideas about the past, research how symbols are used locally/nationally, and evaluate how sources help determine accuracy.

Website: www.nps.gov/inde

KINGS MOUNTAIN NATIONAL MILITARY PARK
NEAR BLACKSBURG, SC

Program Title: Turn of the Tide
Audience: Grades 3–8
Program Description: A resource/activity guide prepares students to visit Kings Mountain via classroom learning opportunities. The guide includes activities on the Revolution, Kings Mountain, women, African Americans, colonial life, weapons, uniforms, and daily affairs.

Website: www.nps.gov/kimo
MINUTE MAN NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK
CONCORD, LINCOLN, LEXINGTON, MA

Program Title: Brother Jonathon and Thomas Lobster
Audience: Grades 1–8
Program Description: Students uncover clues that allow them to compare and contrast the experiences and perceptions of British and American soldiers, and understand the complexities of the battle at Concord’s North Bridge.

Program Title: A View from the Participants
Audience: Grades 5–12
Program Description: Using the participants’ own words, students gain a better understanding of what happened at Concord’s North Bridge. Conflicting interpretations and perceptions of the battle prompt students to consider the sources and origins of history.

Website: www.nps.gov/mima

MOORES CREEK NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD
CURRIE, NC

Program Title: A Revolutionary Experience—Learning Stations
Audience: Grades 4–8
Program Description: Students carry out hands-on activities at thematic stations, and record their findings in park-provided workbooks for classroom discussion. Activities in science, math, social studies, language, and fine arts all focus on topics related to the Revolution.

Website: www.nps.gov/mocr

MOORES CREEK NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD
CURRIE, NC

Program Title: Moores Creek Teacher’s Guide
Audience: Grades 4–8
Program Description: Teachers can use this online publication to find core park story information and a variety of classroom activities. The guide is useful before or after a park visit, or by schools who are unable to visit the park.

Website: www.nps.gov/mocr

MORRISTOWN NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK
MORRISTOWN, NJ

Program Title: From Farming Village to Log Hut City
Audience: Grades 4–5
Program Description: By visiting Morristown as a soldier, officer, or civilian, students discover that the war brought hardship and sacrifice. They learn about war events, explore why Washington chose Morristown, and study historic figures living in the area.

Website: www.nps.gov/morr

NINETY SIX NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
NEAR NINETY SIX, SC

Program Title: On-Site Visit to Ninety Six National Historic Site
Audience: Grades K–12
Program Description: Students receive a historical overview, watch a short video, visit the park museum, and follow a one-mile self-guided trail. They learn about the NPS, backcountry life, Ninety Six as a judicial center, and Ninety Six in the Revolution.

Website: www.nps.gov/nisi

SARATOGA NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK
STILLWATER, NY

Program Title: Gone for a Soldier
Audience: Grade 4
Program Description: Students examine reasons for enlisting in the military in the 18th century and today, learn about uniforms and soldier equipment, and work in groups to explore items in a haversack.

Program Title: Traveling Haversack
Teacher’s Guide
Audience: Grades 3–5
Program Description: Students explore soldier life using a haversack kit containing reproduction items. Support materials include quotes, glossary, and activities on food, cleanliness, pay/money, gambling, and women’s roles.

Website: www.nps.gov/sara
THOMAS STONE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
PORT TOBACCO, MD

Program Title: History on Trial
Audience: Grades 5–8
Program Description: Students participate in a mock trial to determine if Thomas Stone was a traitor to Great Britain or an American patriot for signing the Declaration of Independence.

Website: www.nps.gov/thst

VALLEY FORGE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK
VALLEY FORGE, PA

Program Title: Ride through History
Audience: Grades 4–5
Program Description: Students learn about the soldiers’ experience at Valley Forge through role-play and journey in the park that leads them to Washington’s Headquarters.

Program Title: Small Things Forgotten: Exploring Valley Forge Through Material Culture
Audience: Grades 3–8
Program Description: Students use artifacts, documents, paintings, and clothing to explore the history of Valley Forge and the encampment. These objects, Valley Forge’s material culture, become tools to understand 18th-century life.

Program Title: Soldier Life: The Revolutionary Soldier
Audience: Grades 3–8
Program Description: Students discover how the Continental Army used the time at Valley Forge to reorganize and develop confidence and esprit de corps despite food shortages, lack of warm clothing, and boredom.

Program Title: George Washington: The Soldier, The Man
Audience: Grades 3–8
Program Description: Students learn about Washington’s official duties as commander-in-chief, the problems he encountered at Valley Forge, and how his personal qualities of leadership helped overcome them.

Website: www.nps.gov/vafo
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