



University of San Diego

CONTINUING EDUCATION
PROGRAMS FOR EDUCATORS

Experiencing America Series

Philadelphia and Boston Area – Boston Area: The Inspiration EDU 590DH

Part A

All materials in Part A are for informational purposes only and are not to be mailed with the completed assignments.

A1 - Course Introduction

Welcome to the Experiencing America Series designed by the University of San Diego, Division of Continuing Education. The major focus of this Series is encouraging teachers to travel and experience our country by viewing, studying and reflecting on historical sites, museums, parks, and memorials. For complete information regarding the Experiencing America Series, please visit www.usd-online.org.

This section, Philadelphia and Boston Area, consists of 6 one semester unit courses: **Kennedy Library and Museum EDU 590DG, Boston Area: The Inspiration EDU 590DH, Salem: The Passion EDU 590DI, Historic Philadelphia EDU 590DM, Pennsylvania and the Civil War EDU 590DN, and Pennsylvania and the War for Independence EDU 590DO.**

The fee for this course covers only the cost of the one semester unit tuition and one official transcript. Any travel expenses or admission fees are your responsibility. You will receive an official transcript from the University within three to four weeks of submitting satisfactory coursework. After the grade is posted, additional transcripts can be ordered online for \$5.00 at www.usd-online.org or by mail:

USD Continuing Education
Attention: Transcripts
5998 Alcala Park
San Diego, CA 92110-2492

After 3 to 4 weeks, questions regarding transcripts can be answered at (619) 260-4585. Information about other USD Independent Study Courses is available at: www.usd-online.org.

***Please note that the written assignments must be typed if possible, double-spaced on 8 ½" x 11" standard copy paper using 12 pt. font. Hand-written papers must be legible and easy to read.**

Section A2 - How to Proceed

- **Read the Course Objective – A3**
- **Read all Assignments**
- **Read Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) – A4**
- **Visit** and investigate all required sites
- **Complete** all parts of **Assignments**
- **Make copies** of all course work for your records.
**Your mailed assignments will not be returned to you.*
- **Complete and Sign Passport/Affidavit Form** and mail with all completed **Assignments to:**

USD Continuing Education
Attn: Experiencing America Grader
210 Bordeaux Court
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

Section A3 - Course Objective / Grading Rubric

I. OBJECTIVE

After viewing, studying and reflecting on the required site(s) for this course, the participant will show that due to his/her participation he/she now has a greater understanding of the “American Experience.”

II. GRADING RUBRIC

Exemplary: A+ to A-	Acceptable: B+ to B-	Unacceptable: Must be resubmitted
Reflective, thoughtful ideas relevant to the assignment are clearly stated	Presents some relevant ideas and connections to the assignment	Ideas are not clear or relevant
Very well organized and assignments are well labeled	Is generally well organized and assignments are well labeled	Shows little or no organization and assignments are poorly labeled.
Reflective pieces cover numerous facts and specific details of the learning experience	Some facts and specific details of learning experiences are included	Few or no facts or specific details of the learning experience are included
Free of spelling and/or grammatical errors	Writing contains a few spelling and/or grammatical errors	Numerous spelling and/or grammatical errors. Difficult to read

Section A4 - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

- Q. Whom do I contact if I have a question about the content of this course?
A. **You can e-mail questions to amex@usd-online.org or phone (916) 939-2449.**
- Q. How much time do I have to complete this course?
A. **You have nine months from the time of registration to complete all coursework.**
- Q. What if an emergency occurs and I need more than 9 months to complete my coursework?
A. **Please e-mail sandiego@usd-online.org or call (619) 260-4585 to request an extension. If one is granted, *it is final*.**
- Q. What if I change my name or address during this time.
A. **Login to your account at www.usd-online.org and edit your contact information as soon as possible AND also update your address with our receptionist by calling (619) 260-4585.**
- Q. Can I use both sides of the paper in completing the assignments?
A. **No. Although it may save paper, it makes your paper more difficult to read and may lead to a second side being missed in the grading process.**
- Q. Can I send completed work via e-mail or on a disk?
A. **No. All work must be sent in as hard copies. For your own protection, please make sure to keep copies of ALL your work. Your mailed assignments will not be returned to you.**
- Q. Can I send in each assignment as I complete it?
A. **No. All assignments must be sent in together upon completion of the entire course.**
- Q. What do I do when I have completed all the required coursework?
A. **There is a list of required assignments on the Passport/Affidavit Form. Check to make sure you have completed all items listed and have placed responses on separate pages with appropriate label at the top of the page (example: B1 - Assignment Title). Fill out the Passport/Affidavit Form and sign and date the form. Arrange the Assignments in numerical order and place the Passport/Affidavit Form on top. Mail all Assignments, along with the signed Passport/Affidavit Form to:**
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- Q. Is there a required sequence for taking courses in the Experiencing America Series?
A. **No. Each course is independent.**

Part B - Assignments

All completed **Assignments** must be placed on separate pages with the appropriate label at the top (example B1 – Assignment title) and mailed together for grading.

Please place **Passport/ Affidavit Form** on top of all **Assignments**.

Boston Area: The Inspiration

Visit the following sites in the Boston Area:

A. The Old State House

Address: 206 Washington Street, Boston

Phone: (617) 720-1713 ext. 21

B. Bunker Hill Area – Charles town Navy Yard

C. Lexington Battle Green Visitor Center

Address: 1875 Massachusetts Ave., Lexington

Phone: (781) 862-1450

D. National Heritage Museum

Address: 33 Merrett Road, Lexington

Phone: (781) 861-6559

E. Concord Museum

Address: 200 Lexington Road, Concord

Phone: (978) 369-9763

Fax: (978) 369-9660 Email cml@concordmuseum.org

B1 - The Old State House

Today the old state house looks out of place among the modern sky scrapers of downtown Boston. After viewing items both inside and out of the Old State House Museum, make an argument for its preservation.

Label Assignment B1- The Old State House

B2 – Bunker Hill Area – Charlestown Naval Yard

In the Charlestown area visit the Bunker Hill Monument, the US Constitution Museum – do a one page write up on this site and your experience there.

Label Assignment B2 – Bunker Hill Area – Charlestown Naval Yard

B3 – Lexington Battle Green

After viewing the Visitor’s Center (across from the Battle Green) take a walk upon the Lexington Battle Green. Study the Minuteman Statue and the Revolutionary Monument. Move out of your head and become aware of your feelings. Now return to the head and express these emotions.

Label Assignment B3 – Lexington Battle Green

B4 – National Heritage Museum

Visit the National Heritage Museum at 33 Merrett Road in Lexington.

Using as many examples as you can from the exhibit “Let It Begin Here”, outline the causes and consequences of the Revolutionary War.

Label Assignment B4 – National Heritage Museum

B5 – Concord Museum

When John F. Kennedy first left the Navy after World War II, he considered becoming a teacher or a writer. What highlights from the Concord Museum show the possible influences of the Boston area on JFK’s desire to pursue these professions?

Label Assignment B5 – Concord Museum

B6 – The Inspiration

You now have viewed some of the Boston area. Make a statement that connects all that you have experienced with the word “Inspiration.”

Label Assignment B6 – The Inspiration

- ***YOUR SUMMARY AND EVALUATION OF THIS COURSE***

- **PLEASE LIST ANY HELPFUL CHANGES OR ANY NEEDED EDITS THAT WILL BENEFIT FUTURE TEACHERS TAKING THIS COURSE – THANK YOU!**



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Passport / Affidavit Form

Ask a representative at each site to sign/stamp and date in the space below.

In addition, attach to this page any other evidence you have to document your experience. You can use items such as tickets (or photos of tickets) and photos of you in and around the required sites.

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- Sign and date the Passport/Affidavit Form
- Place the Passport/Affidavit Form on top of all Assignments and mail to:
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Student Information

Name _____ SS# (last 4 digits) _____

Address _____
Street _____ City _____ State/zip _____

Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____

District _____ School _____

Grade level/subject _____

B1 – The Old State House

B4 – National Heritage Museum

B2 – Bunker Hill Area

B5 – Concord Museum

B3 – Lexington Battle Green

B6 – The Inspiration

I _____ verify that I did visit **ALL REQUIRED SITES** for **Boston Area: The Inspiration**

EDU 590DH and **ALL WRITTEN RESPONSES** are my own original comments.

Signature _____

Date _____

OFFICE USE: Grade _____ By _____ Date _____