



Experiencing America Series

Philadelphia and Boston Area – Historic Philadelphia EDU 590DM

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**.

Historic Philadelphia

Required Sites:

- 1) Visitors Center – Sixth and Market
- 2) Independence Hall – Chestnut between 5th and 6th
- 3) Liberty Bell – Market between 5th and 6th
- 4) National Constitutional Center – 535 Arch Street
- 5) Franklin Court – 6th and Chestnut
- 6) Betsy Ross House – 239 Arch Street
- 7) City Tavern – 2nd and Walnut Street

Independence National Historical Park

America's Most Historic Square Mile (known as the "Mall")

The first place to visit while at the Mall should be the Visitors Center located at 6th and Market (215) 597-8974, across from the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall. Here you will discover where to go, how to get there and some information about each required course site. Also, a continuously playing film will orient you to the Old City's sights and history.

B1 – Visitors Center

State what you learned or relearned from the exhibits and/or film.

Label Assignment B1 – Visitors Center

B2 – Independence Hall

A ticket is needed to experience Independence Hall. Free tickets are available at the Visitors Center.

Respond to the following: After 1799 Independence Hall stood empty for several years. You are a member of a preservation committee in the 1800's and have been asked to write the arguments that would save the building and preserve it as an historical site. Outline your arguments.

Label Assignment B2 –Independence Hall

B3 – Liberty Bell

The Bell is placed so that Independence Hall is seen in the background. Convey what this viewing message means to you.

Label Assignment B3 – Liberty Bell

B4 – The Constitution

The National Constitutional Center tells the story of the Constitution from revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive multimedia exhibits, films, photography, text, sculpture, artifacts and a theatrical performance – “Freedom Rising.”

After experiencing all of this, describe what you found to be the most interesting and why. ***Label Assignment B4 – The Constitution***

B5 – Franklin

In the PECO Energy Liberty Center, 6th and Chestnut Street, you will find a 3 dimensional interactive exhibit in which the “ghost” of Dr. Franklin will answer your questions. Continue to Franklin Court to see the three story 10 room house of Ben and his wife Deborah and also visit the underground museum of his inventions.

You are Benjamin Franklin and you want to convince the world that you should be considered the greatest American who ever lived. Outline what you would say.

Label Assignment 56 – Franklin

B6 – Ross

At 239 Arch Street between 3rd and Broad Streets you will find the Betsy Ross House. Plan to stay after your tour of the house to interact in some historic programming.

Without mentioning anything about making our flag, write a letter of recommendation for Betsy.

Label Assignment B6 – Ross

B7 – City Tavern

During the time of America’s struggle for independence, the City Tavern was similar to today’s Capitol Grill in Washington D.C. It was the social, political and economic center of late 18th century Philadelphia. It was here that George Washington had dinner before taking charge of the continental army. Today the Tavern serves lunch and dinner. The menu successfully recreates the cuisine of 18th Century America.

You are General George eating dinner at the City Tavern. Detail everything you order to eat and drink before leaving to take command of the continental army.

Label Assignment B7 – City Tavern



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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.

Instructions:

- Complete the Student Information section
- 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 _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> B2 – Independence Hall | <input type="checkbox"/> B5 – Franklin | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> B3 – Liberty Bell | <input type="checkbox"/> B6 – Ross | |

I _____ verify that I did visit **ALL REQUIRED SITES** for **Historic Philadelphia EDU 590DM** and **ALL WRITTEN RESPONSES** are my own original comments.

Signature _____ Date _____

OFFICE USE: Grade _____ By _____ Date _____