



Experiencing America Series

Philadelphia and Boston Area – Pennsylvania & The War for Independence EDU 590DO

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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210 Bordeaux Court
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762**
- 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**.

Pennsylvania and the War for Independence

Part I Brandywine Battle Field

Located a few miles south of Philadelphia on Route I

Not far from the Town of Chadds Ford, you will find Brandywine Battlefield Park.

B1 – Most Interesting

At the Visitors Center you will view exhibits of Revolutionary artifacts and an 18 minute film that tells the story of the Battle of the Brandywine.

Indicate what you found to be the most interesting aspect of the Visitors Center.

Label Assignment B1 - Most Interesting

B2 – LaFayette’s Account

Locate the Gideon Gilpin House which was LaFayette’s headquarters.

Pretending to be LaFayette, tell the story of the Brandywine Battle.

Label Assignment B2 –LaFayette’s Account

Part II Valley Forge National Historical Park

Located about 15 miles west of Philadelphia

Take I-76 to Exit 26B. Take Route 422 west one mile to Route 23 West.

Valley Forge is one of the most recognizable names associated with the war for American independence. The park has various programs, tours, and interpretive activities that can help you better comprehend the dramatic story of Valley Forge. Be sure to take advantage of as many of these services as possible.

B3 – Taking Advantage

State the services that you used at the Park and indicate how these services helped you to more fully grasp the gripping story of the soldiers who experienced the winter of 1777-78 at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

Label Assignment B3 – Taking Advantage

B4 – The Interview

During that winter encampment many soldiers deserted. You are a reporter interviewing a deserter. What are your questions and what are the soldier's answers?

Label Assignment B4 – The Interview

B5 – Von Steuben

From the vantage point of General Von Steuben, tell the story of the survival at Valley Forge during the winter of 1777-78.

Label Assignment B5 – Von Steuben



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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.

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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210 Bordeaux Court
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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"/> B1 – Most Interesting | <input type="checkbox"/> B4 – The Interview |
| <input type="checkbox"/> B2 – LaFayette’s Account | <input type="checkbox"/> B5 – Von Steuben |
| <input type="checkbox"/> B3 – Taking Advantage | |

I _____ verify that I did visit **ALL REQUIRED SITES** for **Pennsylvania & The War for Independence EDU 590DO** and **ALL WRITTEN RESPONSES** are my own original comments.

Signature _____ Date _____

OFFICE USE: Grade _____ By _____ Date _____