



University of San Diego

CONTINUING EDUCATION
PROGRAMS FOR EDUCATORS

Experiencing America Series

Washington D.C. – Monuments & Memorials - EDU 590DT

Section 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, Washington D.C., consists of 5 one semester unit courses: **The Three Houses of Government EDU 590DU, Monuments and Memorials EDU 590DT, Smithsonian I EDU 590DV, Smithsonian II EDU 590DW, National Archives & Postal Museum EDU 590DS.**

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 & Grading Rubric – 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 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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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 **Affidavit Form** on top of all **Assignments**.

Washington D.C. – Monuments & Memorials

Visit the following sites in Washington D.C.

- **Washington Monument**
On 15th St. between Madison and Constitution Ave.
- **Lincoln Memorial**
At 23rd St. between Constitution Ave. and Independence Ave.
- **Jefferson Memorial**
On Ohio Dr. In West Potomac Park
- **Mason Memorial**
On Ohio Dr. between Jefferson and Roosevelt Memorials
- **Roosevelt Memorial**
On West Basin Dr. in West Potomac Park

Choose one of the following War Memorials:

- **World War II**
17th St. and Constitution Ave.
- **Vietnam**
Henry Bacon Dr. between 21st St. & 22nd St.
- **Korean**
Southeast of the Lincoln Memorial on Independence Ave.

Label each of six (6) separate pages at the top of each page as follows:

B1 – Washington Monument

B2 – Lincoln Memorial

B3 – Jefferson Memorial

B4 – Roosevelt Memorial

B5 – Mason Memorial

B6 – One of the following War Memorials: **World War II, or Vietnam, or Korean**

Under the label attach a picture of yourself at the labeled site. Under the picture state what your thoughts and feelings were when you visited the site along with facts about the monument or memorial and a physical description of the site.

All the monuments and memorials are free of charge, but you need a ticket to be admitted to the Washington Monument. Parking is a problem in Washington D.C., but you can walk from site to site. You also, for a small fee, can get to each site by riding the tour mobile. Visiting the sites at night when they are illuminated and less crowded can be the best time to experience them.



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

Student Information

Name _____ SS# (last 4 digits) _____

Address _____
Street City State/zip

Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____

District _____ School _____

Grade level/subject _____

B1 – Washington

B2 – Lincoln

B3 – Jefferson

B4 –Mason

B5 – Roosevelt

B6 – Choose one of the following: World War II, Vietnam, Korean

I _____ verify that I did visit **ALL REQUIRED SITES** for **Monuments & Memorials EDU 590DT** and **ALL WRITTEN RESPONSES** are my own original comments.

Signature _____ Date _____

OFFICE USE: Grade _____ By _____ Date _____