



University of San Diego

CONTINUING EDUCATION  
PROGRAMS FOR EDUCATORS

## Experiencing America Series

### Washington D.C. – Smithsonian II - EDU 590DW

#### 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](http://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](http://www.usd-online.org) or by mail:

USD Continuing Education  
Attention: Transcripts  
5998 Alcalá 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](http://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

<b>Exemplary: A+ to A-</b>	<b>Acceptable: B+ to B-</b>	<b>Unacceptable: Must be resubmitted</b>
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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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**.

### Washington D.C. – Smithsonian II

Visit the following sites in Washington D.C.:

- **National Air and Space Museum**  
Independence Ave. at 6<sup>th</sup> Street, SW
- **National Museum of American History**  
Constitution Ave. between 12<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Part I National Air and Space Museum

##### Gallery 107 – Early Flight

###### B1 – Influence

Find the Litienthal glider and relate how Otto Litienthal influenced the Wright Brothers in their successful flight of December 1903.

###### Label Assignment B1 - Influence

###### B2 – The Glider

Describe the Litienthal glider

###### Label Assignment B2 – The Glider

##### Gallery 109 – How Things Fly

###### B3 – The Four Forces

Describe how the exhibit explains the four forces of flight (lift, drag, thrust, and weight).

###### Label Assignment B3 – The Four Forces

###### B4 – The Wing

Find the section called “Winging It.” How does the display explain how the wing works.

###### Label Assignment B4 – The Wing

## **Gallery 208 – Pioneers of Flight**

### **B5 – Air Travel**

Find the Fokker T-2. What influence did Lt. Oakley Kelly and Lt. John Macready have on air travel.

#### **Label Assignment B5 – Air Travel**

## **Gallery 211 – Flight and the Arts**

### **B6 – Flight and the Arts**

Study the collection of aviation and space art exhibited in this gallery. Indicate the piece that intrigues you the most and explain why.

#### **Label Assignment B6 – Flight and the Arts**

## **Gallery - Your Choice**

### **B7 – Your Choice**

Pick a gallery of your choice other than 107, 109, 208 or 211. Describe that gallery and explain why you chose it.

#### **Label Assignment B7 – Your Choice**

## **Part II National Museum of American History**

**B8 – B9 – B10** This museum has three floors. On **each** floor, pick the most interesting exhibit. Describe the three exhibits and explain why you found each to be the most interesting.

### **B8 – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**

#### **Label Assignment B8 – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**

### **B9 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

#### **Label Assignment B9 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

### **B10 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

#### **Label Assignment B10 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**



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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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#### 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 – Influence       | <input type="checkbox"/> B5 – Air Travel       | <input type="checkbox"/> B9 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> B2 – The Glider      | <input type="checkbox"/> B6– Flight & the Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> B10 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> B3 – The Four Forces | <input type="checkbox"/> B7 – Your Choice      |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> B4 – The Wing        | <input type="checkbox"/> B8 – 1st Floor        |  |

I \_\_\_\_\_ verify that I did visit **ALL REQUIRED SITES** for **Smithsonian II EDU 590DW** and **ALL WRITTEN RESPONSES** are my own original comments.

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*OFFICE USE:* Grade \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_