

The Youth Museum Program Summary

AMERICA'S PATHWAYS TO INDEPENDENCE

Area 1: Events Leading to War with England

Students first travel to Colonial Boston where our storyteller, Mercy Otis Warren, recalls pivotal events leading to the Revolutionary War, including the Boston Massacre, the Boston Tea Party, the Midnight Ride of Paul Revere and protests by the Sons and Daughters of Liberty. We will meet Samuel Adams, Crispus Attucks, and Paul Revere.

Vocabulary: colony, import, boycott, Parliament, dispatch rider, patriot, loyalist

Area 2: Revolutionary War

In this area, students have a front row seat for several key battles during the war as America seeks its independence from England. Our storyteller, Abigail Adams, also takes us to Philadelphia in 1776 to hear our Founding Fathers discuss the Declaration of Independence. We will be introduced to Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, Benedict Arnold, and British General Charles Cornwallis.

Vocabulary: tyrant, ammunition, sharpshooter, ambush, deceive, technique, blockade

Area 3: Constitutional Convention

In the final area, students arrive in Philadelphia just in time for the 1787 Constitutional Convention. As delegates to the convention, they will discuss, debate, and vote on many important ideas. James Madison guides us through the issues facing our early leaders and introduces us to Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, George Mason, and our Georgia delegates. The church bells will ring in celebration as our tour ends with the birth of a new nation!

Vocabulary: compromise, executive branch, legislative branch, judicial branch, checks and balances, amendments, separation of power, three fifths compromise

Original Puppet Show: *The World of Ben Franklin, A Cat's Tale*

An original puppet show complements and expands upon the theme of the tour while introducing students to the excitement of live theater.