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COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG

U.S. History and Virginia Studies
Civics
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7 60-min. Programs
Grades 4-8
Website
Teacher's Guide
Internet Component
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Through technology, **COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG** allows students to see what this country was like as it was becoming America. **COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG** links students to historical characters for history lessons that are truly unforgettable via electronic field trips to eighteenth century settings. Students meet people from their history books, like Thomas Jefferson, as well as ordinary people who also played a role in founding our nation. When registered for the interactive components of these electronic field trips (\$120 per episode), students can ask questions of the people they meet, and can vote in online discussion boards. Teacher's guides are only available to registered participants. All programs will air live at 1:00 p.m. on 10/15, 11/19, 12/10, 1/14, 2/20, 3/11, and 4/22.

1. Emissaries of Peace — During the turbulent era of the French and Indian War, the Cherokee people struggled to preserve their independence. The students follow Cherokee leader Ostenaco and Virginian Henry Timberlake on their 1762 journey from Chota (the capital of the Cherokee nation) to Williamsburg and London in search of a lasting peace.

Social Studies: VS.2, VS.4, USI.3, USI.4, USI.5

2. A More Perfect Union — Witness the conflict and compromise that accompanied the ratification of the U.S. Constitution. The students will join young eighteenth-century observers, unseen by convention delegates, as they travel from state to state tallying the vote. They will learn about the ratification process and Americans' growing interest in their fledgling nation's new government.

Social Studies: USI.7, USII.3, CE.2, VUS.5, VUS.9, GOVT.4

3. Jamestown Unearthed — The students will take a look at how history is written and reevaluated as new methods of study are introduced. Using the example of Jamestown in 1607, explore the myths and misconceptions of that era: revisit the documents, artifacts, and other evidence through archaeology. Learn how every generation sees the evidence in new ways, and how this affects our understanding of the past.

Social Studies: 3.5, VS.2, VS.3, VS.4

4. Westward! — This program explores the story of the early days of American westward expansion. Daniel Boone recounts the exciting experiences and unexpected consequences associated with moving west. The students will learn about the risks and grueling personal hardships of creating new settlements.

Social Studies: USI.8, USII.4

5. The Slave Trade — Beginning with the American Revolution, this program explores the U.S. law of 1807 that abolished the trans-Atlantic slave trade. Meet the people who were involved in or influenced by this pivotal legislation: the slaves, plantation owners, slave-ship captains, common seamen, government officials, Navy officers, and anti-slavery activists.

Social Studies: VS.5, USI.6

6. The Rights of Youth — Imprisonment, whipping, forced transportation, and even death were some of the punishments that courts sentenced children to in the eighteenth century. Witness how justice was administered at a time when criminal laws and sentencing guidelines made few or no exceptions for children.

Social Studies: USII.4, CE.10, VUS.8

7. Treasure Keepers — This program will examine what conservators really do? The students will learn how conservators prevent or slow the damage caused by "agents of destruction." They will explore how and why preserving history is important for future generations.

Social Studies: VS.2, USI.3

Additional Resource Information:

Participation in the interactive components of these electronic field trips requires registration. Teacher's guides are only available to registered participants. For registration information visit the website at www.history.org/trips or call 800-761-8331, email is EFTSupport@cwf.org.



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