



October 17, 2018 • November 14, 2018 • December 5, 2018 • March 20, 2019

9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

The Museum of the American Revolution
101 S 3rd St, Philadelphia, PA 19106

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In this historical simulation, students will take on the roles of actual colonial delegates to the Second Continental Congress in order to experience first-hand the debates that led America to declare independence from Great Britain.

It's July 1776. The American Colonies are in open rebellion against the government of King George III, and have been fighting a war for more than a year, since the first skirmishes at Lexington and Concord in April 1775. In the midst of this growing conflict, representatives of the thirteen colonies have gathered in Philadelphia to determine the ultimate goal of the war, and to draft a declaration of their principles that will explain their cause to the King, to their own people, and to the wider world. Do they want guarantees of their rights as loyal subjects within the British empire, or do they want to separate themselves from Britain altogether? This decision will have heavy political implications for those currently fighting and for the rest of the population as it decides which side it is on. Each member of the Second Continental Congress will have to decide as well, and their decision will make history.



DEBATING INDEPENDENCE

A HISTORICAL SIMULATION FOR STUDENTS



What Students Receive:

- Free SEPTA Day Pass for Transportation to and from the Museum
- Pocket Copy of the U.S. Constitution and Declaration of Independence
- Boxed Lunch
- Free Admission and Guided Tour of the Museum
- Certificate of Completion
- Opportunity to Publish an Essay about Their Experience on the FPRI Website

Agenda:

9:00 – 9:15 a.m.

Welcoming Remarks and Introduction

Adrienne Whaley
Manager of School Programs & Partnerships
Museum of the American Revolution

Ron Granieri
Executive Director
FPRI Center for the Study of America & the West

9:15 – 9:45 a.m.

Colony Caucuses

9:45 – 10:15 a.m.

Plenary Session including:

- Opening Statements by Each Colony
- General Debate

10:15 – 10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Final Caucuses including:

- Meet and Match with Delegates of Other Colonies

11:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Final Vote

11:30 – 11:45 a.m.

De-brief and Wrap-up

Ron Granieri
Executive Director
FPRI Center for the Study of America & the West

11:45 – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch with Keynote Speaker

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Guided Tour of Museum

For More Information:

Students will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Teachers interested in nominating students for inclusion should contact Kevin Heim at kheim@amrevmuseum.org.

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