



Virtual Field Trips

September

What's Happening in September?

Constitution Day (September 17th)
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National Archives

Washington, D.C.

URL: <http://www.archives.gov/education/workshops/electronic.html>

Contact: Education Team at (202) 357-5925 or education@nara.gov

Cost: Free!!!

Session Length: 1 hour

Advance notice required: at least 3 weeks

Introduce students to the power of primary sources through an electronic workshop from the National Archives and Records Administration. Workshops are interactive and document-based. Sessions are available for groups of up to 30 students in grades 5 through 12, and can be scheduled on weekdays between 9 AM and 3 PM.

Smithsonian American Art Museum

Washington, D.C.

URL: <http://americanart.si.edu/education/virtualltour.cfm>

Contact: Colleen Brown at BrownC@saam.si.edu

Cost: Free!!!

Session Length: 30 minutes to 1 hour

Advance notice required: 2 weeks

SAAM offers free real-time videoconference field trips for students in grades 3 to 12. Museum docents lead the study of U.S. history and culture using extensive holdings of American art. Content corresponds to national education standards, and tours can be tailored to match specific objectives. Pre- and post-visit materials are available for school use.

For Constitution Day and Week this month, try *The Spirit of '76* virtual field trip. Students will discuss how artists have depicted the U.S. war for independence, how those images have shaped ideas and assumptions about the American Revolution, and how artists combine both fact and myth in reinterpreting history.