

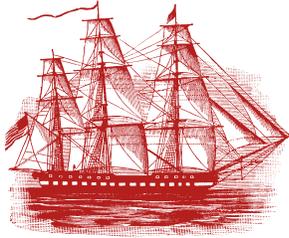
# School Tours of America Photo Quest



**Boston!**

A photo quest is a scavenger hunt involving photography. Your job is to take photos on your trip of the items listed below and answer the question that accompanies it.

There are just a few things to keep in mind:



- Be aware of your surroundings. Be respectful of other visitors and the sanctity of your location.
- Get creative. Consider unique angles and aspects of your target.
- Enjoy the discovery process. Find something out of the ordinary about your target.



## ***Photo List***

- Your Tour Guide: What is his/her name? Where is he/she from?
- Lexington Green: How many Americans died here? How many wounded?
- Concord: What phrase is associated with this skirmish? Hint: Ralph Waldo Emerson first used it!
- Bunker Hill Monument: What was significant about this battle?
- USS Constitution: What is the nickname of this ship? Why?
- A classmate: What is their favorite part of the trip?
- Old North Church: Why were two lanterns hung in the church's bell tower on April 18, 1775?
- Paul Revere House: What was Paul Revere's occupation?
- Faneuil Hall: What sits at the very top of Faneuil Hall? How was it used during the War of 1812?
- Old State House: Name an important event that took place here.
- Boston Massacre Site: Who was the first to die in this battle?
- King's Chapel: How old is this church?
- Granary Burial Site: Name a famous person buried here.
- Mayflower II: How long was the voyage from Plymouth, England, to the New World?
- Plymouth Rock: What is the significance of this site?
- Cole's Burial Ground: Who is buried here?
- John Fitzgerald Kennedy Library: Name one of JFK's accomplishments as President or Senator.
- Salem Maritime National Historic Park: What was the best part about this stop?
- Salem, Massachusetts: What is Salem best known for, historically?
- House of Seven Gables: Who wrote a novel using this house as the setting?
- You!: What is your favorite thing about Boston?



# Teacher Guide

## **Critical Thinking & Reflection:** Photo Reflection Journals

Have students pick 1–3 of their photos and write about what they show, why they chose them, and what they learned.

Include questions like:

What was happening in this moment? What does this picture tell others about the place we visited? How did this moment make you feel?

## **Language Arts / Writing:** Photo Story or Caption Writing

Students create a fictional or nonfictional story based on a photo they took or write engaging captions to turn their photos into a visual blog or class newsletter.

## **Social Studies / Science:** Photo Research Project

Each student selects a photo showing something historical, cultural, or natural. They research and present a short explanation or mini-poster with: What it is, Why it's important, One interesting fact they learned, etc.

## **Art:** Photo-Inspired Art or Collage

Use their photos as inspiration for drawings, watercolor paintings, or mixed-media collages. Combine multiple student photos into a large class mural.

## **Technology / Digital Literacy:** Photo Slideshow or Digital Museum

Students use Google Slides, PowerPoint, or Canva to create a presentation about their experience. Add voiceovers or videos for a multimedia project.

## **Class Book Creation:** "Our Trip Through Our Eyes" Book

Each student contributes one photo and one paragraph to a printed or digital class book. Include a table of contents and student-created cover art.

## **Presentation & Speaking Skills:** Photo Show-and-Tell

Students pick a favorite photo and share why they took it and what it means to them. Practice using descriptive language and clear speaking.



## Photo List Answer Key

- Lexington Green: How many Americans died here? How many wounded? **At Lexington Green during the Battles of Lexington and Concord, eight Americans were killed and ten were wounded.**
- Concord: What phrase is associated with this skirmish? Hint: Ralph Waldo Emerson first used it! **'The shot heard 'round the world' was first used in the Concord Hymn and relates to the start of the American Revolutionary War.**
- Bunker Hill Monument: What was significant about this battle? **It was the first major battle of the American Revolution.**
- USS Constitution: What is the nickname of this ship? Why? **The nickname of the USS Constitution is "Old Ironsides." This nickname was earned during the War of 1812 when sailors observed British cannonballs bouncing harmlessly off the ship's 25-inch oak hull, suggesting that her sides were made of iron.**
- Old North Church: Why were two lanterns hung in the church's bell tower on April 18, 1775? **"One if by land, two if by sea..." This was the signal arranged by Paul Revere to warn the local militias and citizens of the arrival of British troops.**
- Paul Revere House: What was Paul Revere's occupation? **He was a silversmith.**
- Faneuil Hall: What sits at the very top of Faneuil Hall? How was it used during the War of 1812? **A grasshopper weathervane sits atop Faneuil Hall. During the War of 1812, this weathervane was used as a secret code to identify potential British spies. Individuals were asked about the weathervane, and those who couldn't identify it were suspected of being spies.**
- Old State House: Name an important event that took place here. **The Boston Massacre took place on March 5, 1770. On July 18, 1776, Bostonians gathered under the balcony of Old State to hear for the first time the Declaration of Independence.**
- Boston Massacre Site: Who was the first to die in this battle? **The first person to die in the Boston Massacre was Crispus Attucks. He was a dockworker and a man of mixed African and Indigenous heritage.**
- King's Chapel: How old is this church? **King's Chapel was established in 1686. You'll have to do the math on this one:)**
- Granary Burial Site: Name a famous person buried here. **Benjamin Franklin's parents, Paul Revere, John Hancock, Samuel Adams, James Otis, Robert Treat Paine, and the five victims of the Boston Massacre.**
- Mayflower II: How long was the voyage from Plymouth, England, to the New World? **66 days**
- Plymouth Rock: What is the significance of this site? **It's believed to be the spot where the Mayflower Pilgrims first set foot on American soil in December 1620, marking the beginning of Plymouth Colony and the start of permanent European settlement in New England.**
- Cole's Burial Ground: Who is buried here? **It is believed to hold the remains of at least 52 of the original 102 passengers who died during the harsh winter of 1620-1621.**
- John Fitzgerald Kennedy Library: Name one of JFK's accomplishments as President or Senator.
- Salem, Massachusetts: What is Salem best known for, historically? **The Salem Witch Trials in 1692.**
- House of Seven Gables: Who wrote a novel using this house as the setting? **Nathaniel Hawthorne**

