

School Tours of America

Photo Quest



Colonial Virginia

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.

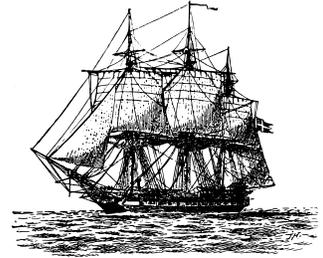


Photo List

- **Your Tour Guide:** What is his/her name? Where is he/she from?

Jamestown:

- **Jamestown Settlement:** What was the most interesting thing you learned at the settlement?
- **Paspahegh Town:** How did the lives of the Paspahegh people change after English settlers arrived in Jamestown, and what evidence from the village helps you understand that?
- **James Fort:** How does the fort reflect the lives of the original settlers?
- **Replica Ships:** What are the names of the three replica ships?
- **A classmate:** What is their favorite part of the trip?

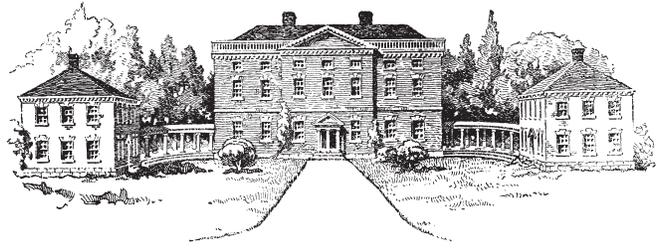
Williamsburg:

- **Williamsburg Capitol:** What activities took place at the Capitol? Compare these to the US Capitol.
- **Gaol:** What does the Gaol tell us about how people in the 1700s thought about justice and punishment, and how is that different from what we believe today?
- **Raleigh Tavern:** Who is the tavern named after?
- **Court House:** What did you learn about how the courthouse worked in colonial Williamsburg? How is it different from the way we have courts today?
- **Governor's Palace:** When you walked through the Governor's Palace, what surprised you the most about how the governor lived? How do you think that compared to the lives of regular people in Williamsburg?

Yorktown:

- **American Revolution Museum:** After seeing the exhibits, what do you think motivated ordinary people to join the fight for independence, and would you have made the same choice if you lived then? Why or why not?
- **Battlefield Tour:** Why do you think the Battle of Yorktown was such an important turning point in the American Revolution, and how might the outcome have been different if one key event or decision had changed?
- **Colonial Life:** What do you think would have been the hardest part about living during colonial times?
- **You:** What is your favorite thing about Colonial Virginia?

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.

