

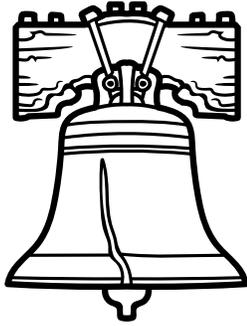
School Tours of America Photo Quest



Philadelphia!

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.

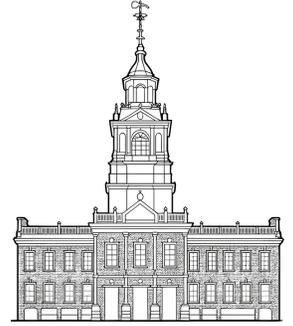


Photo List

- Your Tour Guide: What is his/her name? Where is he/she from?
- Betsy Ross House: What change did Betsy Ross make to George Washington's original flag design?
- Carpenters Hall: List ONE of the historical events that happened at this famous spot.
- Christ Church: List ONE of the famous people buried here.
- Congress Hall: Which U.S. presidents took their oath of office in this building?
- A classmate: What is their favorite part of the trip?
- Franklin Court: What did you learn about Benjamin Franklin's daily life and work here, and how does that influence the way you see him as a leader and inventor?
- Independence Hall: How did the debates at Independence Hall influence the nation that the United States became, and what did you see during your visit that shows it?
- The National Constitution Center: How does the Constitution Center help you understand the relevance of the US Constitution even today, and what exhibit best showed you its impact?
- The Liberty Bell: How has the meaning of the word "liberty" changed over time, and how does the Liberty Bell represent that term?
- You: What is your favorite thing about Philadelphia?



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

- Betsy Ross House: What change did Betsy Ross make to George Washington's original flag design? **She changed his six-point star to a five-point star because it was easier to make.**
- Carpenters Hall: List ONE of the historical events that happened at this famous spot. **The First Continental Congress met there from September 5 - October 26, 1774. This is where the Declaration of Independence was delivered to Congress on June 25, 1776. The Hall once housed the first subscription library in the United States, founded by Benjamin Franklin in 1731. The First and Second Banks of the United States were headquartered in Carpenters' Hall.**
- Christ Church: List ONE of the famous people buried here. **The Christ Church Burial Ground opened in 1719 and is the final resting place of Benjamin Franklin and four other men who signed the Declaration of Independence - Francis Hopkinson, Benjamin Rush, Joseph Hewes, and George Ross.**
- Congress Hall: Which U.S. presidents took their oath of office in this building? **Presidents George Washington (second term) and John Adams both took the oath of office in this building.**

