Words that shape a nation

FIELD TRIP PACK / Family planner



Washington, D.C. | Civics

Start with a question

How do records and objects tell different stories about American civic life?

Plan your outings

These are two independent outings or stops. Choose the order and pace that work for your family. Before leaving, use the official pages to check hours, tickets or passes, access, and closures. Bring this pack, a pencil, and a way to record details where permitted.

1. National Archives Museum

Official visit and planning information

2. National Museum of American History

Official visit and planning information

Adjust for your learner

Younger learners can draw and dictate. Older learners can distinguish observation from interpretation, cite a label or map, and explain where evidence is missing.

Wrap-up project

Create a two-entry exhibit about a right, responsibility, or civic debate.

Our visit dates and one thing we need to confirm

Founding documents as evidence

OUTING 1 / Student field sheet



Name _____ Date _____

Your field task

Choose one phrase. Record the document title, what the phrase says in your words, and one question it raises.

Sketch or diagram

What did you observe? What did you read or hear?

One question to investigate next