

Resources for Teachers



Bring history to life in the classroom with multimedia tools, and in-person at Colonial Williamsburg. See below for a full list of benefits available for teachers at Colonial Williamsburg.

Classroom Resources

NEW Bob & Marion Wilson Educator Resource Library - Download lesson materials created by historians and educators for engaging, inclusive, and relevant American history and civics resources. Our free resource library also offers primary sources, multimedia content, lesson plans, and additional materials for teachers, students, and scholars of all ages.

Interactive Timelines - Step into the past as history unfolds before your eyes through interactive timelines that immerse you in pivotal moments. Dive deeper into the narrative with podcasts, videos, blogs, and more as you explore our engaging historical chronicles.

Virtual Tours - Immerse yourself in the sites of Colonial Williamsburg from anywhere in the world. Research underpins the entire Historic Area experience, from how buildings were reconstructed to what artifacts adorn their walls, and now you can explore those layers of knowledge virtually.

Art Museums Collections Online - Our extensive collections feature over 70,000 fine, decorative, mechanical, and folk art pieces. You'll find remarkable American and British ceramics, glass, furniture, textiles, costumes, tools, firearms, coins, metals, toys, prints, maps, paintings, drawings, and architectural fragments from the 17th to 19th centuries, as well as American folk art spanning to the present day. Discover more about these objects in our Online Collections.

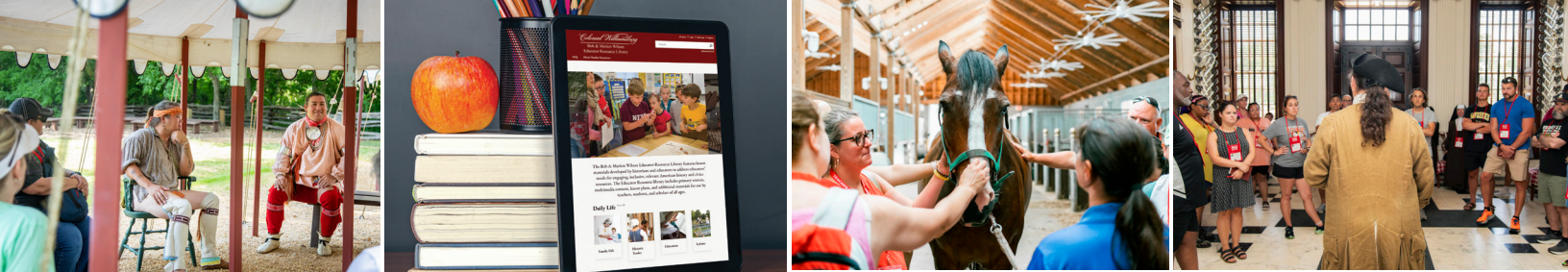
Primary Source Collections Online (Rockefeller Library) - Our Library holds a specialized collection of books, journals, manuscripts, images, and databases supporting research on topics including the political and economic life of the thirteen colonies and the new republic, African American studies, decorative arts, archaeology, architectural history, and historical preservation.

YouTube Channel - From behind-the-scenes sessions with our historic tradespeople to in-depth conversations with our interpreters and historians, learn more about early 18th-century life in Williamsburg.

Ben Franklin's World - Colonial Williamsburg Innovation Studios is proud to present award-winning podcast Ben Franklin's World. This early American history podcast is for anyone who wants to know more about the important people and events that have shaped our modern-day world.

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TEACHER INSTITUTE



Professional Development for Educators

The Bob & Marion Wilson Teacher Institute – Our mission is that the future may learn from the past doesn't stop at the boundaries of the Historic Area. The living past that fills the streets and homes here ripples out to classrooms through all 50 states, thanks to the Colonial Williamsburg Teacher Institute.

Residential Learning - The Teacher Institute offers week-long sessions, three-day seminars immersing participants in an interdisciplinary and inclusive approach to teaching social studies with American history and civics as the focus. Scholarships available.

Virtual Webinars and Courses - Throughout the year, join Colonial Williamsburg for online programs where teachers can engage with Teacher Institute staff and Master teachers, hear from experts in the field, explore digital resources, and network with fellow educators.

District Workshops - In workshops in your district, a Colonial Williamsburg educator inspires teachers with interactive, media-rich strategies that link American history and active 21st-century civic engagement.

Additional Information for Educators

School & Youth Group Trips - Looking for an interesting way to introduce a unit? Searching for a memorable review of material examined earlier in the year? We will work with you to create a customized tour. Whether you wish to cover math, science, English or history, our professional educators will partner with you to create a tailored experience.

Ferguson Enterprises Grant - Colonial Williamsburg partners with Ferguson Enterprises to provide study visits for 4th grade, Virginia Studies students. Tickets and a transportation subsidy are provided for 13 school districts, Charles City, Essex, Gloucester, Hampton, King & Queen, Mathews, Middlesex, New Kent, Newport News, Poquoson, Williamsburg-James City, West Point, and York. Please contact groupsales@cwfb.org or call 1-800-228-8878.

Special Pricing on Admission Tickets for Teachers - Teachers are eligible for a 25% discount on a single-day ticket or an annual pass.

Teacher Gazette Newsletter - Receive the Teacher Gazette's monthly newsletter and stay up-to-date on all the new resources and activities curated by the Teacher's Institute.



For more information on the resources listed above, or a more comprehensive list of all of our teacher resources, please scan the QR code.

At the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation it is our mission “that the future may learn from the past” — through educational programming, preservation and ongoing research.

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