

Independence Alley-

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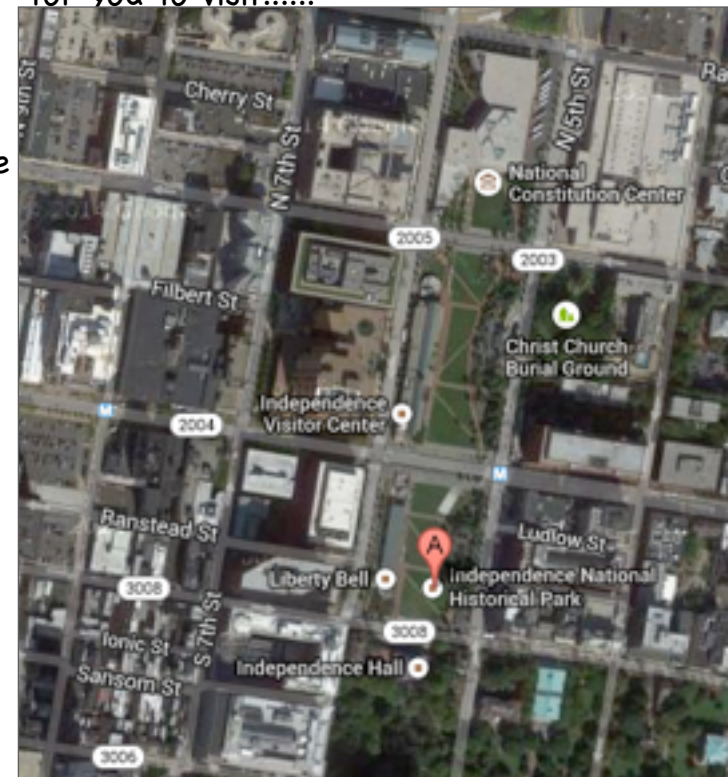
Independence Hall is the room where it all started. It is where the delegates of the united states created the constitution and argued about everything but then compromised. When Ben Franklin went to Independence Hall early in the constitutional convention, he saw on George Washingtons chair that there was a sun. He wondered if it was a rising or setting sun. When the constitutional convention was finished, and the constitution was made, he now knew that it was a rising sun. He was not talking about the furniture in the room, he was talking about America as a new and improved country rising.

You should visit Independence Hall because it plays a big part in our country's history. In that very room, the document, that gives us our freedom, was made! All the furniture in the room is mostly original from 1786-1789. In conclusion, I highly recommend this historical site in Philadelphia because it is so important to America's history.

THE CITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE

Sophie Gilston

Philadelphia is a great to visit because you get to see Ben Franklin's grave, The Liberty Bell, the original Constitution, Congress and Independence Hall, you also might get to see Elfreth's Alley. One of the coolest things about this trip is that you get to see how Ben Franklin used to print in his time. You also get to go to The National Constitution Center and see a movie called Freedom Rising! You can see one of the longest living churches in the world! Philadelphia is a recommendation for you to visit!!!!!!



This is Independence Hall and William Penn



The Franklin Press

Ben Gerchick

Benjamin Franklin was born on January 6, 1706. He was the fifteenth child out of seventeen children in his family. His brother James was older than he was. His education at school only lasted for a short time: two years. After, he got a job as a candle maker. He did not have any fondness for this job. Candle making was a horrible job for Benjamin. After he told him he hated it, his father asked, "What job do you want then?" "I want to be a printer!" he replied enthusiastically. He got what he wanted. He became the apprentice of his brother, James Franklin, who was already a printer. He wasn't paid, but learned a trade. Eventually, he became a great printer. He made his own press, which made him a lot of money. He made his own newspaper, and a book called *Poor Richard's Almanac*, which had many sayings that he made such as, "a light purse, is a heavy curse." The paper used to make all this was made from recycled clothes. He went everywhere to get them. Soon enough, he was very successful. Eventually, he married a woman named Deborah. Ben Franklin helped out with a lot of things in this country. As he grew older, he made inventions such as the glass harmonica. Now, Ben Franklin's grave is next to his wife's and his daughter Sarah's grave.



Benjamin Franklin and the Liberty Bell



Liberty For All

Natalie Drabkin

When you go to Philadelphia be sure to visit the Liberty Bell, one sign of freedom for people throughout the United States. For others it is a sign of hope to their countries fighting for freedom. The Liberty Bell truly means its name, liberty.

Have you ever wondered how the Liberty Bell came to be? The Liberty Bell first rang at the Independence Hall bell tower. Issac Norris ordered the bell for the bell tower in 1751 from Whitechapel foundry in London. The bell cracked on the first test ring. John Pass and John Stow melted it together but it didn't sound like a bell so they melted it again. This bell worked and was good for almost 90 years then it cracked again. This time the townspeople decided to repair the bell instead of melt it. They used a process called stop-drilling. The public ledger reported that the process was unsuccessful when the crack became longer. After this the Liberty Bell was kept for display

Have you ever wondered what the message on the Liberty Bell says?

**It says: 'PROCLAIM LIBERTY
THROUGHOUT ALL THE LAND UNTO
ALL THE INHABITANTS THEREOF'**