

Time For History

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PHILADELPHIA

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ON OCTOBER 15, 2014, THE P.S 290 5TH GRADERS WENT TO PHILADELPHIA. WE SAW THE LIBERTY BELL, THE STATE HOUSE, INDEPENDENCE HALL, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN'S GRAVE AND THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER. WE LEARNED ABOUT GEORGE WASHINGTON, JAMES MADISON AND BENJAMIN FRANKLIN. THESE PEOPLE WERE ALL BIG PARTS OF THE CONSTITUTION. THE CONSTITUTION IS A BIG DOCUMENT IN THE UNITED STATES HISTORY. THE CONSTITUTION HAS GIVEN US FREEDOMS AND RIGHTS FOR OVER TWO CENTURIES. THE LIBERTY BELL, STATE HOUSE, AND INDEPENDENCE HALL ALL REPRESENT THE FREEDOM THIS DOCUMENT GIVES US. PHILADELPHIA HAS HAD MANY IMPORTANT EVENTS IN HISTORY THAT WE STILL LEARN ABOUT TODAY.

The Historical Hall

Samantha Sanders

As you may know, Independence Hall is a pretty important part of the Constitution. If you don't know about Independence Hall, well I'll teach you.

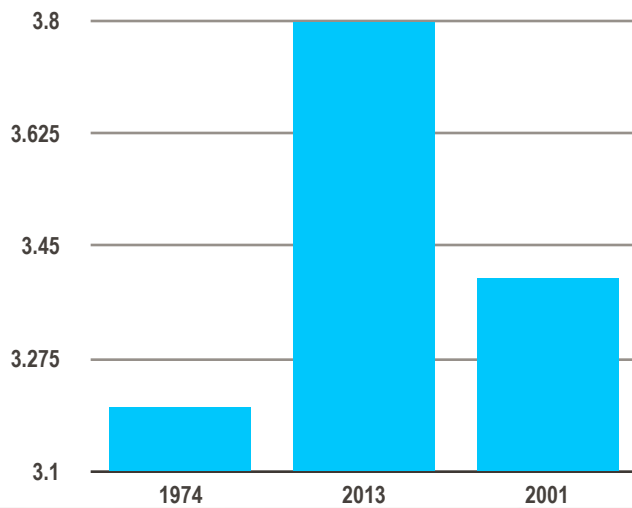
Independence hall is where the Constitutional Convention was held in from May 25th, to September 17th 1787. The Constitutional Convention is how all of the ideas came together to make up our Constitution. So, this convention was held by our Founding Fathers, who were Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, John Adams, John Jay, James Madison, Alexander Hamilton and Thomas Jefferson (those are the seven key Founding Fathers but there's more). There was a very important chair in the Independence Hall with a rising sun on it, which represents that our country was getting stronger than it was before. You can go on a wonderful tour there so I don't want to spoil it for you with too much information.

*Welcome to the City of the
Constitution*



This is the Independence Hall.

Amount of people who visited the Liberty Bell (in millions)



THE BROKEN BELL

Joshua Lee

Do you know anything about the Liberty Bell? The Liberty Bell symbolizes freedom even though it's broken. It was made in London, 1752. These guys named John Pass and John Stow repaired the liberty bell twice. The Liberty Bell has a HUGE crack it is 24.5 inches by $\frac{1}{2}$ an inch wide. To repair it they widened it so it wouldn't have the bell humming. It took its last ring in 1846 because they didn't want the bell cracking more. It is 70% copper, 25% tin, 2.5% gold and 2.5% silver. It weighs 2080 pounds. That's heavy!

Ben The Man

By Sophie Livingstone

Benjamin Franklin is a big part of history and the constitution. He did many things to help the United States. He came up with some ideas for the Constitution. He also served his part in helping to write the Declaration of Independence. Even though Ben only went to school for two year, he was one of the smartest people to create the government. Ben ran away from home at age 17 to Philadelphia and opened his own print shop. He wrote a book called Poor Richard's Almanak and filled it with jokes and quotes. It was quite famous. Our tour guide, Ellen said that "Ben even tried to write the declaration of independence but people thought he would fill the whole things with jokes". Ben Franklin was buried with his family at Christ Church burial ground. To show gratitude to Ben, the people of Philadelphia throw pennies on Ben's grave.



The Liberty Bell.



This is Ben Franklin.