

Independence Hall Project

You will examine the significance of the major issues, philosophies, and events that arose from Independence Hall by creating and presenting a new proposal for how the National Park Service should interpret Independence Hall to the general public. Your proposal will seek to better educate the public on the impact of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution throughout American history from 1776 until the present.

Project Requirements

A. IH Reflection Analysis: This component is an analysis of the tour that you will take of Independence Hall. You will answer the following questions. Answers must be typed and written in complete sentences. Each person in your group must complete their own analysis to be turned in with the final project.

1. On a scale of 1 to 10, how would you rate this tour based on how well it explains and presents to the public a critical understanding of the ideas, philosophies, and content of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution? Provide specific examples to support your answer.
2. On a scale of 1 to 10, how would you rate this tour based on how well it explains and presents to the public a critical understanding of the historical impact of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution? Provide specific examples to support your answer.
3. If you could make any changes to Independence Hall and the tour, what specific changes would you make to how the Hall is presented to the public in terms of its physical appearance? What changes would you make to the tour in terms of content presented? Provide specific examples to support your answer.

B. Independence Hall Proposal: Your group will create a proposal to the National Park Service to redesign Independence Hall and to change the tour that is given each day. Your proposal will include:

1. A creative presentation (PPT, Prezi, etc.) that explains and shows your new proposal.
2. In your presentation, you must include the following:
 - Brief summary of how Independence Hall currently is presented to the public in terms of its physical appearance and in terms of its content that is given on the tour
 - Explanation of why the tour and the Hall should be changed
 - Explanation of any content or appearance that should be kept the same

-Explanation of the specific changes to the appearance and the tour content that you would like to see the NPS adopt.

Your project will be based on both creativity and on content. You may work by yourself or with a group of up to 4 people.