



School and Youth Group Programs

Our inquiry-based programs use Litchfield's rich history as a window to explore national historical themes. Created to align with the CT Elementary and Secondary Social Studies Frameworks, our programs use primary sources from our archives and artifact collection to make history fun and accessible for your classroom, homeschool, or youth group.

- Price \$5 per student / per program
- Chaperones free
- Minimum group size is 6 students
- One chaperone is required for every 10 students
- All programs last 1 - 1.5 hours
- Reservations are required for all groups and should be made no later than 2 weeks beforehand
- Facilities are wheelchair accessible

TO SCHEDULE A PROGRAM:

Contact the museum with the program(s), preferred dates and times, and the number of students

EMAIL education@litchfieldhistoricalsociety.org

or CALL (860) 567-4501

www.litchfieldhistoricalsociety.org

Programs for Students of All Ages

Walking Tours of Litchfield's Historic District

Step back in time on one of our popular staff-led walking tours.

- **Heroes of the Revolution**
Discover the many ways people in town contributed during the Revolutionary War.
- **Slavery Here: The Life of William Grimes**
Explore CT's complicated history with slavery through the life of William Grimes, a man who escaped slavery and found work in town.
- **Homes and Histories: Architecture of Litchfield**
Learn how the lives of past residents are reflected by their homes.



Washington's Spies: The Culper Ring

Meet Washington's spy master, Benjamin Tallmadge. During the Revolution, he collected information about the British Army in New York. Decode Tallmadge's letters while learning the skills needed to be a spy in Washington's army.

Student Favorite!

Time Period: Revolutionary War

Be a Better Historian

Come with compelling questions and let the Historical Society show you how to use a research library, including searching for information, reading historical documents, and studying artifacts.

Participating in CT HISTORY DAY? This program was made for you!

Programs for Elementary & Middle School Students

Museums 101

What is a museum? Students discover the wonders of museums and explore their role in our community through fun activities.

Time Period: Present

The Early American Classroom

Step into an Early American classroom and experience how students learned in the past with a colonial lesson.

This program is also offered OFF SITE
Time Period: Colonial, Early Republic

Playing in the Past

Learn to play historic games - like graces, rolling hoop, and quoits - and make your own colonial game to bring home.

This program is also offered OFF SITE.
Time Period: Colonial, 19th c.



Programs for Middle & High School Students

Legacy of the America's First Law School

Take on the identity of students at the Litchfield Law School. Discover what brought promising young students to study with Tapping Reeve, and how they would go on to shape America.

Time Period: Early Republic

Hour of Conflict: The Civil War

Learn about the 2nd CT Heavy Artillery and how new technology changed the way life of the battlefield was shared with those at home.

Time Period: Civil War

Party Spirit: The Federalist and Anti-Federalists of Litchfield

Active participation and political debate is at the heart of American democracy. Engage in political discourse as you learn how the Litchfield Law School brought together future leaders from all political viewpoints.

Time Period: Early Republic

Rightfully Hers: the 19th Amendment

Featuring a new popup exhibit from the National Archives, *Rightfully Hers* celebrates the 100th anniversary of the passing of 19th Amendment. Come learn about how local residents took part in the fight for women's right to vote.

New
2020!

Time Period: Early 20th C.

Mock Trials at the Litchfield Law School

- **The Amistad** - Court case resulting from the rebellion of Africans on the Spanish schooner, La Amistad, in 1839.
- **Prudence Crandall** - Trial of a school teacher who defied CT's Black Laws and opened a school for African American girls in 1833.

Time Period: mid-1800s

CUSTOMIZED PROGRAMS

We have more to offer! We are happy to design a program to meet your classroom needs.

Our archives and artifact collection span from Litchfield's founding in 1719 to the present. Contact us to discuss options.