



## **Home School History At the National Archives at Atlanta Updated Schedule with Additional Days!**

***Because of the successful turnout for the first Home School History in August, we have decided to add a second day a month so we can continue with our plan for more hands-on activities. Starting in September, Home School History will be offered on both the third Wednesday and the preceding Tuesday. The programs each day will be identical but now you can choose which day is best for your family! The new and improved schedule is below***

So please mark the third Wednesday and the preceding Tuesday of each month on your calendars August through April, choose either Tuesday or Wednesday, and plan to attend **Home School History at the National Archives at Atlanta**. Each day, two different instructional sessions relating to American history or historical research will be presented for middle and high school students. Morning sessions are from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and afternoon sessions are from 1:00p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Sessions will be taught by our Education Specialist, Joel Walker. Sessions will consist of hands-on activities designed around original primary source documents unless otherwise stated in the monthly schedule. Students will be encouraged to develop year-long historical research projects and display them at the Home School History Expo on the third Wednesday in May.

No prior registration or reservations are required and there is no cost (although RSVP is appreciated for photocopying purposes). Students under the age of 14 need to be accompanied by an adult. Come and take part in one or both of the sessions, and students and parents are always welcome to stay and research after the sessions.

The National Archives at Atlanta is located at 5780 Jonesboro Rd, Morrow GA. If you have any questions, contact Joel Walker at 770-968-2530 or [joel.walker@nara.gov](mailto:joel.walker@nara.gov)

### ***Schedule of Sessions***

#### **August 17**

**10:00 a.m. US History in a Nutshell: Visualizing and Applying the Timeline (lecture)**

This overview of American history will prepare the homeschooler to get the most out of the monthly labs and activities scheduled throughout the year.

1:00 p.m. **Introduction and Tour of the National Archives at Atlanta**  
Find out about the massive holdings of the National Archives at Atlanta and take a guided tour of our magnificent facility.

### **September 20 and 21**

**10:00 a.m. The Surprising Papers in the Case of the Heirs of George Rodgers Clark (Document Lab)**

Revolutionary War hero George Rodgers Clark's victories in the west secured America's claim to the Mississippi but personal claims were made as well. Documents and maps found in the case date from the 1730s.

**1:00 p.m. Documents of the American Revolution (Primary Source Activity)**

Students will explore the war through analysis of primary sources from the National Archives.

### **October 18 and 19**

**10:00 a.m. Documents of Early Federal America (Primary Source Activity)**

Students will explore the early decades of the United States by analyzing primary sources from the National Archives.

**1:00 p.m. How to do a History Project**

Learn how to choose a topic, form a research question, do research, and create a fantastic history project.

### **November 15 and 16**

**10:00 a.m. The Documents of Slavery in the National Archives at Atlanta (Document Lab)**

Students will explore original records dealing with the Atlantic Slave Trade, Runaways, and Slave Manifests.

**1:00 p.m. Civil War Document Lab:**

Lab consist of three parts: records relating the Civil War within the holdings of the National Archives at Atlanta, microfilm rolls from other NARA facilities, and the online photographs of George Bernard and the Atlanta Campaign

### **December**

**No Classes will be held in December 2011**

### **January 17 and 18**

**10:00 a.m. Documents of Reconstruction and the Gilded Age (Primary Source Activity)**

Students will explore the years after the Civil War and up to the turn of the century through analysis of primary sources from the National Archives.

**1:00 p.m. World War I Lab: A Demographic Study Using the World War I Draft Cards (Document Lab)**

The National Archives at Atlanta holds all 24 million draft cards for the entire country. This lab will look at random samples of this gigantic record group to piece together a view of the American population in 1917-18.

### **February 14 and 15**

**10:00 a.m. Documents of the Long Civil Rights Movement (Document Lab)**

Students will explore original records from the National Archives at Atlanta that documents the Civil Rights Movement from after the Civil War to the 1960s

**1:00 p.m. History Project Critique Session**

Students and parents will have an opportunity to ask questions about their research and other aspects of their history projects.

## **March 20 and 21**

### **10:00 a.m. Great Depression Lab: The Tennessee Valley Authority and the Controversy of Progress (Document Lab)**

The TVA brought power, flood control, and jobs to the South yet moved many off their land and challenged the idea of limited government in the private sector.

### **1:00 p.m. The War and the Home Front: Documents of World War II (Document Lab)**

From the depths of the Great Depression, America jump started their economy and joined the allied effort in World War II.

## **April 17 and 18**

### **10:00 a.m. Documents of the Manhattan Project (Document Lab)**

From the holdings of the National Archives at Atlanta, learn about places like Los Alamos and Oak Ridge, people like Oppenheimer and Groves, and production facilities like Y-12, K-25, and X-10.

### **1:00 p.m. NASA Lab: Exploring the Space Program**

With the records of the Kennedy Space Center and the Marshall Space Flight Center, explore the Mercury, Gemini, Apollo and Skylab programs

## **May 16**

### **10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Home School History Expo: Student Projects, Quiz Bowl, and Awards**

Home School students are encouraged to present their history research projects in creative formats and participate in a fun but challenging quiz bowl.

*For more information on the National Archives at Atlanta please visit our website at <http://www.archives.gov/southeast/>.*

*To see our online exhibit **Inside the National Archives at Atlanta** please visit the exhibit website at [www.archives.gov/southeast/exhibit/](http://www.archives.gov/southeast/exhibit/).*

*For more information on our education programs, contact Joel Walker, Education Specialist at 770-968-2530 or [joel.walker@nara.gov](mailto:joel.walker@nara.gov).*

