

Summer Teacher Institutes at Ford's Theatre

Ford's Theatre offers week-long summer teacher institutes that help teachers **increase their knowledge of the Civil War and Reconstruction**, **develop new historical thinking skills** and **learn teaching strategies and resources** to apply their knowledge in the classroom.



Civil War Washington

Jun 23-28, 2019 and July 7-12, 2019

Explore the nation's capital as President Lincoln would have known it during the Civil War.

The Seat of War and Peace

July 21-26, 2019

Explore how the Civil War has been remembered over time through monuments and memorials in Washington, DC.

Ford's Theatre partners with historic sites around Washington, D.C. to provide our participants with a broad historical perspective and a robust network of resources. Our partners include:

- Arlington National Cemetery
- Arlington House, the Robert E. Lee Memorial
- Clara Barton Mission Soldier's Office Museum
- Fort McNair
- Frederick Douglass National Historic Site
- Howard University
- National Mall and Memorial Parks
- President Lincoln's Cottage
- Tudor Place Historic House and Garden
- Civil War Defenses of Washington

Teachers will return to their classrooms better able to:

- ✓ take students on field trips that activate history and foster empathy
- ✓ use reflection to integrate field trips into classroom learning
- ✓ harness digital archives to access primary sources
- ✓ introduce nuance and complexity to the traditional history narrative using primary sources
- ✓ facilitate students' performance of historical speeches in the classrooms
- ✓ use drama in the classroom to make historic figures come alive



Ford's Summer Teacher Institutes Get Their First Report Card!

In 2018, we completed a three-year report, working with George Washington University researchers to evaluate our summer teacher institutes.



Teachers reported feeling “quite” or “highly” confident applying new teaching skills.



Teachers who work with the Ford's education team return to their classrooms with new knowledge, resources and a professional support system to implement lessons that **deepen their students' understanding of the complexity of the Civil War and its ongoing legacy and relevance in the world today.**

- Maia Sheppard, Associate Professor at George Washington University

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