

AMERICAN HISTORY SCAVENGER HUNT

Get ready to travel with the Luce Foundation Center through American history! Your journey will take you from when Columbus first discovered America all the way to Lincoln's presidency. You will need to use the Luce Web site to look up artwork, watch video clips, and zoom in on different pieces. Good luck! [www.LuceFoundationCenter.si.edu]

The adventure starts with a painting that shows Columbus claiming all of "the new world" for Spain. Use the zoom tool to figure out what Columbus is holding in his left hand (the hand reaching upwards).

_____ On what island does this painting take place? _____



Next you need to find coins depicting the landing of the pilgrims at Plymouth. Use the zoom tool to take a closer look at the coin on the right. What is the phrase printed on it? _____



History sure is flying by! Your next task is to find a portrait of George Washington, the first U.S. president and commander of the Continental Army in the American Revolutionary War. Watch the video "George Washington Bids Farewell to his Officers." In what city was his farewell speech given? _____



American history was influenced heavily by U.S. presidents. Find a 3-D portrait of Thomas Jefferson, the 3rd president of the United States and author of the Declaration of Independence.



Keep going! You have it easy compared to the people trying to settle the western United States in the 1800s. Find the painting of pioneers of the west looking out into the distant landscape. This painting gave hope to the American people during what difficult time period? _____



Speaking of brave, the next painting you need to find illustrates men and women escaping slavery by way of the Underground Railroad. This "railroad" was actually a system of secret escape routes and safe houses for people fleeing slavery. Use the zoom tool; how many people are in the painting? _____



For your last task you must find a sculpture of Abraham Lincoln the Hoosier Youth. Lincoln was the 16th United States president and guided the nation through tough times during the civil war. What did the sculptor of this piece research in order to guess what Lincoln may have looked like when he was young? _____



Great job! You have successfully journeyed throughout some of American history, but remember: there is a lot more to learn!