

# DISNEY Y.E.S. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION



## “THE AMERICAN STORY”

### ARTS & HUMANITIES

**Grade Levels:**  
2nd-12th

**Program Length:**  
3 hours

**Meeting Location:**

(Morning) The *Magic Kingdom*® Transportation and Ticket Center Bus Portico, to the far right by the *Magic Kingdom* Group Sales window.

This program is aligned with National Standards.

### OBJECTIVE

Discover the diversity of the characters, conflicts, and resolutions of the United States of America as its people strived to make E Pluribus Unum a way of life.

### KEY LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

#### Conflicts and Resolutions in American History

Students come face-to-face with past Presidents of the United States of America as they get the rare opportunity to step on stage at *The Hall of Presidents*.

- While getting an up-close look at the Audio-Animatronics® figures, students explore the major conflicts and resolutions during presidential administrations.

#### Oral Traditions

*Splash Mountain* takes students on a trip through the 19th century South to discover storytelling as a method of communication.

- Students learn how oral traditions were a way of communicating values, events, traditions, and heritage from one generation to the next.

#### Westward Expansion

A runaway mine train takes students on a high-speed ride through the days of the Gold Rush to “uncover” challenges of settling the western frontier.

- Students gain an understanding of the impact of the Gold Rush on the nation.
- Using *Frontierland* as a backdrop, students assume the roles of prospectors, merchants, or investors as they barter and deal their way to fame or “misfortune” in this re-creation of a western boomtown.

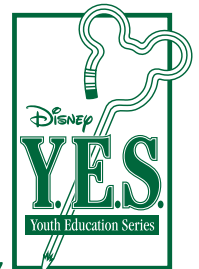
### Your Role in the American Story

Students are transported back in time to Colonial Boston and Philadelphia to discover significant events which led colonists down “The Road to Revolution” and to ultimately ratify the Constitution of the United States.

- *The Hall of Presidents* provides a powerful ending to the day by showing how the conflicts of the Civil War and Reconstruction Era tested our nation and its constitution.
- Students are summoned by the ringing of an authentic replica of the Liberty Bell to sign the Declaration of Independence.

### THE DISNEY DIFFERENCE

- Students step on stage at *The Hall of Presidents*.
- Trained and knowledgeable *Disney Institute* Cast Members facilitate this high quality and educationally sound program, while never forgetting that fun is a vital part of learning.



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