Let’s Do History!

Here are a few resources from today’s program that you may find useful

Cotton Gin

Statistics on cotton production: The data we discussed related to the cotton gin can be found in the activity Inventing the Cotton Gin?: A Class Debate, from the Museum’s Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation. We ordered the cotton boll you received in your packet from Cottonman.com.

Lesson Demonstrations

For elementary teachers: The language arts integrated lesson plan you saw is called Voices of Bull Run, and is based on the book Bull Run by Paul Fleischman.

For secondary teachers: The gold nugget that started the gold rush and the activity set, Van Valen’s Gold Rush Journey, are available on our On the Water online exhibition.

Museum Theater

For elementary teachers: The video Broad Stripes and Bright Stars is a twelve minute conversation with Mary Pickersgill, which you can use to introduce the development of the Star-Spangled Banner in Baltimore during the War of 1812 and the flag’s dimensions and conditions.

For secondary teachers: The Time Trial of John Brown is available in short video segments, which you can use to discuss this controversial figure with your students.

And remember, you can find all of our free educational resources on Smithsonian’s History Explorer!

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