



# The Calverton School

## 2026-2027 Summer Work

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade History Summer Work

**Objective:** This summer assignment is designed to help you connect with U.S. history in a meaningful and personal way by visiting a historic site related to the Colonial period, the American Revolution, Founding of the United States, Westward Expansion, or the Civil War.

**Instructions:** Over the summer, visit one place of historic significance. This location can include a battlefield, fort, historic home, or any other site connected to U.S. history between the British Colonies (1607) to the Civil War (1865). You are encouraged to explore places that resonate with you personally or reflect significant moments in our shared past.

If you cannot travel to a physical site, you may complete a virtual tour of a historic site or museum. Be sure to take notes, screenshots, and complete the same reflection and research as described below.

**When You Return To School:** You will begin working on your presentation and will be ready to present your visit to the class during the second week.

Your presentation should include:

- 3–5 photographs or screenshots of the site (taken by you, if possible)
- A summary (at least one paragraph) of the site's historical significance
- A personal reflection on what you learned and why it mattered
- One question you would ask someone who lived during the time period of the site's significance
- 2–3 historical facts you discovered during your visit or research