

FOR DOCENTS

Quick Reference Guide



BEFORE YOU START

Check in at the front desk. Wear your provided name badge at all times.

EXHIBIT HOURS

Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Monday and Thursday, 4-7 p.m.

Saturday, noon-4 p.m.

WHERE TO FIND IT

Restrooms: Multi-stall in the north wing. Single-stall, gender-neutral in the south wing.

American Experiments games: Teaching Lab, with the local exhibit.

First aid kit and docent handbooks: Front desk.

NEED HELP?

For non-emergency staffing needs, contact the Prindle Institute staffer on duty, listed on your shift schedule.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

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(423) 903-6105

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(317) 435-3095

Project directors. For a medical or safety emergency, call 911 first.

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Conversation Starters

THE GREAT LEAP

- Which line of the Declaration speaks to you most?
- What did it mean in 1774 to say, “I am not a Virginian, but an American”?

A VOTE, A VOICE

- Did any change on the voting rights timeline affect your family?
- Should people under 18 be able to vote?

THE MACHINERY OF DEMOCRACY

- Where do you see political symbols like the log cabin today?
- How do campaigns try to win you over now?

BEYOND THE BALLOT

- When have you found your political voice?
- What cause would you petition or march for, even for years?

CREATING CITIZENS

- What should every citizen know? Try the flip-up citizenship questions.
- Do shared symbols and songs create a national identity?

STORIES OF DEMOCRACY

- How do you and your neighbors take part in democracy?
- What makes your community thrive?

LOCAL EXHIBIT: DISAGREEMENT AND DEMOCRACY

- Who should decide what happens in a community?
- What do neighbors owe one another when they disagree?

Ask open-ended questions, and give visitors time to think.