



## Explore Yorktown

Visit <https://www.visitorktown.org/> before planning your trip to Yorktown.

**GUIDELINES:** Visit Yorktown. Based on the grid, complete the number of activities for your grade level.

	DISCOVER	CONNECT	TAKE ACTION	ANY ACTIVITY UNDER ANY KEY	TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES
Girl Scout Daisy	1	1	1	0	3
Girl Scout Brownie	1	1	1	1	4
Girl Scout Junior	1	1	1	2	5
Girl Scout Cadette	1	1	1	3	6
Girl Scout Senior	1	1	1	4	7
Girl Scout Ambassador	1	1	1	5	8

### DISCOVER

- Find a copy of the Declaration of Independence printed on July 19, 1776. This is a Broadside version. What is a broadside and why was this a good way to communicate news in 1776?
- Visit the recruitment area of the Continental Encampment and find out three reasons men joined the army to fight for the new United States during the Revolutionary War. Why do people join the military today?
- Visit Yorktown's National Park Service Visitor's Center. Tour the ship, examine General Washington's personal tent, and see the movie. Take a walking tour with a Park Ranger (several of the other requirements can be fulfilled with this tour). Reservations for these guided tours are made from September to end of May. During the summer months join the regularly scheduled tours. Include in this tour either one of the following (or both if you like):
  - Tour the Thomas Nelson House. Find the cannon ball embedded in the side of the house. How did it get there? What was the builder's nickname?
  - Visit the Moore House. What important agreement was drawn up in this house?
- Visit the Yorktown Victory Center; learn who donated the land for its construction and why. Visit the encampment outside see the revolutionary experience from the viewpoint of a woman, and of a medical practitioner. Visit the "Victory Monument." Who built this monument? Why and when? Why was victory here so important? Also, visit the "Freedom Shrine" on Water Street. What countries have flags represented there?

### CONNECT

- In the encampment, find out why families of the enlisted men were sometimes allowed to travel and camp with the army during the Revolutionary War. What jobs did the women do?
- Visit Historic Grace Church and listen to the recorded history in the vestibule area. Look for the grave of Thomas Nelson, Jr. in the cemetery. What famous document did Thomas Nelson, Jr. sign and what role did he play in the American Revolution?
- Find layers in the outer wall of the building that show evidence of the "great fire" of 1814. Please do not make any rubbings of the tombstones unless you first check with the workers in the Gift Shop for permission. Thomas Nelson has tours available during the summer months only.
- Drive one of the two Battlefield Tour Routes (maps available from Visitor's Center) The Battlefield Tour and the Allied Encampment Tour or take the self-directed walking tour of the town. If you drive one of the routes, find out about Yorktown's role in the Civil War by visiting the Yorktown National Cemetery.
- In the 1780s farm, talk to a costumed interpreter about the lives of enslaved African Americans on a small farm. Find out where they slept, the jobs they had to do, and how they earned extra money to buy things for themselves.

## **TAKE ACTION**

- Find out which rights are promised in the first amendment of the Bill of Rights, and then make a poster or flier showing how these rights benefits you and your friends every day. Share what you've written with your service unit.
- In the farm, ask an interpreter what work needs to be done in the kitchen garden or fields. It might be hoeing, raking, weeding, watering, or even picking tobacco worms off the plants! Spend at least ten minutes working in the garden, with the interpreter's permission and adult supervision.
- Create a brochure or video promoting Yorktown to share with friends, family and other Girl Scouts.