

Curriculum: American History - pre-discovery, various immigrations including the indentured and slaves, Revolution, Confederation; American traditional music; Geography

# American History in Story & Song, Part I

*from 72,000 BCE to the Constitutional Convention*

Presented by New Europa Troubadours

Benjamin Franklin --



-- Vikings

## Teachers tell us:

**“This assembly helps students prepare for state tests.”**

*New Europa Troubadours* bring your students a unique exploration of American history in this show combining song, costume, story, many visual devices and plenty of audience participation to bring new life to your students' understanding of American History. Best for Gr 3-6, 6-12.

The *Troubadours* incorporate the 3-D Teaching Process into their shows, to maximize the educational impact for students. (Note: they also offer In-Services to help your teachers increase their use of 3-D methods.)

### Props include

- a hand-painted 16-foot long timeline of American History (to 1860)
- A 4-foot by 8-foot map of the United States
- A 4-foot by 8-foot map of the world
- Patrick Henry's Wig
- Chains (to re-enact a slave ship ride)
- Benjamin Franklin's wig, glasses, cane

### Students Experience

- A slave ship (participatory)
- King George demanding money from the colonies; they say “No Way!” (participatory)

- Patrick Henry's immortal speech
- The Battle of Concord -- how the British fought, and why the Americans beat them (participatory)
- The problems with Confederation (participatory)
- Benjamin Franklin's speech which saved the Constitutional Convention

### Students learn about:

- Immigration patterns of Asian (now Amerindian) settlers
- The Norse discoverers
- The European discoverers/immigrants
- The Mayflower Compact
- Unwilling immigrants (slaves, indentured)
- The Brewing, and the Tempest of Revolution
- Confederation vs. Federation/development of Constitution

### Students hear folk songs based on history

- The Discoverer's Song • Columbus Song
- We Gather Together • This Land is Your Land
- Sometimes I Feel like a Motherless Child • Yankee Doodle • More

### For more information call

New Europa Troubadours - 800 825 4332

### To Book Call

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### Note: Available same day for Pre-K to 3: *From*

*Page to Stage: fun songs & activities from favorite children's books; Let's Build a Train.* Most schools bring the History show in for Grades 3 or 4 and up, and schedule one of these shows just before or after for younger elementary students.