

# DISCOVERING THE AMERICAN SPIRIT

Designed for Students  
Grades 3rd-12th  
Ages 8-18

Program Length  
3 hours

Park Location  
Magic Kingdom® Park

## SYNOPSIS

The uniquely themed lands of *Magic Kingdom*® Park form the basis of this expedition of four distinctive eras of American history. This learning adventure guides students to discover the characteristics of rugged individualism, courage, optimism, tenacity and compassion that are at the heart of American culture.

In the patriotic and historical setting of *Liberty Square*®, two hundred years of history unfolds as students act as Historical Investigators interpreting records, artifacts, and illustrations to identify the era, issues, and American Spirit characteristics associated with their assignment. This idyllic backdrop provides a glimpse at five valiant American Presidents and events that resulted in the establishment of the United States of America, the writing of the constitution, and the creation of the office of president.

*Frontierland*® invites students to explore what drove Americans westward across prairies, mountains, and deserts without the comfort and safety of roads or settlements. An attraction experience highlights the impact of the American railroad on the western expansion.

This westward journey also draws awareness to the role of five spirited American women who overcame obstacles, stereotypes, social limitations, and danger to leave indelible imprints on the nation.

Back in *Liberty Square*®, *The Hall of Presidents*® attraction showcases the relationship between the beliefs and values of the Founding Fathers to the symbolism of the Office of the President of the United States.

Students reaffirm their commitment to the American Spirit through a symbolic ringing of the Liberty Bell and by placing their signature upon a reproduction of the Declaration of Independence.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

After completing Discovering the American Spirit, participants will be able to:

- ✓ Summarize five specific eras in American History
- ✓ Provide and illustrate five traits of the American spirit
- ✓ Assess the impact of the American westward expansion upon slavery and secession issues
- ✓ Explain how the American spirit has been shaped by the experiences of the American people
- ✓ Investigate a variety of sources to draw appropriate conclusions