High School Preparatory Program. We are pleased to announce the launch in July 2020 of National History Academy Online, a challenging summer experience for rising 8th and 9th grade students with an interest in the history, law and government of the United States.

Building on past success. National History Academy Online builds on the success of our groundbreaking residential program, which has brought students together from all around the country for the summer to study the foundations of our American Democracy. In a typical summer, students visited 35 major historic sites, heard from 30 national leaders, participated in parliamentary debates, and studied defining moments of our country through intensive case studies. Academy students have come from throughout the country and gone on to top colleges, including Yale, Penn, West Point, Cornell, Columbia, Brown, Williams, Bowdoin, Rice, Texas, Michigan and USC. Due to Covid-19, we will not be operating our residential program in 2020.

Two two-week sessions with virtual site visits and a challenging and fun curriculum. This summer, National History Academy Online will offer a high school preparatory program for rising 8th and 9th graders. We will study major themes of our history and tie them directly to issues we face today. The program will have two two-week sessions with three virtual site visits each week.

My time at NHA honestly changed my life. It changed the way I view the world, the way I think, and the way I learn. It provided an open and accepting environment to engage with people of differing views while challenging my own assumptions about the world. I already loved history when I went in, but I came out with an even bigger appreciation for our democracy and the freedoms that we enjoy every day.

- Bereket Hailu, Rockville, MD

To apply, visit www.NationalHistoryAcademy.org/apply
**FIRST SESSION:** July 6 – July 17

- **Week One:** “Leadership and the Presidency.” We will explore themes of national expansion, national unity and global leadership through study of Thomas Jefferson at Monticello, Abraham Lincoln in Springfield, Illinois, and Franklin Delano Roosevelt at Hyde Park.
- **Week Two:** “Civil Rights.” We will examine the fight against segregation through the Little Rock Nine at Central High School, the struggle for Hispanic-American workers’ rights at Cesar Chavez National Monument, and the impact of Japanese internment camps at Minidoka National Historic Site.

Each week, students will spend approximately three hours a day in small online classes led by top history teachers from around the country exploring the theme of the week. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays will include one-hour virtual tours of relevant sites. During the course of the session, students will work in groups of four to six on a final collaborative project. A national leader or historian will speak on the final day.

**Tuition and Scholarships.** Tuition for each two-week session is $495. National History Academy is a nonprofit, and tuition received will defray the costs of the program.

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**SECOND SESSION:** July 20 – July 31

- **Week One:** “Innovation.” As the country seeks a vaccine for Covid-19, we will study the search for the polio vaccine at the Jonas Salk Institute, the development of the automobile at The Henry Ford, and Thomas Edison’s many inventions at his laboratory in Orange, New Jersey.
- **Week Two:** “Resilience.” The United States is currently faced with an unprecedented situation. We will examine the collective American response to past challenges through study of the Civil War at Gettysburg, John F. Kennedy’s assassination at the Sixth Floor Museum in Dallas, and the 9/11 Museum in New York City.