



Schedule

Evening of Monday, July 6 to Saturday, July 11, 2026

Monday Evening, July 6: [Ford's Theatre](#) (6:00 – 9:00 p.m.)

- Welcome dinner and institute overview
- Review of natural and built environment of Washington during the Civil War
- Introduction to Reflective Practice: how reflection promotes learning

Tuesday, July 7: [Tudor Place Historic House and Garden](#) (9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.)

- Using topography as a primary source: explore Civil War sites in Georgetown through a neighborhood walk.
- Examine truth in memory and practice historical empathy: using artifacts and archives, unpack the lives lived at Tudor Place and dig deep into the stories of residents, both free and enslaved.
- Discover ways to connect civics to history: using the Educating for American Democracy inquiry deck.

Wednesday, July 8: [The Frederick Douglass National Historic Site](#) (9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

- Explore Cedar Hill, Frederick Douglass' estate. Hear how the abolitionist, orator, writer, statesman and equal rights advocate spent the last seventeen years of his life. Get up close and personal with powerful items belonging to Mr. Douglass
- Look closely at the relationship between Douglass & Lincoln. Were they friends, enemies, or something in-between?
- Examine the experiences of Black soldiers in the U.S. military during the war.

Thursday, July 9: [Ford's Theatre](#) (9am - 6pm)

- Close-reading of Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address and introduction to Ford's Approach to Oratory
- A living memorial: Tour Ford's Theatre and Petersen House.
- Local Voices in the Wake of National Tragedy: Using primary sources to uncover life inside the Petersen House and reactions to the assassination.
- Historical and Theatrical Thinking: Watch performance of *One Destiny*, in the theatre.

Friday, July 10: [President Lincoln's Cottage](#) (9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

- Interactive tour of President Lincoln's Cottage
- Perspective-taking and leadership - Lincoln's Toughest Decisions: Debating Emancipation
- Reflection and facilitated dialogue on the Soldier's Home grounds
- Connecting the past and present in the social studies classroom

Saturday, July 11: [National Mall and Memorial Parks](#) and [Ford's Theatre](#) (9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)

- How public spaces reflect our story - Guided walking tour of the National Mall
- School-year planning and final reflection