

“It has been said that, at it’s best, preservation engages the past in a conversation with the present over a mutual concern for the future.”

-William J. Murtagh (1923), first keeper of the National Register of Historic Places

“The first duty of a historian is to be on guard against his own sympathies.”

-James Anthony Froude (1818-1894), Historian



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PWC History Explorer Workbook



Are you a History Explorer?

Complete this workbook, by exploring the historic sites, talking with historic interpreters, and doing a bit of research.

When the booklet is completed, please visit a historic interpreter on duty and receive your **FREE** wristband!

1. The Civil War was from _____ to _____.

2. Name one teacher who taught at Lucasville School when it was open: _____

3. List 3 historic events that are relevant to our sites: _____, _____, _____

4. Name 3 different objects that you saw inside the historic sites, that you found unusual: _____, _____, _____

5. Take Brentsville Tour & answer questions.

6. Take Ben Lomond Tour & answer questions.

7. Take Rippon Lodge Tour & answer questions.

8. Take Bristoe Battlefield Tour & answer questions.

9. Pick up any trash found/Use Recycle bin.

***Promise to help preserve Prince William County's historic sites by visiting more often and sharing what you've learned with others.**

Your Initials _____ Staff Initials _____

Receive FREE PWC History Explorer Wristband!

Draw a picture of your favorite thing or view of Bristoe Station Battlefield.

Write a list of books or topics that you would like to read about soon:

Bristoe Station Battlefield Activity



1. Which army camped at Bristoe Station?
(Circle answer) Confederate or Union

2. What new transportation system brought the soldiers to Bristoe?

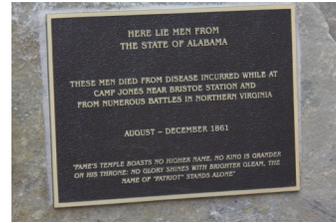
3. Which state cemetery is preserved at Bristoe?

4. When was the Battle of Bristoe Station?

5. Who were the leaders in the battle at Bristoe Station?

6. Where did soldiers get the supplies to build their campsites at Bristoe? _____
7. Which railroad did Confederates destroy upon leaving Bristoe? _____

~Match Image With Historic Site~



A.



B.



C.



D.



E.



Brentsville Activity

Be a History Detective...
Go to the source!



~ PRIMARY SOURCE ~

“Patrick Henry Arguing the Parson’s Cause at the Hanover County Courthouse,” **painted by George Cooke about 1834**

This painting depicts a complicated court case in **December 1763** that involved: money, Virginia’s right to self-government, questioning the place of the Anglican clergy, and the power of the King.

Patrick Henry said in open court, that the King, “degenerated into a Tyrant and forfeits all right to his subjects' obedience.”

This statement was referred to as treason!

**Side note: Patrick Henry’s father was the judge.*



Image Courtesy of the Virginia Historical Society

Draw a picture of your favorite thing at Rippon Lodge.

Rippon Lodge Activity



1. Which very important person in American history is said to have visited Rippon Lodge?

2. What crops did the Blackburn family cultivate on the property? _____
3. How long did members of the Atkinson family live at Rippon Lodge? _____
4. Who lived in the house as seen in image (A) above?

5. What is the difference between Rippon Lodge in images B&C?

6. Who was the last owner living in Rippon Lodge and what historic events are connected to this owner?

1. When was the “Parson’s Cause” argued by Patrick Henry?

2. Who do you think is standing with his hand raised, in the center/right of the painting? _____

3. What is the job of the people on far left of the painting?

4. Why do you think the door is open?

5. Why are there so many people watching?

6. Why is studying this painting useful?

7. Who was the president of America *when this painting was painted*? _____

*Extra Credit:

What is the toy that the child (wearing a yellow coat) is holding?

Ben Lomond Activity



1. How is the Ben Lomond house more than just a house?

2. What does the red flag signify? _____

3. Name at least 2 families that lived in the Ben Lomond house: _____

4. When was the house built? _____

5. Which Civil War battle was fought nearby?

6. What is special about the rose garden?

7. Were there slaves at Ben Lomond? If so, where did they live?

8. What is "graffiti"? _____

Draw a picture of your favorite thing at Ben Lomond.