

# Were we taught “American History” or were we taught “lies in School?”

All history is taught from one point of view and the facts are often left out to make a point of view valid. It is not that the history is wrong, it is just missing all the facts, which gives us a different perception.

Every School child is taught about the “Shot heard round the World at the North Bridge in Concord, Ma.” How much of this story is fact, how much fiction, and do you know the rest of the story?

**Do you know why General Gage sent the troops to Concord?** In September of 1774, Boston Patriots brazenly stole four brass cannon right from under British guard. The cannons were smuggled out of Boston and added to the growing caches of Colonial arms. Brass cannons were more valuable as field artillery than iron because they were lighter and more maneuverable. Those with Brass Cannons controlled the battlefield. In April, Gage ordered the expedition to Concord for the purpose of retrieving the brass cannons as well as the 10 other iron cannon’s that were reported to be hidden in Concord, Ma. The troops were ordered not to fire on British Subjects and only when they were attacked did they fire back. The story of April 19 was a result of General Gage not being able to admit that the most sophisticated weapons of the time were stolen from his arsenal. This would be comparable to a nuclear weapon being taken from a US arsenal today.

**Did you know Paul Revere never owned a horse or made the “Midnight Ride?”** Paul Revere borrowed a horse, he was stopped 8 miles outside of Boston, the Horse was confiscated and Paul Revere walked back to Boston. Other riders completed the famous midnight ride. There were two Paul Reveres who became one character in history.

**Did you know the American Forces lost the Battle of Bunker Hill?**

**Did you know that the shot heard round the world was an accident, where a scared kid dropped his musket and it went off?**

**Did you know the Pilgrims did not believe in Religious freedom but religious intolerance?** If you did not have the same belief system you were not welcome.

**Did you ever wonder how Squanto spoke English when the Pilgrims arrived?**

**There is a statue of Mary Dwyer on the grounds of the Massachusetts Statehouse. Mary Dwyer was hung for expressing Quaker beliefs in a Puritan Colony. Why does she now have a statue on the grounds of the statehouse?**

**What really happened at the Boston Massacre and how many were killed?**

**During the Boston Tea Party was Boston Harbor filled with tea?**

**During the Tea Party why were the raiders dressed like Indians?**

**Why did the American Revolution begin in 1775 not two years earlier when Newport Harbor was blockaded?**

**Why is the USS Constitution called Old Ironsides?**

**Did you ever wonder why during the Civil War, why the first black regiment lead by white officers came from Massachusetts, and not from the border states?**

**Day 1:** Arrive in Boston or Manchester airports and be transferred to your hotel **the Radisson Nashua**. For those arriving before noon we will visit the **Lowell National Park** and learn what mill life was like and why people left the farms to work in the city. **Dinner included.**

**Day 2:** After breakfast we will depart for **Boston** where the first stop will be the **USS Constitution**. Onboard “Old Ironsides “ you will learn what life was like in the early American Navy. You will learn why 11 & 12-year-old boys were needed on ships of war. Next it is on to **Bunker Hill Monument** where you will learn what really happened at the battle of Bunker Hill, Our next stop will be the Old North Church where we explore the myth of one if by land and 2 if by sea. We follow the routes of Paul Revere and where he was captured and learn the story of who made the “Midnight Ride.” We will continue on to the North Bridge in Concord and learn about the story of the Brass Cannon and why General Gage sent the troops to Concord. **Breakfast and Dinner included**

**Day 3:** We head south to Plymouth Plantation and the Mayflower II where you will learn about the Mayflower and the crossing to the new World. Learn about the Pilgrims and the native Wamapnoags who inhabited the area long before the Pilgrims. You might be surprised by the size of Plimouth Rock, and the myths surrounding this rock. The story of the first Thanksgiving as told by the Wampanoags is very different then the story taught in American History books. When you discover the Pilgrims could not feed themselves the first year, the story has a different meaning. If the Wampanoag’s had not brought food and the Pilgrim’s had not raided other native villages, their would be no feast or Plimoth Colony. Overnight Hyannis with a Lobster dinner. **Breakfast and Dinner**

**Day 4:** We travel along the **Cape Cod National Sea Shore to Provincetown** where you have the option of going whale watching or taking a trolley tour of Provincetown. For those that choose the trolley tour you will also have the opportunity to go wine tasting. Provincetown is a unique community where the Pilgrims first landed now filled with art galleries and boutique shops. **Breakfast and Dinner included.**

**Day 5:** This morning we will depart for **Woods Hole and the Ferry to Martha’s Vinyard**. On arrival on the Island you will have a comprehensive tour visiting the towns of **Oak Bluff, Vinyard Haven, Edgartown and Aquina**. In Vinyard Haven see the gingerbread houses and learn the story of the tent meetings on the commons. Aquina is the part of the Island claimed by the native Americans. **Breakfast included.**

**Day 6:** Before departing Hyannis we will make a stop at the Kennedy Memorial and return to Boston to catch the train Home.

**Tour includes:**

**Transportation upon arrival in New England**

**Two nights at the Radisson Nashua**

**Three nights Heritage Hotel Hyannis.**

**5 Breakfasts, 4 Dinners, 1 Lobster bake**

**Visit to the USS Constitution**

**Visit to the North Church**

**Visit to Bunker Hill Monument**

**Visit to the Visitor Center Lexington, Ma**

**Visit 6to the Visitors Center North Bridge**

**Ferry to Martha’s Vineyard with sightseeing tour.**

**Admission to Plimouth Plantation & Admission Mayflower II**

**Tour Director through out.**

**Baggage Handling of one piece of luggage per person.**

