

**New England Heritage Tour East
Research Question Meeting # 4**

Note: *Research Questions are the responsibility of each student. Students will select their topic of interest with help from their Group Leader. Students need to prepare an oral presentation to share their research with members of their group. Each student should also prepare a “visual” that might include maps, charts, pictures, models, foods or other audio visual displays. This process is designed to help each student prepare for what they will see and experience on tour.*

New England Personalities

1. *President John Adams: Why was he known as the fiery patriot from Massachusetts? How was he instrumental in the writing of the Declaration of Independence? What major issue did he want addressed in the Declaration? What was his relationship with Thomas Jefferson and Ben Franklin?*
2. *Benjamin Franklin: What was his New England connection? How has his inventions and discoveries greatly influenced our history? What roles did he serve our nation throughout his career?*
3. *President John F. Kennedy: What was his impact on American History – the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Bay of Pigs and the Berlin Wall?*
4. *President John F. Kennedy: What did he pledge our nation to accomplish before the end of the 1960's? How has that shaped the history of mankind?*
5. *President John F. Kennedy: Why was Hyannisport, MA known as the summer “White House” What was President Kennedy’s favorite hobby? What role did he serve in WWII? What book did he write following the war? How did that shape is political future?*
6. *President John F. Kennedy: What is his most famous quote? When was it delivered and where? What do you think he meant by those words? Are you ready to make that commitment as a citizen of the country?*
7. *Cornelius Vanderbilt: How did his wealth shape America? Why did he build the “Breakers”?*
8. *Franklin Pierce / New Hampshire’s only President: Was he a successful president? What events occurred while he was in office? Was he revered around the country? What might he have done better to improve his image?*

Just New England

1. *The Carousel: What role did the carousel play in the development of the east coast trolley and subway business? What fun food do we enjoy today as a result of the carousel’s impact? What entertainment business has grown as a direct result of the carousel? Have you ever been there?*
2. *Cape Cod Potato Chip Factory: Why is this such a New England Story? How did this company start? Where is the factory located? How are chips actually made?*
3. *Castle Island / Boston, MA: What role did Castle Island play in the defense of Boston. How is it designed? What is a powder magazine, rampart and redoubt?*
4. *Sandwich, MA National Seashore: What purpose does this serve? Are other coastlines protected in America? Who or what does it benefit?*