

Discovering Amistad: Overview and Program Cost

The *Amistad* replica, built in Mystic, Connecticut and launched in 2000 provides an historic backdrop for three in-class lessons for students in Grades 3 – 12 which include the journey of the Mende people, their struggle for freedom and how this journey of freedom resonates in today's world.

Our educators provide our proprietary program on-site in your classrooms along with an interactive sail aboard the *Amistad*.

Lesson breakdown:

- **Slavery and the fight for freedom (1839 – 1841)**

Students explore the history of the 1839 Amistad Uprising and the captured Africans' struggle for freedom on the ship and in the Connecticut and U.S. Supreme Courts. Topics will include the role of abolitionists, organizations and churches that participated in the journey to freedom.

- **Slavery & Freedom (1840s -1950s)**

This lesson features major events and occurrences during this period and their relation to present-day issues of racial and social diversity. Discussions with teachers will determine areas of emphasis. Potential topics include the Emancipation Proclamation, Reconstruction and Constitutional Amendments (13th, 14th and 15th), *Plessy v. Ferguson*, *Brown v. Board of Education*, and more.

- **1960s to Today**

Major changes in laws and society over a span of more than 60 years will be the focus of this segment. Lessons will address key questions related to this era: What is the legacy of the Amistad Uprising and slavery in today's society? What role did civil action and protests play in the 1960s to create positive social change? To what extent have the changes of the Civil Rights Movement lasted? What is the legacy of slavery and how does it play a role in today's society? Students will discuss how they can take informed action to create a more equitable society, take part in related, hands-on activities and learn about relevant organizations.

Educational Sail Aboard the Amistad

Students will participate in a sail on the *Amistad* so they gain hands-on understanding of the plight of the Mende people and their struggle for freedom. Participants will work as a team with the crew in helping to raise and lower sails and take part in sailing-related tasks.

In addition, educators will facilitate discussions tied in to in-class lessons at designated learning stations aboard the ship.

Three in-class lessons plus a sail aboard the Amistad Schooner for up to 35 students: \$2,500

The fee will be reduced to \$2,000 per class if a school registers more than one class.

Special discounts may be available to underserved school districts.

