King Charles to King Cotton

South Carolina 1670-1860



Explore where it happened...



King Charles to King Cotton is an educational field program hosted by two historic museum properties located within Charleston, SC.

Designed for
South Carolina Public Schools

3rd and 8th Grades

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Program Overview

Dear Educators,

King Charles to King Cotton: South Carolina 1670-1860 is a South Carolina 3rd and 8th Grade program designed by educators affiliated with the following museum properties:

The Powder Magazine - South Carolina's Oldest Public Building, c. 1713 Historic Charleston Foundation's Nathaniel Russell House Museum, c. 1808

The purpose of *King Charles to King Cotton* is to immerse students in South Carolina history by visiting two authentic properties located in historic Charleston. Program content includes the political, economic, and social transformations that shaped South Carolina between 1670 and 1860. Students will gain historic perspectives by walking in the footsteps of those who lived through the state's Colonial, Revolutionary, and Antebellum periods. Participating museums are interconnected as a tangible timeline revealing South Carolina's evolving political and economic history.

Thank you for considering this program for your students. We are confident that after experiencing *King Charles to King Cotton*, you will agree this field experience is the perfect method to either preview or reinforce what is being learned in your classroom.

Museums & Program Standards

Explore nearly two-hundred years of South Carolina history (1670-1860) from the perspective of two museums: The Powder Magazine and The Nathaniel Russell House. Program segments, led by museum educators, will be strategically joined by an interactive map through the Charleston historic district. Educators at both museum sites will focus the program segments on the standards and topics discussed on page 4.



The Powder Magazine

The Powder Magazine stands as South Carolina's oldest public building (c.1713). This segment of your program will help students to reinforce their knowledge of the transitions between Proprietary Colony, Royal Colony, and independent State.

Nathaniel Russell House

Nathaniel Russell was one of South Carolina's wealthiest pre- and post-Revolutionary merchants who exported staple crops of the state's economy such as Carolina Gold rice, indigo, tobacco, and cotton. The Russell family moved into this house in 1808, which provides an excellent example of life in Antebellum South Carolina.



King Charles to King Cotton complements the following third grade standards...

Grade 3

The Powder Magazine

- 3-2.1 The dynamics between the English, Cherokee, and Yamassee
- 3-2.2 International trade and conflict
- 3-2.4 The establishment of Proprietary rule, immigration, and trade; transition to Royal colony
- 3-2.5 Slave trade growth and concern with insurrection
- 3-3.1 The French and Indian War and the road to Revolution
- 3-3.2 The differences between army, militia, Patriots, and Loyalists
- 3-3.3 The Revolution and the occupation of Charlestown

The Nathaniel Russell House

- 3-4 Daily life in the Antebellum period
- 3-4.1 Economic conditions for every class of people in South Carolina
- 3-4.2 The invention of the cotton gin and dependence on slavery

Grade 8

The Powder Magazine

- 8-1.1 The Dynamics between the English, Cherokee, and Yemassee
- 8-1.2 International trade and conflict
- 8-1.6 The establishment of Proprietary rule, immigration, and trade; transition to Royal colony
- 8-1.4 Slave trade growth and concern with insurrection
- 8-2.1, 8-2.2 The French and Indian War and the road to Revolution
- 8-2.4 The differences between army, militia, Patriots, and Loyalists
- 8-2.5 The Revolution and the occupation of Charlestown

The Nathaniel Russell House

- 8-4.1 The importance of agriculture in Antebellum South Carolina
- 8-4.1 Social classes in the Antebellum era and daily life

Scheduling, Rates, and Logistics

Scheduling

School or group representatives are encouraged to contact The Powder Magazine (843-722-9350 or Chelsy@powdermag.org) to confirm dates. *King Charles to King Cotton* can be scheduled for any day with advance notice.

Rates

King Charles to King Cotton can host up to 80 students per program day. Your institution will be invoiced at \$8.00 per student. Teachers are complimentary, and 1 parent will be admitted free for every 10 students. Due to fire codes, we can only guarantee 1 parent per 10 students. A final count of participants (students, teachers, & parents) will be due 10 days prior to the program. If space is available, additional parents will have the option to pay the program fee (\$8.00) to participate.

We kindly request participating adults be informed *King Charles to King Cotton* is an educational experience that requires teacher/parent support to keep students focused. We ask that adults please refrain from personal conversations during program instruction.

Logistics

Suggested Schedule

9:00AM – Arrive at Washington Square Park (78 Broad Street, Charleston, SC 29401)

- Divide into smaller groups (30 students, 3 parents, 1-2 teachers recommended)

9:30AM - Visit the two museum properties as connected by the scavenger hunt

11:15AM – All students return to Washington Square Park – Final Questions / Review

11:30AM – Option to have lunch at Washington Square Park. Restrooms located at City Hall

12:05PM – Buses pull in loading zones for departure

Please refer to the map on page 7 for loading zones and parking options.

Arrival

King Charles to King Cotton begins and ends at Washington Square Park (78 Broad Street) and explores two museums. The program lasts approximately 2 hours. Museum staff will meet your classes at Washington Square Park to start the program. Interactive maps will direct classes to each location. Museum staff will attempt to accommodate unforeseen delays; however, late groups may require an abbreviated program to adjust to scheduling and logistical requirements.

Rain and cold weather will not cancel King Charles to King Cotton

Please watch the forecast and consider carrying coats/ponchos as needed

Snack & Lunch Options

Teachers may consider having their students bring a small snack (e.g. granola bar), which can be eaten while walking between museums. Please make appropriate arrangements with teachers, bus drivers, and parents for lunches to be transferred to Washington Square Park by your desired lunch time. Lunches cannot be stored at museum properties.

What Students Need

All instructional materials will be provided. Please ask students to wear comfortable shoes and keep their hands free for activities. Money should remain in their pockets until the end of *King Charles to King Cotton*. The program will conclude at Washington Square Park, which is located near the **Historic Charleston Foundation Gift Shop,** where students may purchase items with teacher and/or parent consent.

Bus and Parking

Buses should approach Washington Square Park by driving west on Broad Street and turning right onto Meeting Street. A loading zone is about one-half block up on the right shoulder as you turn onto Meeting Street. After unloading students, buses should proceed to Concord Street for parking (see map - page 7). If there is a cruise ship at the Concord St. terminal, local police may redirect bus drivers to the Aquarium parking location. Regardless, arrival/departure at Washington Square Park will not change.

Teachers are encouraged to share the map on page 7 with their team, bus drivers, and parents.

Have questions? Call (843) 722-9350 or visit www.powdermag.org

Area Map



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