

## Frontier Lesson Plan

**Teacher:** Lynn Wessels

**Topic:** Independence Hall **Cold Case File #1732-53**

**Subject & Grade:** Social Studies 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

### Idaho State Social Studies Standards

Standard 4: Civics and Government

Goal 4.2: Build and understanding of the organization and formation of the American system of government

- ✓ 2.SS.4.2.1.- Explain important customs, symbols, and celebrations that represent the development of American beliefs and principles

**Essential Question:** Why is Independence Hall important to the development of the United States?

### Lesson Objectives:

- ✓ The students will be able to explain why Independence Hall is considered the birthplace of the United States
- ✓ The students will be able to identify why the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution have changed the history of the United States

**Instructional Model:** The students will be divided into small groups. Each group will be given a cold case file to solve using the computer web-sites and books. They will be asked to share their information using their choice of a project; slide show, reenactment, poster.

**Assessment:** Will depend on what each child decides to do. Each student, along with the teacher, will create a check-list of what is needed for their project. A general rubric can be used to evaluate the project.