

2025-2026  
EDUCATOR'S GUIDE





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# WELCOME

**W**e are delighted to present the 2025-2026 Educator's Guide. In it, you will find programs and resources offered through IKEducation, a collaborative initiative between The Eisenhower Foundation and the Eisenhower Presidential Library, Museum, and Boyhood Home in Abilene, Kansas. Our professional IKEducators are excited to work with you and your students. Find the experience that best meets your learning needs and follow the easy steps to reserve your spot now!



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## IKE ONSITE



We are so excited that you want to bring your students to the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library, Museum, and Boyhood Home. As you browse the programs on pages 12-21, the map pin symbol will designate those available for onsite field trips. We offer "IKEtivities" for enhanced learning about different campus features as well as IKEducation programs that take place within our classroom spaces.

Turn to page nine to follow the reservation steps.



## IKE ONLINE



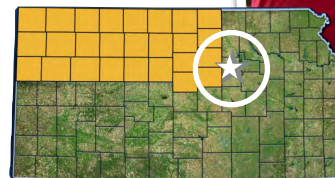
Can't get to Abilene? IKEducation offers live, interactive, virtual programs for your classroom. In many cases, materials will be sent ahead of time for the teachers and students to use during the live program. As you browse the programs in this guide, the internet symbol will designate those available to be scheduled online. Turn to pages 22-24 to learn more about options. To book, go to [IKEducation.com](http://IKEducation.com).



## IKE OUTREACH



If you are within a one-hour radius of Abilene or in the Dane G. Hansen Foundation's region of northwest Kansas, IKEducators can bring our programs right into your classroom! As you browse the programs pages 12-21, the truck symbol will designate those available for IKE Outreach. To book, go to [IKEducation.com](http://IKEducation.com).



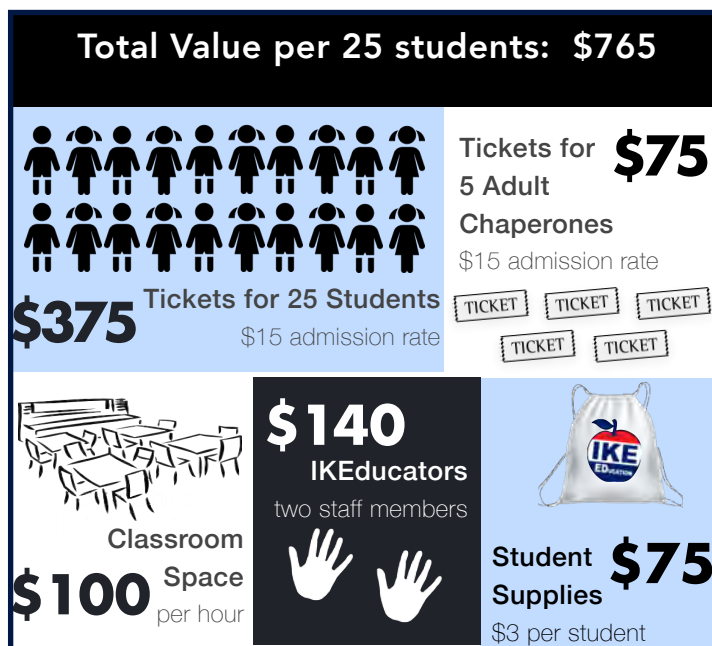
# THANKS TO OUR DONORS, the cost to schools, teachers, and students is: \$0, ZILCH, ZIP!

## Our Admission Costs:

- Students: \$0
- One Teacher or chaperone for every 5 students: \$0
- Extra adults: \$15-\$20

## Funding Opportunity for IKE Onsite

Although admission and program costs to you are zero, we realize that you might incur other expenses related to your field trip, such as transportation and substitute teachers. Ike's Field Trip Fund provides an option to help cover those expenses.



## Ike's Field Trip Fund

If your group is coming onsite, Ike's Field Trip Fund is designed to provide financial support to accredited K-12 schools who visit the Eisenhower Presidential Library, Museum, and Boyhood Home.

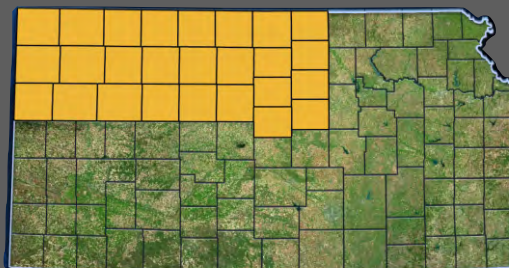
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## Dane G. Hansen Field Trip Program

If your accredited school is in the Northwest quadrant of Kansas, the Dane G. Hansen Field Trip Program provides grants for IKEducation to deliver programs through IKE Outreach.

**To apply for funding, visit  
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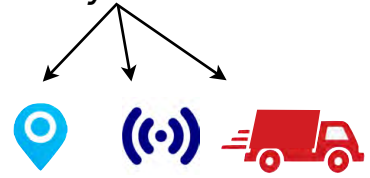


FUNDING



Program descriptions can be found on pages 12-20. As you peruse them, notice the **symbols** that designate the platform on which each program can be provided.

The online programs listed in this chart can be scheduled specifically for your class. See pages 22-24 for the online events that multiple classes or individual students can join.



| Collection       | Pg | Programs                   | Recommended Grade Levels |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    | Onsite | Online | Outreach |   |
|------------------|----|----------------------------|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|--------|--------|----------|---|
|                  |    |                            | K                        | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12     |        |          |   |
| Meet Ike         | 12 | ■ I is for Ike             |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |        | X      | X        | X |
|                  | 12 | ■ The Many Hats of DDE     |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |        | X      | X        | X |
|                  | 12 | ★Heidi @ the WH            |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |        | X      | X        | X |
| Civics Education | 12 | ★Constitution Day          |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |        | X      |          |   |
|                  | 13 | ★3 Branches of Govt.       |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |        | X      | X        | X |
|                  | 13 | ★Bill Becomes a Law        |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |        | X      | X        | X |
|                  | 13 | ★Dear Mr. President        |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |        | X      | X        | X |
|                  | 13 | ★Becoming President        |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |        | X      | X        | X |
|                  | 13 | ★Roles of the President    |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |        | X      | X        |   |
|                  | 13 | ★Path to Naturalization    |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |        | X      | X        | X |
| Attic Artifacts  | 14 | ◆Barefoot Boy              |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |        | X      | X        |   |
|                  | 14 | ★I Like Ike, Election Icon |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |        | X      | X        | X |
|                  | 14 | ○ WWII Kids                |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |        | X      | X        |   |
|                  | 14 | ○ Band of Brothers         |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |        | X      |          | X |
| STEM             | 15 | ■ Flat Ike                 |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |        | X      |          |   |
|                  | 15 | ■ Wheels of Change         |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |        | X      |          |   |
|                  | 15 | ■ Parachute into History   |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |        | X      |          |   |
|                  | 15 | ○ V-Mail                   |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |        | X      |          |   |
|                  | 15 | ★Bridges & Byways          |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |        | X      |          |   |
|                  | 15 | ★Space Race                |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |        | X      |          |   |
| World War II     | 16 | ○ Dogs for Defense         |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |        | X      | X        |   |
|                  | 16 | ○ Rosie the Riveter        |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |        | X      | X        |   |
|                  | 16 | ○ Victory Gardens          |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |        |        | X        |   |
|                  | 16 | ○ Code Talkers             |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |        | X      | X        | X |
|                  | 17 | ○ Use it Up, Wear it Out   |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |        | X      |          |   |
|                  | 17 | ○ D-Day Experience         |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |        |        | X        |   |

# PROGRAMS at a GLANCE



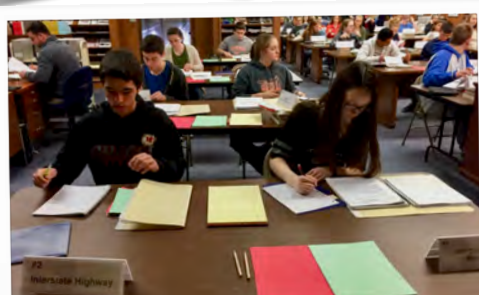
| Collection    | Pg | Programs                     | Recommended Grade Levels |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    | Onsite | Online | Outreach |   |
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| WWII<br>cont. | 17 | ○ D-Day Deception            |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |        | X      | X        | X |
|               | 17 | ○ Primarily Omaha Beach      |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |        | X      |          |   |
| Presidency    | 18 | ★ The Eisenhower Interstate  |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |        |        | X        |   |
|               | 18 | ★ Duck & Cover               |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |        | X      |          |   |
|               | 18 | ★ NASA: The New Frontier     |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |        |        | X        |   |
|               | 18 | ★ Waging Peace               |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |        | X      |          |   |
|               | 19 | ★ Ike & the TV Era           |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |        |        | X        |   |
|               | 19 | ★ U-2 Spy Plane Crisis       |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |        | X      |          | X |
|               | 19 | ★ Spies Among Us?            |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |        | X      |          | X |
|               | 19 | ★ Confronting Communism      |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |        | X      |          | X |
| Ike's Hobbies | 20 | ■ Putting with the President |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |        | X      |          |   |
|               | 20 | ■ Cast Away                  |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |        | X      |          |   |
|               | 20 | ■ Paint Like Ike             |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |        | X      |          |   |
| Holocaust     | 21 | ○ Name to Number             |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |        | X      |          | X |
|               | 21 | ○ Documenting History        |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |        | X      | X        | X |
|               | 21 | ○ Rose Blanche               |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |        |        | X        |   |
|               | 21 | ○ Terezin-Butterfly Project  |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |        | X      | X        |   |

Program touches on this time period of Ike's life:

■ Multiple    ◆ Boyhood    ○ World War II    ★ Presidency



"The best thing about this program was that students had to use critical thinking to make a decision using primary sources"  
-Educator from Stockton High School



"Very engaging! The IKEducator had great energy, worked well with the kids, and kept reinforcing tough ideas. Love the mixture of hands-on material, student work, and visuals."  
-Educator from McKinley El.





# CAMPUS FEATURES

This 22-acre campus includes five buildings, all of which are owned and operated by the federal government as part of the National Archives and Records Administration.

## Museum

The museum is divided into nine galleries that cover Ike and Mamie's life, as well as a rotating exhibit gallery.

## Place of Meditation

Quietly reflect at the final resting place of Dwight and Mamie, along with their first son, Doud Dwight Eisenhower.

## Ike Statue and Pylons

The bronze statue of General Eisenhower in the center of campus, and the Pylons on the east end of campus are great spots for class photos.

## Library

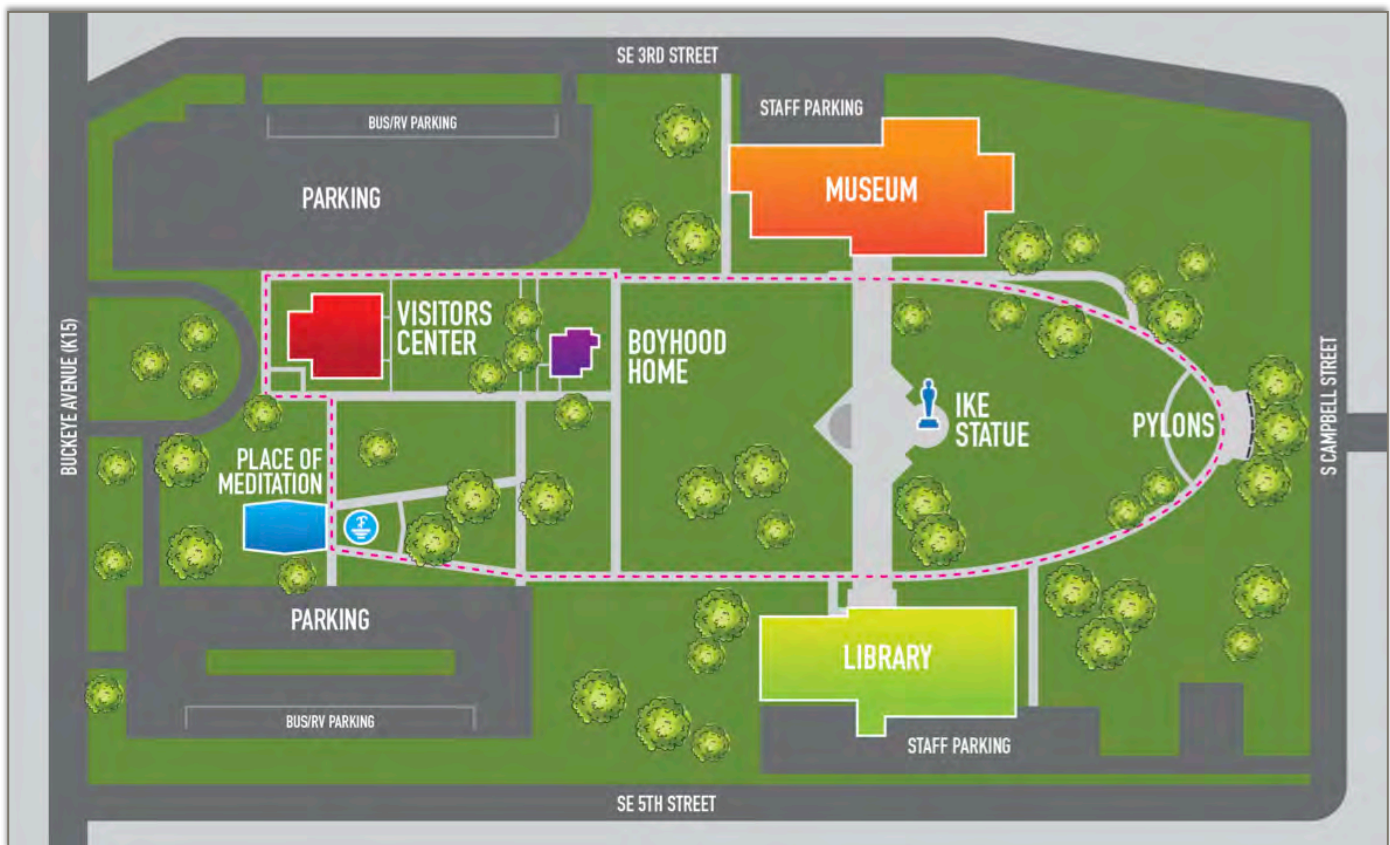
As part of the National Archives and Records Administration, the core function of the Library is to provide access to researchers in the archives. The building is open to the public and often has small exhibits.

## Visitors Center

Watch a film that provides an overview of Ike's amazing life and visit the gift shop.

## Boyhood Home

Tour Ike's boyhood home, exactly as it was left when it was donated to the Eisenhower Foundation in 1946.





# Follow these steps to book an onsite field trip.

1

## Reserving Your Field Trip

To begin the process of booking an IKEducation Field Trip, simply fill out a Field Trip Request Form ("Book Now") at IKEducation.com.

Please note, dates are limited and available on a first-come basis. Reservations must be made **at least three weeks in advance**. There is a **10 student minimum** requirement.

The time you have available to spend onsite with us is the first factor you must determine. Then, choose the programs and IKEtivities you would like to do.

| Type of onsite visit                               | Welcome<br>15 min | Museum<br>60 min | IKEtivity<br>30 min | Program<br>60 min       | LUNCH<br>+30 min |
|--|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Basic</b><br><i>requires 2 hours minimum</i>    | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓ Pick one<br>p. 11 |                         | +30 min          |
| <b>Enhanced</b><br><i>requires 3 hours minimum</i> | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓ Pick one<br>p. 11 | ✓ Pick one<br>pp. 12-21 | +30 min          |

2

## Custom Field Trip Schedule

Using the information submitted on your Field Trip Request Form, an IKEducator will work with you to create a custom field trip schedule to fit your available time, student numbers, and activity requests.



3

## Complete the Lead Teacher Contract

A contract is required to be completed and returned by the lead teacher who will be with the group on their field trip.

4

## Adult Supervision

When arranging for adult chaperones who will actively supervise students, we **require** the school to provide **one supervisory adult for every ten students**.

However, one adult chaperone for every five students will be granted free admission in exchange for their active supervision of students. *Extra adults are not allowed to be part of the field trip.*

5

## Chaperone Agreement and Roll Call Sheets

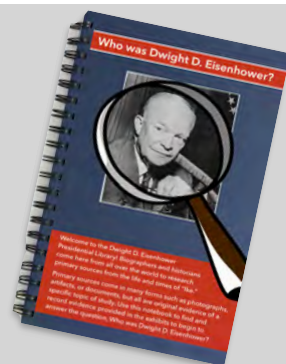
To ensure a positive and safe experience, each chaperone must complete and sign an agreement form and be supplied with Roll Call Sheets. These are due before the field trip can begin.



# MUSEUM

Each onsite field trip includes a one-hour guided tour of the Eisenhower Presidential Museum. You may choose from three tour formats, ranging from a fully guided experience to a more independent, student-led exploration with guidebooks. Please select the format that best fits your group's needs:

- 1) Tell Us Everything** - IKEducators will provide lots of information as they lead students through the museum.
- 2) Essential Questions** - IKEducators will provide a short introduction and essential question for each gallery as they lead students through the museum.
- 3) Guide Books** - IKEducation will provide educational activity booklets for students to utilize independently as they explore the museum. IKEducators will be on hand to answer questions and ensure that your group moves through each gallery in the allotted time frame. These activity booklets can also serve as post-visit learning tools in your classroom.



# PROGRAMS

An Enhanced field trip provides your students with one IKEducation program. These exciting, educational programs utilize *primary sources*, such as documents and artifacts, to relate the 20th-century *life and times of Dwight D. Eisenhower* to today's 21st-century students.

IKEducation programs are not limited to history classes. Many offer cross-curricular combinations of social studies with language arts, STEM, music, and art.

Peruse pages 12-21 to learn a little about each option.



SOCIAL STUDIES



STEM



LANG. ARTS



ARTS

**"IT'S A ONCE IN A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE FOR MOST OF THE STUDENTS!"**  
-EDUCATOR FROM SALINA SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

# IKEtivities

Each type of onsite field trip provides one thirty-minute IKEtivity that encourages students and teachers to explore the many features of the Eisenhower Presidential Library campus. Select one from the options below.

**A**

## Boyhood Home and Burial Site

Grades K-12

30 minutes



Tours inside the home have a limited availability and are by reservation only. If reservations cannot be obtained, an IKEducator will provide primary source photographs and maps along with additional information outside the home. This encourages students to imagine life for "Little Ike" and his family in the early years of the 20th-century.



Called the "Place of Meditation," students will visit the final resting place of Ike, Mamie, and their first son. An IKEducator will provide more information about the funeral ceremonies for President Eisenhower that brought the world to Abilene's doorstep.



**B**

## Video: "Ike, An American Hero"

Grades 5-12

30 minutes

This video provides an overview of Dwight D. Eisenhower's life. It is shown in the Visitors Center, which is located on the site of the former Lincoln Elementary School where "Little Ike" attended grade school. We are excited that a new video will be revealed in 2026!

**C**

## Civics IQ

Grades 3-12

30 minutes

Students will learn about — and try their hands at — the test that applicants for U.S. citizenship must pass as part of the naturalization process.



**D**

## Where Are the Books?

Grades 3-12

30 minutes

As part of the National Archives, the Eisenhower Presidential Library preserves and protects American history. This IKEtivity will introduce students to what is behind the marble walls.



IKE ONSITE

# MEET IKE

*These programs introduce our youngest historians to artifacts and the life of Dwight D. Eisenhower and can be done on any of our three platforms*



## I is for Ike

Grades K-3      50 minutes

Our lively IKEducators use the alphabet and a correlating card game to encourage students to get to know Ike.



## The Many Hats of Dwight D. Eisenhower

Grades K-3      50 minutes

Students are introduced to artifacts and Dwight D. Eisenhower through many of the hats he wore throughout his life. Includes hands-on exploration and a coloring book.

## Heidi @ the White House

Grades K-3      50 minutes

Ever wonder what it would be like to live at the White House? Heidi will show you around the famous house where President Eisenhower worked and lived. Who was Heidi? Heidi was the First Dog of the U.S. and a beloved member of the Eisenhower family. Using primary sources and activities, students will explore President Eisenhower's White House.



# CONSTITUTION DAY

On September 17, 1787, the Founding Fathers signed the U.S. Constitution. For over 200 years, the Constitution, along with the Bill of Rights, has defined our government and guaranteed our rights. Each educational institution that receives federal funds is required to provide an educational program about the U.S. Constitution for its students.

Choose from the Civics Education programs offered on the following page to learn about this founding document and its applications within the Executive Branch at the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum. The programs are offered throughout the year and can be done separately on any of our three platforms. OR, if you are visiting **onsite**, pick any four of them for a three-hour Constitution Day experience.



# CIVICS EDUCATION

The programs on this page are offered throughout the year and most can be done separately on any of our three platforms. OR, if you are a **4-8th grade** class visiting **onsite**, pick any four of them for a three-hour Constitution Day.



## Three Branches of Government

Grades 4-8 40 minutes OR Grades 9-12 50 minutes

Learn about the three branches of government — Executive, Legislative, and Judicial — and its system of checks and balances.

## Bill Becomes a Law

Grades 4-8 40 minutes OR Grades 9-12 50 minutes

Follow the steps a bill must go through in the legislature, from creation to committee to floor debate, all before arriving at the President's desk.

## Dear Mr. President

Grades 4-8 40 minutes OR Grades 9-12 50 minutes

Analyze primary source letters written to President Eisenhower by kids, noting their purpose and topics of the 1950s — from Elvis' haircut to civil rights.

## Becoming President

Grades 4-8 40 minutes

What does it take to become the President? This program will look at the Constitution to find the requirements to run for office and when you are eligible to take a seat in the Oval Office.

## Roles of a President



*Cannot be done via IKE Outreach*

Grades 4-8 40 minutes OR Grades 9-12 50 minutes

The President is the leader of the Executive Branch of our government. Like your parents, this position has many roles and responsibilities to take care of our country. Students will become familiar with the Commander in Chief's roles and how President Eisenhower demonstrated them.

## Path to Naturalization

Grades 4-8 40 minutes OR Grades 9-12 50 minutes

Approximately a million people become naturalized citizens of the United States each year. What is the process to become a naturalized American? This informative program describes the requirements and steps for that process.

# PROGRAMS



# ATTIC ARTIFACTS

Americans kept souvenirs of their childhood, lost loved ones, or their time in the war. Many of these artifacts were stored in boxes or trunks and then tucked away in attics, basements, and garages for decades. This series explores sets of artifact-filled boxes to make historical connections to the past.

## Barefoot Boy



Enhance your  
Kansas History lessons!

Grades 3-5

50 minutes

In this hands-on program, students explore artifacts from Ike's home, work, play, or school days in Abilene in order to get a glimpse of what life was like for "Little Ike," as he was then called.



## I Like Ike: An Election Icon

Grades 3-7

50 minutes



Dwight Eisenhower's 1952 presidential campaign had the most iconic slogan in history - "I Like Ike!" What makes an effective campaign slogan? In this program students will study Dwight Eisenhower's winning campaign and have the opportunity to get their hands on primary source artifacts. Campaign slogans, imagery, and paraphernalia of other U.S. Presidents will also be analyzed. As a culminating activity, students will create a slogan to design and make their own campaign button.

## World War II Kids

Grades 6-8

50 minutes



Great practice for answering  
essential questions!

Enhance your  
Kansas History lessons!

Following World War II, many Americans kept souvenirs of lost loved ones or their time in the war. In this program, students handle and evaluate a variety of images, documents, and artifacts that they will use to answer essential questions about American kids' lives during World War II.



## Band of Brothers

Grades 9-12

50 minutes



Many soldiers brought home souvenirs and kept items from their time in World War II. In this program, students critically evaluate images, documents, and a variety of artifacts from the legendary 101 Airborne Easy Co.'s journey from the D-Day invasion to the liberation of Europe.

Science • Technology •

# STEM

• Engineering • Mathematics



## Flat Ike

Grades 3-5



50 minutes

IKEducation continues the movement started by *Flat Stanley* by creating a flattened version of the statue of Ike that overlooks the artifacts of his life. Students will learn about map reading, and the outdoor features of our campus.

## Wheels of Change

Grades 2-5

50 minutes



America's transportation innovation changed the way we travel and live. Paired with a children's book, this program introduces the Eisenhower Interstate System and challenges students to try their hand at transportation innovation.



## Parachute into History

Grades 4-8

80 minutes



Explore key moments in American history where parachutes played a crucial role, from military operations to space exploration. Students will dive into the science behind parachutes before constructing and testing their own parachutes to analyze how different materials affect performance.

## V-Mail

Grades 4-8

50 minutes



In the days before texts or email, written letters served as a vital link between loved ones. During World War II, U.S. post offices were flooded with mail and its bulk was competing with the space needed for military supplies. Students will learn how American ingenuity solved this problem through the invention of V-Mail.



## Bridges and Byways

Grades 4-8

80 minutes



Enhance your Kansas History lessons!

Through his experiences in the military, Ike saw the advantages of having an extensive highway system. Therefore, as President, he passed The Federal Highway Act, the largest infrastructure project in U.S. history. Students will analyze primary sources to and explore different types of bridges built along the interstate. Using their engineering skills, students will design and test their own bridge.

## Space Race

Grades 6-12

80 minutes



In 1957, the Soviet Union's Sputnik 1 satellite launched the space race and ushered in new scientific developments, like the establishment of NASA by President Eisenhower. Students examine primary sources, race to generate a timeline of key events, and test engineering skills as they create a straw rocket.



# PROGRAMS





# WORLD WAR II

## Dogs for Defense

Grades 3-5 50 minutes



Great practice for answering essential questions!



At a time when every American was asked to make sacrifices for the war effort, World War II marked the establishment of a war dogs program to which American families donated their dogs to serve in the U.S. military. Students hear the story of Chips, a real Hero Hound who left the family sofa, entered the battlefield, and returned home a hero.

## Rosie the Riveter

Grades 4-8 50 minutes



Enhance your Kansas History lessons!

When America's men left to fight with the Allies in World War II, women were recruited to work at non-traditional jobs in defense plants and factories. These "Rosie the Riveters" proved their abilities and have not looked back since. Students will sing, recreate their own Rosie photo, and analyze primary source photos and posters.



## Victory Gardens

Grades 4-8 50 minutes



During World War II, 20 million Victory Gardens were planted in the United States to help feed our troops and relieve food shortages here at home. Urban, suburban, and rural communities all came together in this shared effort. In this program, students will learn about the history and purpose of Victory Gardens, analyze primary source artifacts from that era, connect Victory Gardens to modern environmental practices, and plan their own victory garden to help grow a greener future!

## Code Talkers

Grades 4-8 50 minutes



Numerous tactics were used by the U.S. military to disguise messages and secret information from our World War II enemies. This program introduces the *Code Talkers*, Native American men who served in the U.S. military and used their native languages to create codes that were never broken, even after the end of the war. Students will learn to decipher messages using the basics of this secret code.





## Use it Up, Wear it Out, Make it Do, or Do Without

Grades 6-9 50 minutes

Every aspect of life on the American home front was focused towards winning World War II and everyone was asked to do their part to support the troops. Students examine primary sources and play a board game that immerses them in the rationing and recycling programs.

Enhance your Kansas History lessons!



## D-Day Experience

Grades 6-12 50 minutes



Operation Overlord, or D-Day, was considered a major turning point in WW II for the Allied forces. This program explores the planning and execution of D-Day under the leadership of Supreme Allied Commander General Dwight D. Eisenhower. What was it like to be a part of one of the most crucial battles in history? In this program, students will learn about how the invasion was planned and hear first-hand accounts from veterans who were there.

## D-Day Deception

Grades 9-12 50 minutes

The Allies laid the foundation for success on D-Day months in advance, not only through training but also through large scale deception. Students will examine a variety of primary sources — physical, audio, and visual — as they learn about the Allies bold, unlikely, and ultimately successful deception of Nazi forces.



## Primarily Omaha Beach

Grades 9-12 50 minutes



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It is said that the defeat of Nazi Germany was sealed on Omaha Beach. One hundred and sixty-thousand troops landed within 24 hours on a 50-mile front. Students are introduced to the overall objective of D-Day and how its story is preserved through primary sources. They then apply that knowledge through examination of first-hand experiences of soldiers from The Big Red One of Ft. Riley, KS, as well as documents and artifacts from Omaha Beach.



# PRESIDENCY

*These programs encourage students take on the role of the President of the United States and make complex decisions based on real situations faced by Dwight D. Eisenhower.*

## The Eisenhower Interstate

Grades 4-8

50 minutes



Through his military experience, President Eisenhower recognized the strategic and economic advantages of a strong national highway system. As a result, he championed and signed the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956 — the largest infrastructure project in U.S. history. In this program, students will analyze primary sources to explore the history and lasting impact of one of Eisenhower's most transformative initiatives.



## Duck and Cover

Grades 4-9

50 minutes



*Great practice for answering essential questions!*

The Soviet Union successfully detonated an atomic weapon in 1949, ushering in an era of Cold War nuclear brinkmanship that cast a shadow on America's sense of security. How can the President of the United States help promote a sense of calm and preparedness when faced with possible catastrophe?

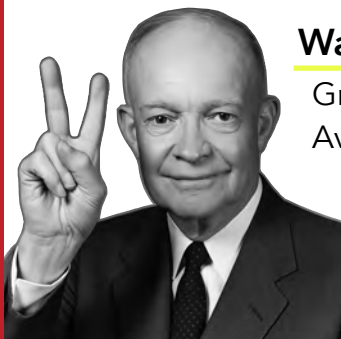
## NASA: The New Frontier

Grades 4-12

50 minutes



President Dwight D. Eisenhower played a pivotal role in founding NASA as a civilian agency devoted to space exploration. Under his leadership, space became a new frontier not of military dominance, but of scientific discovery and peaceful progress. Students will travel along the timeline of NASA's creation, learning about the history of the space program and its impact on our lives today. Inquiry and critical thinking will be used to analyze primary sources, such as photographs, documents, and artifacts from the time of NASA's creation.



## Waging Peace

Grades 6-12

50 minutes

Available January 2026



*Great practice for answering essential questions!*

Exhibit exploration with an escape room twist! In this program, students will solve puzzles, follow clues, and engage with primary sources to answer the question, "What did President Eisenhower do to 'wage peace' during the Cold War?"

## Ike & the TV Era

Grades 6-12

50 minutes



After World War II, Americans enjoyed increasing prosperity. This included the rise of a new technology, television. Dwight Eisenhower led the way by embracing television as a means of communicating his ideas to the voters and became known as the "TV President." Students will look at different methods of persuasion by analyzing and comparing campaign ads from the 1950's to more recent times. A follow up activity will give students the opportunity to develop their own campaign ad.



## High Altitudes & High Stakes: The U-2 Spy Plane Crisis

Grades 10-12 80 minutes



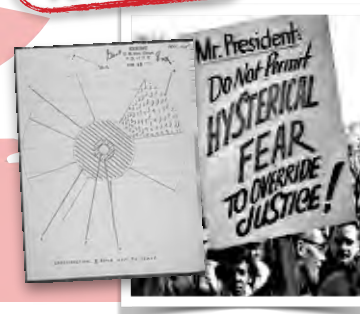
What should President Eisenhower do when an American spy is captured in the Soviet Union just weeks before a potential peace summit with Premier Nikita Khrushchev? Should the CIA and White House cover for their spy or come clean about their espionage efforts? Can the peace summit move forward as planned? Students will use primary sources to act as presidential advisors, giving Eisenhower advice at key points in the timeline of the U2 spy plane incident and examining the consequences of Eisenhower's choices.

## Spies Among Us?

Grades 10-12 80 minutes



Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, members of the Communist Party, were convicted of passing secrets to the Soviet Union in 1945 and sentenced to death. Controversy surrounded the case, as many claimed the decision was the result of Cold War hysteria, not facts. In this program, students examine primary documents from persons both inside and outside of the intelligence community, as well as stepping into President Eisenhower's position to decide whether to grant executive clemency to the Rosenbergs.



## Confronting Communism

Grades 10-12 80 minutes



Shortly after taking office, President Eisenhower needed to decide how the U.S. should confront Soviet Communist expansionism. In this program, students recreate Eisenhower's Project Solarium to analyze primary sources, discuss and debate the merits of three options, and advise the president of their recommendations.



# IKE'S HOBBIES

*Studies have shown that hobbies can make individuals happier and more relaxed. Ike enjoyed several hobbies that helped him balance the enormous stresses of being a world leader.*

## Putting With the President

Grades 5-12 80 minutes



STEM

President Eisenhower, an avid golfer, once joked, "There ought to be a law against asking a person what he shot." Golf Digest responded with lapel buttons that read "DON'T ASK WHAT I SHOT!" and named him Member No. 1 of the "Secret Shooters' Society." Ike loved golf so much he had a putting green installed at the White House in 1954 — and even left spike marks on the Oval Office floor! In this activity, students will practice their putting skills and use geometry to design their own mini-golf holes.



"I still believe that heaven will be constituted primarily of quiet streams and good fishing, with golf courses handy and easy to play."  
-Ike

## Cast Away

Grades 3-8

50 minutes



P.E.



Throughout his life, Ike loved to fish. As a boy in Abilene, KS, he could walk to nearby fishing holes with a willow shoot, a length of string, a 5-cent hook from the general store, and worms that he collected from the family garden to fish for a meal or two. As an adult and world hero, Ike was able to use more sophisticated gear and became a fixture on the covers of fishing magazines. Students will make their own DIY casting gear and try their hand at basic casting skills.

## Paint Like Ike

Grades K-12 80minutes



ART

Join us for a hands-on lesson that combines Eisenhower, history, and art. Shortly before D-Day, Ike outlined instructions to minimize the damage to art and save it from Hitler, commonly known as the

Monuments Men.

Not long after World War II, Ike took up the hobby of painting and enjoyed it throughout the rest of his life. Students will view several of Ike's works and have a chance to "paint like Ike" by completing one of his landscapes.





# HOLOCAUST

The following programs inform students about the Holocaust through primary source documents and the stories of those who witnessed, endured, and rose above the prejudices targeted at them.

## Name to a Number

Grades 7-12 50 minutes



In this program, students first learn about the dehumanization that occurred in the Holocaust. Then, through the voices of survivors, students realize that behind every number was a person with a name not to be forgotten.



"The best thing about this program was giving students a number to help them understand the concept used in dehumanizing people in the Holocaust. Students learned and shared about their survivor, which helped them understand this tragedy."

-Educator from Thunder Ridge Middle School

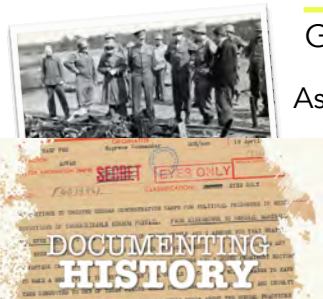
## Documenting History

Grades 7-12 50 minutes



Great practice for answering essential questions!

As Supreme Allied Commander, General Eisenhower witnessed the horrors of a Nazi concentration camp firsthand. Deeply affected, he insisted on documenting the Holocaust so its reality could never be denied. In this program, students will examine primary sources from Eisenhower and others to answer the essential question: "How do we know the Holocaust really happened?"



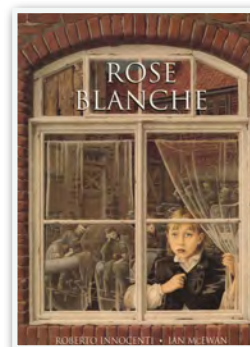
## Rose Blanche

Grades 7-12 50 minutes



LANGUAGE ARTS

Roberto Innocenti, artist and illustrator, used his childhood memories of World War II to create the award-winning book "Rose Blanche." The story follows a young German girl who discovers a nearby concentration camp, leading to a tragic outcome. Students will analyze the book's illustrations to explore symbolism, make inferences, and compare the story to real events from the war.



## Terezin-Butterfly Project

Grades 7-12 50 minutes



ART

While Nazi forces terrorized Europe, some brave individuals offered hope to those persecuted. Through the story of the Terezin concentration camp, students will see how art and compassion made a difference. They will then paint a ceramic butterfly as part of The Butterfly Project, honoring the 1.5 million children killed in the Holocaust.

PROGRAMS



Can't make it to us? Let us come to you virtually! IKE Online offers unique educational programs available to teachers and students in numerous ways.

To schedule a live program just for your class only, check out all the options on pages 6-7!

## SPECIAL LIVE EVENTS



The special events listed here can be joined by multiple classrooms or individual students.

### SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

#### Constitution Day

**Grades:** 4-8

See page 13 for program descriptions.

**Programs:**

9:00 AM CST *Dear Mr. President*

11:00 AM CST *Stars, Stripes, & Citizenship: A Path to Naturalization*

1:00 PM CST *How a Bill Becomes a Law*



### OCTOBER 14, 2025

#### Happy Birthday Ike!

**Grades:** 4-7 **Times:** 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM CST

**Program:** *At Home: A Comparison of the Bookends of Ike's America*

To celebrate Ike's birthday, IKEducation is partnering with the Eisenhower National Historic Site in Gettysburg, PA, to explore how American life changed between the start and end of Eisenhower's life, as seen through the two places Ike called home.



### NOVEMBER 11, 2025

#### Veterans Day

**Grades:** 5-8

**Times:** 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM CST

**Program:** *Voices of Valor: Exploring the Meaning of Veterans Day*

This program explores the origins and purpose of Veterans Day, emphasizing its role in honoring all U.S. military veterans. Through powerful interviews with World War II veterans, viewers hear firsthand accounts of courage and sacrifice, inspiring gratitude and civic reflection.



## JANUARY 27, 2026 International Holocaust Remembrance Day

Designated by the United Nations, this day commemorates the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, a major Nazi concentration and extermination camp. It's a global day for remembering all victims of the Holocaust.

**Grades:** 7-12 **Program descriptions found at** [IKEducation.com](http://IKEducation.com).

**Program:** *Rose Blanche* 9:00 AM & 2:00 PM CST

**Program:** *How Did the Holocaust Happen?* 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM CST



## FEBRUARY 17, 2026 President's Day

**Grades:** 4-8 **Times:** 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM CST

**Program:** *Roles of the President* Description on page 13.

**Grades:** 8-12 **Times:** 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM CST

**Program:** *Public Health in the Eisenhower Era*

Discover how the Eisenhower administration (1953–1961) responded to major health challenges of the 1950s, from the fight against polio to the promotion of fitness and medical research. Using historical documents and images, this program explores how Cold War priorities shaped lasting public health policy.



## APRIL 7, 2026 Yom HaShoah Holocaust Day of Remembrance

Yom HaShoah is the Jewish Holocaust Remembrance Day. It coincides with the liberation of the Ohrdruf concentration camp by U.S. Allied Forces.

**Grades:** 7-12 **Times:** 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM CST

**Program:** *Documenting History: The Liberation of Ohrdruf*

Program description on page 21.



## APRIL 22, 2026 Earth Day

**Grades:** 4-6 **Times:** 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM CST

**Program:** *Forecasting Victory*

What role did weather play in the success of D-Day? In this interactive program, students explore how Allied leaders used meteorology to time the invasion. They'll learn the basics of weather prediction and why a brief break in the storm made all the difference on June 6, 1944.



# RECURRING **LIVE** EVENTS

## Little Ike Storytime

2nd Wednesdays of the month

Grades K-1 9:00 AM CST

Grades 2-3 10 AM CST

Join us for loads of educational fun with a storytime and lesson. One program will target Kindergarten-1st graders and the other 2nd-3rd graders.

September 10, 2025

K-1st: *I is for Ike*

2nd-3rd: *DDE, the 34th President*

October 8, 2025

K-1st: *The Dot*

2nd-3rd: *The Marvelous Things  
That Came From a Spring*

November 12, 2025

K-1st: *Parachute*

2nd-3rd: *Magic Ramen*

December 10, 2025

K-1st: *The Night Before Christmas*

2nd-3rd: *Best Christmas Pageant Ever*

January 14, 2026

K-1st: *Ruby Bridges*

2nd-3rd: *Human Computer*

February 11, 2026

K-1st: *Pete the Cat & the Family Road Trip*

2nd-3rd: *The Relatives Came*

March 11, 2026

K-1st: *Mousetronaut*

2nd-3rd: *Samuel Morse, That's Who*

April 8, 2026

K-1st: *Heidi @ the White House*

2nd-3rd: *Sophia Valdez, Future Prez*



## Spotlight Programs

3rd or 4th Thursdays of the month

Grades differ

9:00AM CST & 11:00AM CST

Each month IKEducation will spotlight a different topic that highlights the life or times of our favorite American: Ike!

September 25, 2025 • Grades 4-6

*Meet Ike: Barefoot Boy in Abilene*

October 16, 2025 • Grades 7-12

*D-Day Deception: In Plain Sight*

November 20, 2025 • Grades 4-6

*WWII Home Front: Use it Up, Wear it Out*

December 18, 2025 • Grades 4-6

*Christmas at the White House*

January 22, 2026 • Grades 6-12

*The Road to the White House: Election Icon*

February 19, 2026 • Grades 4-6

*Presidential Decisions: Interstate Highway*

March 26, 2026 • Grades 5-12

*Presidential Hobbies: Paint by Numbers*

April 16, 2026 • Grades 6-8

*Fingerprint Forensics*



# HOME SCHOOLS

IKEducation welcomes all types of K-12 schools and students (ages 5-18). We do not provide Pre-K services at this time. **What type of learning experience is your home school looking for?**

**Family Style** - Bring one, bring all! This is an onsite visit for the whole family to enjoy. If this is the type of experience you prefer, **attend our Home School Days**. These onsite days will have a theme connecting the activities and programs. See our website for more information and to register.

Cost: Students 5-18 free; \$5 per adult

## HOME SCHOOL DAYS

**Grades: K-12 (Ages 5-18)**

**October 21, 2025: Civics & Citizenship**

**April 14, 2026: Transportation & Ike**



**Classroom Style** - This is a more focused learning experience for specific age/grade levels of students. As you peruse our IKE Onsite programs (pp.12-21), you will see that each program has a grade range that it targets as well as a ten student minimum. If you do not have ten students per grade range, but ten students total, we offer two programs which can be adapted to fit all K-12 grades: "I Like Ike" and "Paint Like Ike."



When arranging for adult chaperones who will actively supervise students, we require one adult for every ten students. However, one adult chaperone for every five students will be granted free admission in exchange for their active supervision of students. *Extra adults are no longer allowed to be part of the field trip.*

1 adult : 10 students  
is the required  
minimum.  
1 adult : 5 students  
is the maximum  
allowed.

To ensure a positive and safe experience, a lead teacher agreement must be signed ahead of time. Each chaperone must complete and sign an agreement form and be supplied with Roll Call Sheets. These are due before the field trip can begin.

To begin the process of booking an IKEducation Onsite Field Trip, simply fill out a Field Trip Request Form ("Book Now") at IKEducation.com. Please note, dates are limited and available on a first-come basis. Reservations must be made at least three weeks in advance.



**Online** - Stay in your pjs as your students participate in one of our many IKE Online programs. See pages 22-24 and our website for more information and to register.

# HOME SCHOOLS



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Fact: Our IKEducators have over 300 years  
of combined k-12 classroom teaching experience.

WE GET IT.



TEACHERS

## Friends Program

At IKEducation, teachers are our partners in education and we want to thank them. If you are an educator with a K-12 accredited school in Kansas or its bordering states, visit [IKEducation.com](http://IKEducation.com) or scan this QR code to register for a complimentary *Friends of The Eisenhower Foundation* membership. This membership provides free admission to the Eisenhower Presidential Library & Museum for one year. Show your card in our gift shop to save 20%.



## Social Media

Like! Love! Share! Keep us up-to-date on how your students are learning about the life and times of Dwight D. Eisenhower, and we'll keep providing you with all things Ike.



**“My faith in [America’s young people] is my  
unbounded faith in America itself.”**

**-Dwight D. Eisenhower, 1953**

IKEducation.com offers many new and exciting educational items for teachers and students.

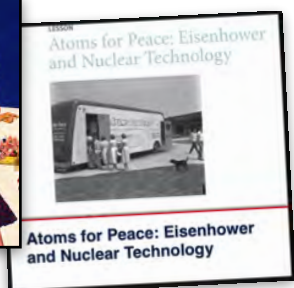


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**Primary Source Library** This ever-growing resource showcases archival documents, historic photos, and 3-D imaging of artifacts.

**Interactive Timeline** This is a wonderful interactive tool to examine Ike's life and times.

**Pivotal Moments** This section provides an in-depth look at seven pivotal moments of Ike's life. Explore topics such as D-Day, the Little Rock Crisis, or Ike's dedication to Waging Peace through videos, detailed information, and photos.



**Lesson Plans** IKEducation provides loads of FREE lesson plans created by experienced educators.

**Videos** Utilize full-length programs or short topical videos to enhance your lessons.

Dedicated to honoring the stories and **personal accounts of veterans of World War II**, *Ike's Soldiers* provides teachers and students access to a database of interviews from American heroes who fought during World War II and served under the leadership of General Eisenhower.



**Document Research** Do you want to create a primary source-based lesson? Are your students ready for more in-depth research? The Eisenhower Presidential Library's archivists have created **Student Research Files** on nearly 50 topics related to Ike's life and times. Each file contains copies of documents and images from the Eisenhower Presidential archives.

**EisenhowerLibrary.gov** Looking for even more Ike info? Visit the website of our partner, the Eisenhower Presidential Library.

- View guides to the archives' holdings
- Learn about current exhibits and public programs
- Access facts about the Eisenhower family
- View online documents and photos

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