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## USS Constitution Museum Launches War of 1812 Curriculum: "A Sailor's Life For Me!"

*This is Not Your Ordinary History Lesson!*

**October 21, 2011 - BOSTON, MA:** The USS Constitution Museum launches a remarkable K-12, interdisciplinary War of 1812 curriculum, "A Sailors Life For Me!" just in time for the 214<sup>th</sup> anniversary of USS *Constitution's* first launch to sea on October 21, 1797. Available to a global audience, the curriculum brings exciting interactive history lessons into classrooms and homes. The Museum staff has invested ten years of research into the history and lives of sailors during the War of to create this accurate and unrivaled educational resource.

The Museum, located in the Charlestown Navy Yard, Boston, MA across from "Old Ironsides," built the curriculum to parallel the award winning online game, "A Sailor's Life for Me." This website invites students to join the fight for freedom on the high seas when they virtually enlist as sailors on board USS *Constitution* and travel back in time to engage in the War of 1812. The curriculum links directly from the game and takes this history lesson one step further, offering 120 printable lesson plans and activities for the classroom that utilize history, science, math, social studies, art and language arts to explore *Constitution* and life at sea in 1812.

Educators can learn how to teach about the broad subject of the War of 1812 through the lens of *Constitution*. History is at your fingertips using printable copies of primary sources and artifacts that are in the collections at the USS Constitution Museum. The standards based website provides printable lesson plans, guides, a full search feature, and links to other resources. It is the best depiction of *Constitution* in 1812... since 1812.

With the approach of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812, the Museum is enthusiastic to launch this material in time for the celebrations surrounding the anniversary of the War of 1812. As the only "living veteran" of the war, *Constitution* will be in the national spotlight. As a free online curriculum, everyone, anywhere can learn and share in history, inspiring within themselves today, the honor felt on board *Constitution* in 1812.  
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