

## Field Trips through Time and Across Cultures

Joan Leotta Author and Story Performer

No need for a bus. Just bring your students into the school assembly area and using the power of story, performer Joan Leotta will take them to another place and time. All of the historic figures are available in either assembly-only performance or to also make the rounds of individual classrooms to teach journal writing and give more information on the history, science and art of the era. Select one of these characters to coincide with your curriculum needs:



Dressed in Civil War era clothing, Joan Leotta gives life to Aunt Fanny, Civil War spy Belle Boyd's aunt –in whose house Boyd lived while performing her most famous spy exploits. Program tracks Boyd's progress (and that of the two armies) through the War and tells of home front life during and after the war. (Real person)



Join radio show hostess "Miss Joan" for a broadcast of a WWII radio show and learn about life on the home front during the conflict. (Fictional person based on real).



Meet Narcissa Prentiss Whitman (a real person) – The Westward Ho' show covers life on the rail in a wagon in the 1840s and 50s. Dressed in period clothing, Joan Leotta traces missionary Whitman's trip from upstate New York to the wilds of the Pacific Northwest. Material comes from Whitman's own journals.

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Meet indentured servant, Molly Dodd—she will tell of meeting George Washington in NC and give much information on life during American's Revolutionary war and immediately after.



Meet Ann Pamela Cunningham of South Carolina who, just before the start of the Civil War, founded the Mount Vernon Ladies Association to preserve the home of George Washington. Mount Vernon was open to both Union and Confederate soldiers during the war. Cunningham also presents a role model for preserving history and for people with disabilities. This program will be available beginning in fall, 2007.



Visit ancient times—ancient Egypt, ancient Rome or Greece with Joan Leotta and her tales. Costumed to match culture or evoke it.



Custom characters and story programs can be developed to meet your needs. Some examples include: Low Country tales and Legends, Hispanic tales, Middle Easter, Asian, tales that promote care of the environment, good nutrition, cooperation and using words with kindness.(anti-bullying)