

# AUTHOR VISITS

Claudia Friddell would *love* to visit your school!



## PRESENTATIONS

In-person and virtual author visits, each program contoured to fit the needs of the audience.

Willing to adapt programs to align with curriculum themes.

Typically, each presentation is 40-50 minutes long with additional Q & A.

Half day or full day visits, workshops, and parent night/book club evening events as well.



## AN AUTHOR *and* A TEACHER

As a narrative nonfiction author, Claudia loves sharing true stories about real Americans and historic events that make the reader say, "Wow! I didn't know that!" As a former teacher, there's nothing she loves more than sharing these stories with students and educators.



# SAMPLE PRESENTATIONS

## All Aboard for a Trolley Ride in Your Own Backyard!

Students will take a ride back in time by reading Claudia's book, *Cool Off and Ride*, illustrated by Jenn Harney. Students will learn some very cool facts about streetcars and will explore ways to beat the heat without electricity. They will also write some of their own fun lyrical verses to add to the story. Claudia will talk about how a field trip to Baltimore's Streetcar Museum inspired her to write her whimsical book and will suggest ways students can find stories that interest them in their own communities. Grades K-2.

"Reading brings us  
unknown friends."  
- Honoré de Balzac 

## Spy Tales and Trails!

Did you know that without the brave sacrifices of a sneaky group of ordinary childhood friends in a small Long Island village, George Washington's American army might not have won the Revolutionary War? Learn all about the Culper Spy Ring in Claudia's book, *George Washington's Spies*, and experience the spy stations that they created to outsmart the British Redcoats. Students will learn about George Washington's early years as a spy, Nathan Hale's tragic fate as a spy, and Benedict Arnold's demise as a traitor. They will learn the Culper spy codes and write their own codes in invisible ink. Grades 4 and up.

Claudia can also contour a program that incorporates both *George Washington's Spies* and *The Mysterious Virginia Hall*. Two of the greatest American spy stories about remarkable unsung heroes who chose to secretly serve and then return to their quiet lives without fanfare. Grades 6 and up.

More

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## Are You Ready to Answer the Call?

Let's time travel together to meet the unsung hero Grace Banker and her Signal Corps telephone operators who helped win World War I. These heroic women transmitted and translated thousands of essential phone calls relaying battlefield orders in France during World War I. In Claudia's book, *Grace Banker and Her Hello Girls Answer the Call*, illustrated by Elizabeth Baddeley, Grace Banker's diary helps tell her own story of leading the first unit of women soldiers in American history. Students will learn how diaries are excellent primary sources that can reveal the extraordinary experiences of ordinary people. Claudia will guide students in writing their own diaries to document important experiences in their lives. Students will also learn about early telephone technology and women's mastery of telephone skills that propelled them into the workforce and the military. Themes of leadership and teamwork are also discussed. Grades 2 and up.

## How Can I Help?

There's no greater example of how one person can make a difference in saving lives than Clara Barton. In Claudia's book, *To the Front! Clara Barton Braves the Battle of Antietam*, illustrated by Christopher Cyr, the reader gets an up close and realistic look into the Civil War during the devastating two-day battle at Antietam. Claudia uses Clara Barton's beautiful and haunting journal entries to show how one woman found a way to get on the battlefield and tend to thousands of fallen soldiers with few supplies and little assistance. Students will learn about Clara's incredible journey from a shy young lady who learned to overcome obstacles to become one of the greatest humanitarians in the world. Claudia will share how Clara formed important relationships with Frederick Douglass, Susan B. Anthony and President Lincoln. Community service themes will be covered as well. Grades 3 and up.



## FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about Claudia, her books, and her presentations, please visit [claudiafriddell.com](http://claudiafriddell.com) and be sure to follow her on FB and Instagram!