

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION



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The Montgomery County Historical Commission encourages all School Districts to dedicate some quality educational time to the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the American Revolution during the 2025-2026 school year. **Celebrate** events happening **250 years ago** that led to the Declaration of Independence! Below are some impactful activities that could be done at home, in the classroom, grade level or school-wide, or district-wide.

Create a **poster** with the America 250 theme.

Dedicate a **music program** that includes a sing-a-long and teaches students patriotic songs such as

The National Anthem, You're a Grand Ol' Flag, God Bless America

**Interview** a family member that remembers the Bicentennial in 1976 and find out how your city celebrated America's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday. Go further and create a family tree. Find out the names of great grandparents and what they did for a living.

Create a **time capsule**. Time capsules can be for any period. It could even be something a teacher does in August and opens in May. Time capsules of five or more years should be metal, water proof, and not contain anything that could corrode or spoil. Use acid free paper or paper that is made of at least 25% cotton. Time capsules DO NOT have to be buried. In fact they should be put in a well-known area and marked so as not to be lost.

Go to www.dar.org for **extensive** lesson plans provided by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Visit any of Montgomery County's Libraries for great resources.

Check the Montgomery County Historical Commission's website for ongoing updates to Celebrate America 250 and a timeline of events which happened 250 years ago!