



Celebrate America's 250th Birthday with your Students!

July 4, 2026, marks the 250th anniversary of our nation's independence! 250 years ago, in 1776, the Founding Fathers signed the Declaration of Independence, officially establishing the United States as a free and independent nation. Recognize this historic milestone by inviting your students to explore the story of our nation's beginnings and the key figures who helped secure our freedom with these free educational resources.

Classroom Lesson Plans

Here are some in-class lesson plans for teachers who want to incorporate the American Revolution into their curriculum.

- Browse the National Park Service's diverse [collection of lesson plans](#) surrounding major themes of the American Revolution. Most of the lessons are designed for grades 5-12 but can be adapted for all classrooms.
- Explore America250's [teacher resources](#), which include free access to the [Discovery Education Experience](#) platform for teachers and students. This website offers lesson plans and activities for students in grades 3-12.
- Check out the Access Teacher Community of Practice's [America250 lesson plan page](#), which will continue to be updated with more lessons as the anniversary approaches. These lessons are geared towards upper elementary through middle school grades but can be adapted for any classroom.

Virtual Museum Programs

These live programs connect your students to museum educators who share American Revolution artifacts and stories—bringing the museum experience right to your classroom! Programs are designed for grades 2-12.

- [Life of a Revolutionary War Soldier](#) with the Virginia Museum of History and Culture
- [Women During the American Revolution](#) with the Army Women's Museum
- [Profiles of the Continental Army](#) with the National Museum of the U.S. Army
- Bonus: [Non-guided virtual tour](#) of the Museum of the American Revolution

National Park Service Field Trips

The National Park Service plays a big role in preserving important pieces of our nation's history. Many sites where significant events of the American Revolution took place have been preserved as national historical parks. Click the links below to schedule a field trip with a ranger-guided program, or explore these sites from your classroom at your own pace through a virtual tour.

- Boston National Historical Park, MA
 - [Virtual tour](#)
 - [In-park guided program](#)
- First State National Historical Park, DE, PA
 - [In-park guided program](#)
- Fort Stanwix National Monument, NY
 - [Guided virtual tour](#)
 - [In-park guided program](#)
- George Rogers Clark National Historical Park, IN
 - [In-park guided program](#)
- Guilford Courthouse National Military Park, NC
 - [Virtual tour](#)
 - [In-park guided program](#)
- Independence National Historical Park, PA
 - [Virtual Tour](#)
 - [In-park self-guided trip](#)
- Minute Man National Historical Park, MA
 - [In-park self-guided trip](#)
- Moores Creek National Battlefield, NC
 - [Virtual tour](#)
 - [In-park guided program](#)
- Ninety Six National Historic Site, SC
 - [Virtual tour](#)
 - [In-park guided program](#)
- National Mall and Memorial Parks, D.C.
 - [Virtual live program](#)
 - [In-park guided program](#)
- Saratoga National Historical Park, NY
 - [Virtual tour](#)
 - [In-park guided program](#)
- Valley Forge National Historical Park, PA
 - [In-park guided program](#)

Supplement your virtual or in-park experience with these **lesson plans and activities** from NPS and find ones that correspond to your visit.