

# What is RevolutionNJ?

The United States of America is turning 250 in 2026 and New Jersey is commemorating this once-in-a-generation moment through its RevolutionNJ initiative.

## Our Mission

RevolutionNJ will advance the role that history plays in public discourse, community engagement, education, tourism, and scholarship in New Jersey. Through a series of initiatives that explore the history of the American Revolution, its context, and its legacy, RevolutionNJ will galvanize diverse audiences statewide into embracing the enduring value and relevance of history.

## Goals

RevolutionNJ is dedicated to telling a diverse & inclusive story about America's past that invites participation from all New Jerseyans, elevating the value placed on history education in our k-12 schools and universities, and demonstrating how understanding the complexity of our history helps us to respond to the present and prepare for the future.



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Revolution NJ is a partnership between the New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of the New Jersey Department of State, and the nonprofit organization, Crossroads of the American Revolution Association, to plan New Jersey's commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States.



# TOOLS FOR TEACHERS



## RevolutionNJ

ENGAGE THE PAST. SHAPE THE FUTURE.

# Free & Accessible Resources for all educators!



## Interpretive Framework

Working with scholars and educators, we identified key themes and guiding questions that act as the core for RevolutionNJ.



## Key Themes

- Inclusion/Exclusion
- Property & Sovereignty
- "Revolutionary Ideals"
- Political Participation
- Movement of People
- New Jersey as a "Battleground"
- The Historical Process



## *Bundle of Silences: Reimagining Interpretive Approaches to the Past*

These seven, pre-recorded webinars pull together scholars from across the nation to explore key aspects of the American Revolution, based on RevolutionNJ's Interpretive Framework. Viewers are introduced to the broader context and discussions surrounding each of the themes. Additionally, each webinar has several case studies that demonstrate how using a particular theme can help develop a nuanced interpretation of the past.

## *Lesson Plans*

Each Bundle of Silences video has a complete lesson plan to go with it, which can be adjusted for grades 6-8 or for grades 9-12. These are meant to stimulate interest and help students develop the skills to critically analyze larger topics and themes. The lesson plans are based on New Jersey Student Learning Standards, and can be used whole or worked into existing lesson plans.

## *A Survey of Social Studies in New Jersey Schools*

As one of the first steps for RevolutionNJ, a survey on K-12 social studies education was conducted from January 2020 through June 2020. The key findings show the current state of social studies curriculum in the state and offer partnership information and resources for educators.

Review the survey at  
[njsocialstudies.org](https://njsocialstudies.org)



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