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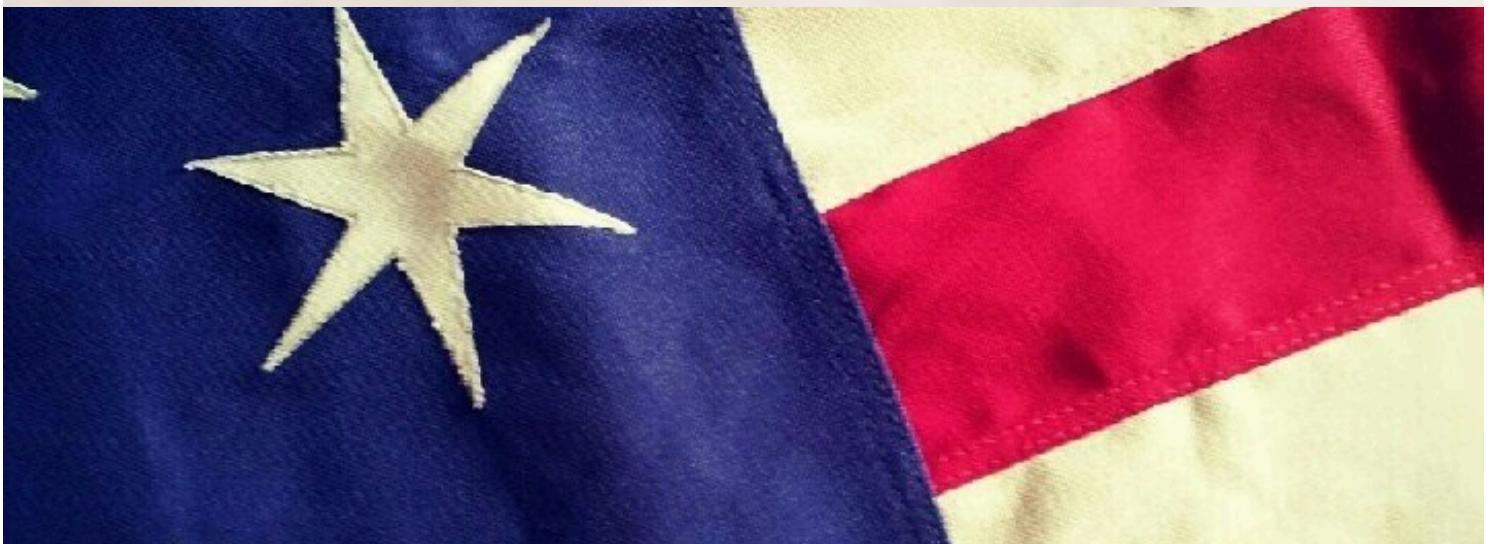
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## REVOLUTIONARY SCHOOLS

*In recent decades, we as a nation have failed to prepare young Americans for self-government, leaving the world's oldest constitutional democracy in grave danger, afflicted by both cynicism and nostalgia, as it approaches its 250th anniversary. The time has come to recommit to the education of our young people for informed, authentic, and engaged citizenship."*

– Educating for American Democracy, 2021

RevolutionNJ embraces this call to action and offers a variety of programs and resources for teachers and students to use in exploring the many diverse stories that are part of our past.

## How You Can Participate

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RevolutionNJ offers a variety of programs and resources for educators to use in the classroom or for professional development. This includes programs such as [History Happened Here](#), educational resources and lesson plans that dive into our [A Bundle of](#)

[Silences: Reimagining Interpretive Approaches to the Past](#) video series, and the [Perfect Partners: Public History and K-12 Education](#) webinar series.

The list of programs and teaching resources will continue to grow as we develop educational initiatives statewide for RevolutionNJ. Check this space often for new resources and sign up for our newsletter to stay updated.



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The launch of RevolutionNJ's **History Happened Here** program is coming in 2024! **History Happened Here** will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the United States as students (grades 5 to 12) engage in local historical research, including visits to public history sites to access key primary and secondary sources and gain a better sense of place. Learn more about the initiative by watching the webinar and exploring the following resources below. Any questions concerning **History Happened Here** can be directed towards Bob Fenster at [robert.fenster@sos.nj.gov](mailto:robert.fenster@sos.nj.gov).



### [Roadmap to History Happened Here](#)

Here are some guidelines and expectations for participants.

## **HISTORY HAPPENED HERE**

### **Grades 5-12**



### NJ Social Studies Student Learning Standards (Grades 9-12)

Teachers may design **History Happened Here** assignments to align with one or several of these standards depending on the course and time of year.

## History Happened Here Partner Sites: These sites are ready to take part in the program and are inviting students to visit.

### Bergen

- [The Museum at the Station and the Glen Rock Historical & Preservation Society](#)
- [Waldwick Historical Society Erie Interlocking Tower at Waldwick](#)

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## Camden

- [Camden County Historical Society and Museum](#)

## Cape May

- [Memucan Hughes Colonial House](#)
- [The Museum of Cape May County](#)

## Cumberland

- [Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center](#)

## Essex

- [Durand-Hedden House & Garden](#)
- [Montclair History Center](#)
- [Newark Public Library](#)

## Gloucester

- [Gloucester County Historical Society Library and Museum](#)

## Hudson

- [Hoboken Historical Museum](#)
- [Museum of the West New York Public Library](#)

## Hunterdon

- [Hunterdon County Historical Society](#)

## Mercer

- [New Jersey State Archives](#)
- [New Jersey State House](#)
- [Princeton Battlefield State Park/Clarke House State Historic Site](#)
- [William Trent House/Trent House Association](#)

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## [Guidelines to Public History Site Videos](#)

RevolutionNJ will be sharing videos from an array of public history sites giving students an idea of what to expect when they go to your site and what kind of resources are available.

### **Middlesex**

- [Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission, East Jersey Old Town and Cornelius Low House](#)

### **Monmouth**

- [Freehold Twp Historic Preservation Commission](#)
- [Monmouth County Historical Association](#)

### **Morris**

- [Cooper Gristmill](#)
- [Fosterfields Living Historical Farm](#)
- [Hidden Figures of Madison, NJ](#)
- [Historic Speedwell](#)
- [Museum of Early Trades & Crafts](#)
- [Schuyler-Hamilton House](#)

### **Ocean**

- [Ocean County Library](#)

### **Passaic**

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## Somerset

- [North Plainfield Exempt Fire Museum](#)
- [The Jacobus Vanderveer House and Museum](#)
- [Somerset County Library](#)
- [Ukrainian History and Education Center](#)
- [Wallace House & Old Dutch Parsonage State Historic Sites](#)

## Sussex

- [Sparta Historical Society](#)

## Union

- [Caldwell Parsonage](#)
- [Plainfield Public Library](#)

## Warren

- [Shippen Manor](#)

## Student Friendly Sites Welcome Videos

Botto House / American Labor Museum (Paterson, NJ)

Caldwell Parsonage (Union, NJ)

Camden County Historical Society and Museum (Camden, NJ)

Gloucester County Historical Society Library and Museum  
(Woodbury, NJ)

Hoboken Historical Museum (Hoboken, NJ)

Hunterdon County Historical Society (Flemington, NJ)

Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission, East  
Jersey Old Town and Cornelius Low House (New Brunswick)

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- Newark Public Library (Newark, NJ)
- New Jersey State Archives (Trenton, NJ)
- Ocean County Library (Toms River, NJ)
- Plainfield Public Library (Plainfield, NJ)
- Salem County Historical Society (Salem, NJ)
- Schuyler-Hamilton House (Morristown, NJ)
- Shippen Manor (Oxford, NJ)
- Somerset County Library (Bridgewater Township, NJ)
- Sparta Historical Society (Sparta, NJ)
- Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center (Millville, NJ)

## Want Students to Visit Your Site?

### “A Bundle of Silences: Reimagining Interpretive Approaches to the Past”

### Lesson Plans and Educational Resources for Teachers

**GRADES 8-12**



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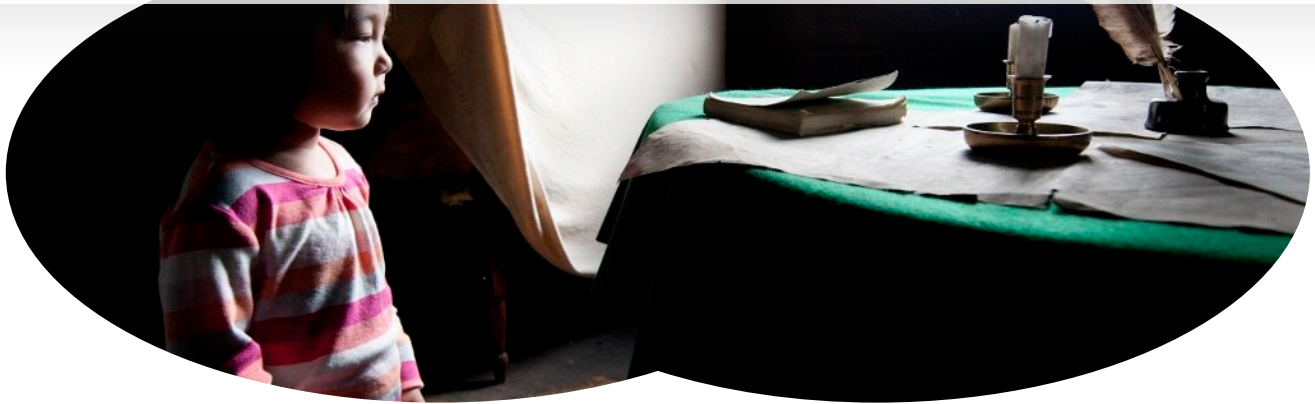
This lesson precedes the *A Bundle of Silences* video series to stimulate interest and skills in reading, writing, and speaking. It includes knowledge and question preparation questions.



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## The Historical Process Educational Resources



## Lesson Plan 2

This lesson plan connects to the "Historical Process," webinar by Dr. Edward Gonzalez-

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## [Revolutionary Ideals Educational Resources](#)



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## Lesson Plan 3

This lesson plan connects to the "Movement of People" webinar by Dr. Kathleen Lopez in the *A Bundle of Silences* professional development series.



## New Jersey as a "Battleground" Educational Resources



## Movement of People Educational Resources

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## Educator Videos for Commemorating the 250th

### Educator's Info Session: New Sources for Teaching the 250th



This is a recording of a session for grade 8-12 teachers, history organizations, and social studies providers to learn more about available sources for teaching the 250th anniversary of the United States.



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The "Perfect Partners: Public History and K-12 Education" series focuses on how teachers can prepare for the 250th anniversary of the U.S. with resources from RevolutionNJ and by connecting to local sources (historic sites, archives, museums, libraries, historical societies, etc.) in their communities.



## [RevNJ Social Studies Brochure](#)



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## Inclusion and Exclusion



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## New Jersey Indigenous Voices Resource Primer



## RevNJ Interpretive Framework

## One Pager

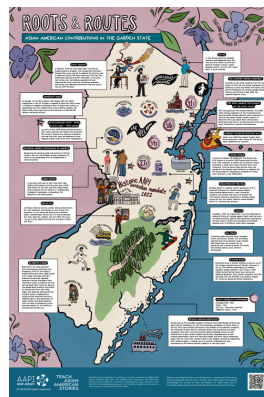


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## The Latino Oral History Collection

## Resources From Our Partners Around the Field:



## New Jersey Asian American Pacific Islander History Map and Resources



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**[NJCSS Journal: The 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution in New Jersey: 2026](#)**



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PROJECT

**[Queer Newark Oral History Project: Educator Hub](#)**

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