

# America at 250 Toolkit

NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER



The 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and America's Founding in 2026 provides a unique opportunity to have a national conversation around the core principles articulated in our nation's founding documents—reclaiming their centrality to the American story and exploring their relevance to the country today.

The National Constitution Center offers free, digital educational resources that invest in building constitutional knowledge, support the practice of civil discourse, and provide a place where we can come together to explore different viewpoints grounded in thoughtful reflection.

## INTRODUCING THE TOOLKIT

An essential guide for learners of all ages to engage with the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and America's founding principles. *America at 250 Toolkit* will offer a trusted, non-partisan framework—rooted in primary sources—to frame conversations at this crucial moment in America history.

*America at 250 Toolkit* explores key constitutional ideas and principles through a NEW *Interactive Declaration of Independence*, a complement to the Center's highly acclaimed *Interactive Constitution*. *The Interactive Declaration* includes:

- Full text, annotated by legal scholar *Akhil Reed Amar*
- An audio version of the text
- Digitized images of the original document
- Professionally produced animated videos
- Essays from leading scholars and historians
- 89 biographies, written by historian *Carol Berkin*, of key members of the founding generation who signed the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution

## SCHOLAR CONTRIBUTORS

### Introductory Essay

"One People" by *Jeffrey Rosen*

### Drafting of the Declaration

*Jane Kamensky*

### The Preamble: The Principles of the Declaration of Independence

*Danielle Allen* (Equality)

*Robby George* (Liberty)

*Jeffrey Rosen* (Pursuit of Happiness)

*Gordon Wood* (Consent of the Governed)

### The Grievances

*Rosemarie Zagari*

### The Declaration's Conclusion

*Lindsay Chervinsky*

### The Declaration of Independence Across History

*Eric Slauter*

### The Declaration of Independence Around the Globe

*David Armitage*

### Biographies of the Signers

*Carol Berkin*

### New Constitution Essays

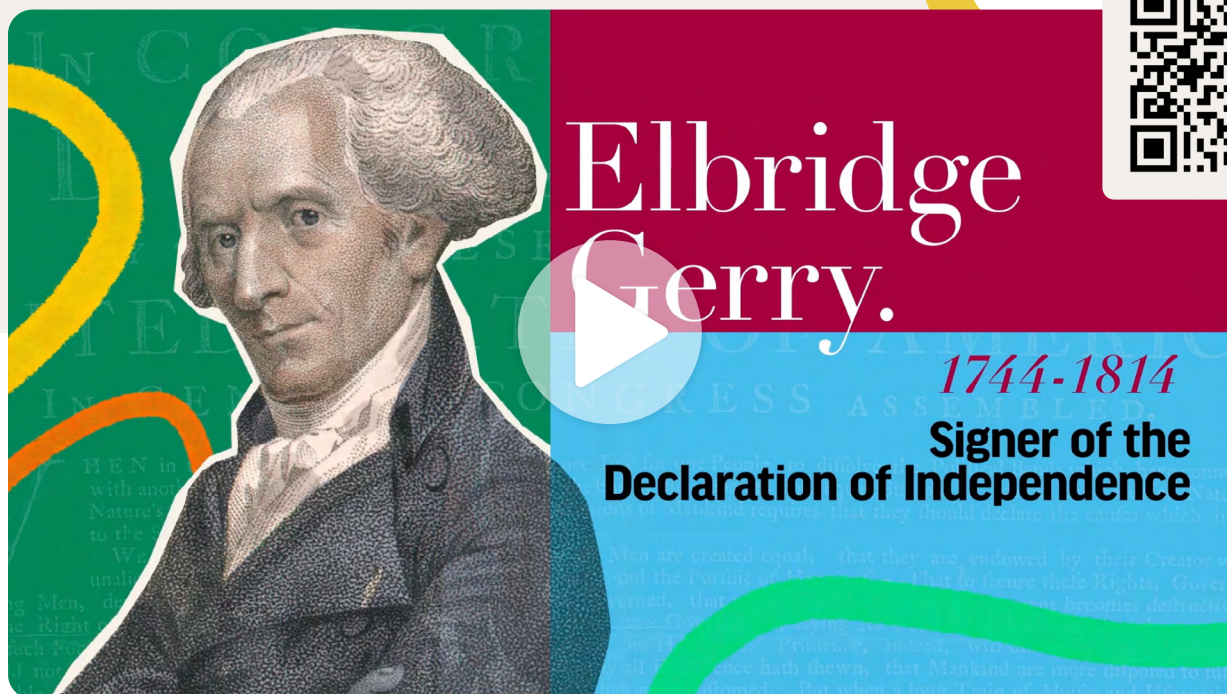
*Yuval Levin* (Separation of Powers)

*Judge Jeff Sutton* (Federalism)

*Mary Sarah Bilder* (Bill of Rights)

## A SNEAK PEEK OF THE VIDEOS

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## SHARING THE AMERICA AT 250 TOOLKIT

*America at 250 Toolkit* will be made available to schools, bookstores and libraries, civic organizations, national parks, museums, historic sites, and homes across America. Here are some ways to get involved in sharing the hub:

- Integrating it into kiosks, iPads, and website experiences via an API connection
- Distributing it through digital or print communications
- Hosting public discussions or professional development for educators on the content

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