



America 250: Celebrating Our Nation Beyond the Civics Classroom

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What is the difference
between a
commemoration and a
celebration?



Session Objectives

Participants will:

- Explore the significance of America 250 commemoration in classrooms and schools.
- Experience an integrated content lesson about America's journey that incorporates the study of census data and major expansion events.
- Brainstorm ideas to strengthen student knowledge about America's past and enable them to envision a bright and hopeful American future.

Brief Overview of America 250 in Florida Classrooms

- Promote civic literacy and historical understanding.
- Encourage student voice through storytelling and creative expression.
- Reflect on the uniqueness of the American experience.
- Inspire future leadership and community engagement.



America, Her Land and Her People



America 250: Census Math

- **Review** the historical U.S. population data.
- **Calculate** the percent change in population between each pair of years.
- **Graph** the population growth over time using a line graph.

United States of America: Census Data

Percent of Change over Time



- **1790:** 3.9 million
- **1850:** 23.2 million
- **1900:** 76.2 million
- **1950:** 151.3 million
- **2000:** 281.4 million
- **2020:** 331.4 million



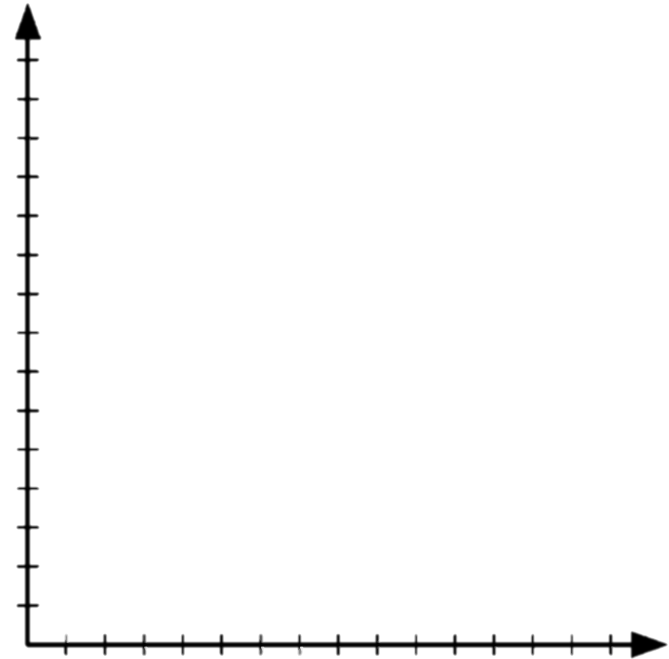
Calculating the Percent of Change

- 1790-1850: +494.87%
- 1850-1900: +228.45%
- 1900-1950: +98.56%
- 1950-2000: +85.99%
- 2000-2020: +17.77%



Create a Line Graph

- Utilize a line graph to display the percent of change of the population of America from 1790 to 2020.





What do these data
contribute to the American
story?



Mapping American Expansion

- Louisiana Purchase
- Texas Annexation
- Oregon Territory
- Mexican Cession
- Alaska
- Hawaii



How does the information
you have learned in this
lesson thus far tell the story
of America, Her Land and
Her People?



Celebrating our Future by Commemorating our Past



What role does commemoration play within a school-wide celebration of America 250?



Mural Mapping of Ideas

- Utilize content area(s) of your choice to contribute to a mural map of ideas that embed the commemoration of America 250 within your vision of America's future.
- In table groups, brainstorm ideas to incorporate various content area(s) into this theme and create a visual display.



Mural Mapping of Ideas - Continued

- Each group will present their visual display and provide a summary of the key points.
- After each group has shared, place the chart papers on the wall with the title chart paper to create a mural.
- Participants are encouraged to take pictures of the completed mural.



Resources and Wrap-Up

The United States *of* America

Countdown to America's 250th Anniversary

[America 250 – The White House](#)

How will your school commemorate the celebration of America 250 across all content areas and as a school-wide initiative?



Access the Bureau of Standards and Instructional Support (BSIS) professional learning feedback survey using the QR code below.



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