



EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES TO HELP SCHOOLS & COMMUNITIES CELEBRATE MAINE'S BICENTENNIAL

GUIDELINES FOR SUCCESSFUL LOCAL PROGRAMS

We encourage participation from every Maine community and school! Successful commemoration of the Bicentennial will depend on the energy, creativity, and participation of many different community members. Materials, events, and initiatives should consider these guidelines:

Community

Create community partnerships. Reach out to organizations, schools, local government, businesses, and individuals in your community to help promote and carry out Bicentennial activities. The deeper and broader the partnerships, the more successful the commemoration.

Include a broad spectrum of stakeholders in planning activities. Develop a community steering committee and include representatives from various aspects of your community in the planning.

PK-12 Education

Create community partnerships. Be a part of your community's celebrations! Reach out to organizations, local government, businesses, and individuals in your community to help promote and carry out Bicentennial activities. The deeper and broader the partnerships, the more successful the commemoration.

Remember, this isn't all about the past—birthdays also celebrate the future!

Select a range of activities. Everything doesn't have to be big. Sometimes the best lessons are small.

Incorporate families too! Parents/guardians can help support key lessons at home.

Overall

Strive to maximize inclusiveness and accessibility. Ask which voices and perspectives are missing in the planning process, and take action to fill the gaps. A successful Bicentennial commemoration makes space for everyone.

Provide opportunities to have fun and celebrate Maine's first 200 years. Also make the most of the Bicentennial as a chance to learn about and discuss some of the challenging aspect of the State's history, and what we can learn from those experiences.

Include an orientation toward the future. Even as you explore and celebrate Maine history, this is a valuable opportunity to help your community envision what part it will play in Maine's next 200 years!