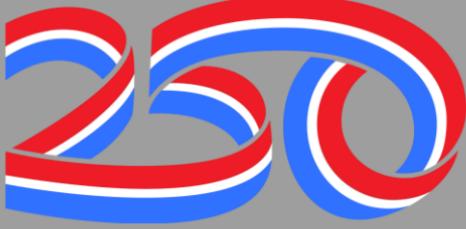


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# A Brief History and Overview of the Commission

- Alabama USA Semiquincentennial Commission established in 2021 by Senate Joint Resolution 10
- Eleven voting members serve on the Commission
  - Senator Orr is Chair
  - Natalie Steed, American Village, is Executive Officer
- Based out of the American Village
- ALSDE can be added to the commission with request of the Chair



“The chair of the commission, with concurrence of the commission, shall constitute one or more advisory committees to advise the commission. The committees may include such representatives as the respective executive officer or his or her designee of any of the following:..the Alabama Department of Education” -Alabama Senate Joint Resolution #10

# Past and Current Initiatives

- Nationwide competition, “America’s Field Trip”
  - Student essay/art/video submission
  - Winners select one of participating field trip destinations
- Commemoration of Paul Revere’s Ride, “Two Lights for Tomorrow”
- 200th Anniversary of General Lafayette’s tour of Alabama
- Alabama Semiquincentennial Schools
  - Just launched
  - Major push beginning in Fall 2025



# Ken Burns and Alabama Public Television Initiatives

- Film premieres November 2025
  - Six-part, twelve hours
  - Educational resources in development
- Alabama Public Television has several initiatives planned
  - Summer 2025: Revolutionary Tools for Revolutionary Teaching
  - Fall 2025: Student Voices Project
  - Summer 2025: Curriculum development project



# Communicating Initiatives and Events of the AL250 Commission

- A monthly feature in the social studies newsletter highlights activities of the AL250 Commission
- Work closely with American Village representatives to identify initiatives needed to communicate
- Newsletter goes out to almost 4,500 educators in Alabama



“I wanted to write and thank you for this issue and the inclusion of Two Lights For Tomorrow. I do not think I would have learned about this event without this newsletter. My mom, myself, and several other friends and family members participated by lighting two LED candles Friday night.”

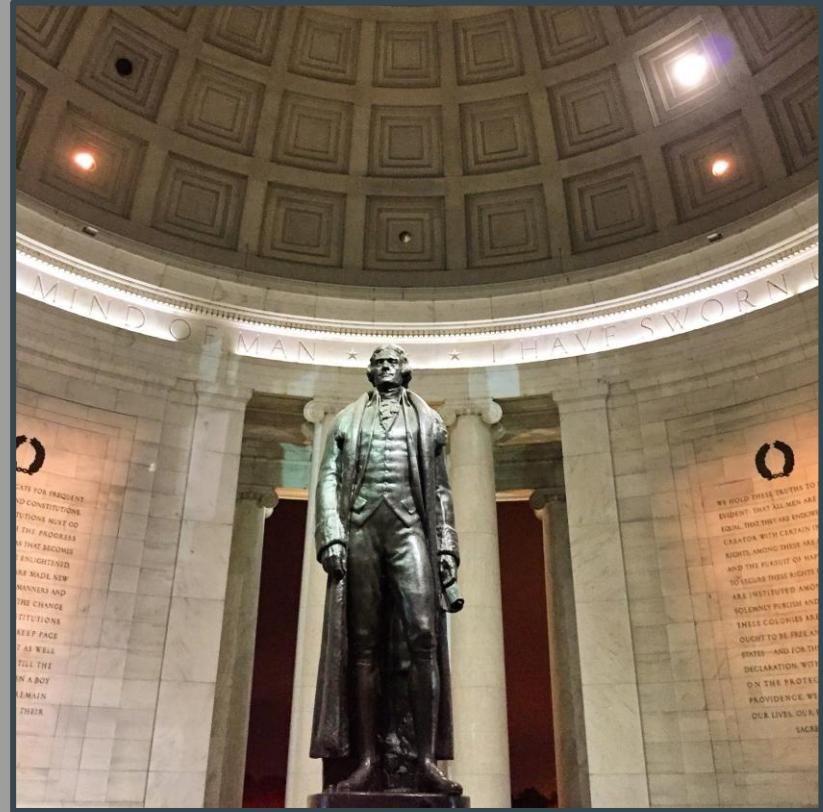
# American Revolution in 2024 *Alabama Course of Study: Social Studies*

GRADE AND COURSE	SAMPLE STANDARD
<u>Grade 2</u> : Living and Working Together in State and Nation	Research and explain the importance of individual founders and significant figures who shaped the nation.
<u>Grade 4</u> : Alabama in American History and Government II: Colonies to 1900	Identify and describe key events of the American Revolution, including the Battles of Lexington and Concord, Saratoga, and Yorktown.
<u>Grade 6</u> : Making A New Nation: United States Beginnings and Civic Foundations	Research and report on the contributions to victory in the War for Independence from women, Black Americans, and supporters from other countries.
<u>Grade 9</u> : World History and Geography: Age of Revolution to Present	Explain how the Enlightenment influenced societies and inspired revolutions in Europe and the Americas.
<u>Grade 10</u> : United States History I: Revolution to Progressive Era	Evaluate the contributions of colonial leaders, including George Washington; military strategy; and the support of foreign nations to significant victories in the War for Independence.
<u>Grade 12</u> : United States Government	Summarize and explain the underlying principles of the Constitution, including checks and balances, federalism, limited government, popular sovereignty, republicanism, and separation of powers.

# Questions? Comments?

Above all things I hope the education of the common people will be most attended to; convinced that on their good sense we may rely with most security for the preservation of a due degree of liberty.

-Thomas Jefferson



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