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"The biggest challenge facing the great teachers and communicators of history is not to teach history itself, nor even the lessons of history, but why history matters. How to ignite the first spark of the will o'the wisp, the Jack o'lantern, the ignis fatuus [foolish fire] beloved of poets, which lights up one source of history and then another, zigzagging across the marsh, connecting and linking and writing bright words across the dark face of the present. There's no phrase I can come up that will encapsulate in a winning sound-bite why history matters. We know that history matters, we know that it is thrilling, absorbing, fascinating, delightful and infuriating, that it is life."

- Stephen Fry, Making History



Celebrate Flag Day, June 14.

Learn more about the history of America and Kansas!



- Incorporate American and Kansas **history learning stations** in your community. Let participants win/earn small **flags or stickers** that celebrate American and Kansas history.
- Host a **community concert** with patriotic music.
- Provide website links online (or in a community newspaper or newsletter) to area **Kansas historical sites to visit** this summer, particularly those important to national history.
- Encourage local museums or historic sites to **provide free admission** for a limited time and encourage residents to rediscover local stories.



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Celebrating America 250 in Kansas

Email your event information --date, time, address, city, and description of the event, and any cost of admission-- to Rosa.Cavazos@ks.gov for inclusion on the Master Kansas 250 Calendar of Events.

Find more information about Kansas 250 programming and the Kansas 250 Commission at America250KS.com.