



2019 COMMEMORATION EDUCATION PROGRAMS



2019 Schools is a yearlong challenge for educators to incorporate the commemoration themes--democracy, diversity, innovation, civic engagement--into their classrooms, libraries, and school environments, and is a great way for school communities to participate in the commemoration. How schools participate is up to them, but we have a ton of ideas in our [2019 Schools online toolkit](#) to help get them started. Follow the #2019Schools tag and share with your education audiences!



Our American Story is a digital student contest for 8th–12th graders designed to foster creativity, cooperative learning, critical examination, and discussion among our country’s next generation of leaders. We want to hear students’ unique perspectives on the themes of democracy, diversity, and opportunity. Students choose a video prompt and then unleash their creativity. \$9,000 and tech prizes are up for grabs! Visit the [Our American Story](#) page to learn more.



American Evolution and the Youth Leadership Initiative have teamed up to help bring back the skills of discourse, debate, and compromise that found their way to Virginia in 1619 and are crucial to the functioning of American democracy. [The First Freedom Wall](#) emphasizes the skills of media literacy, critical thinking and effective communication through an engaging and interactive social wall for civics and government students.



[Guardians of Jamestown, 1619](#) is an Emmy Award–winning video series on the five historical events that occurred in Virginia in 1619 and have been shaping America ever since. While visiting Historic Jamestowne with her father, Safiri is swept up into a time-traveling adventure! With the help of the “Time Guardian,” Safiri must locate and save artifacts from 1619, ensuring that they are found by archaeologists in the present.



The 2019 Commemoration is committed to showcasing entrepreneurialism and innovation and stimulating meaningful engagement and discussion on the legacy of 1619 on Virginia’s college and university campuses, through campus programming and Signature Event engagement. Learn more about higher education partnerships and programs by visiting the American Evolution Higher Ed [website](#).

Link to education graphic resources page: <https://bit.ly/2H7ygs5>

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