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What is American Evolution?

The 2019 Commemoration, American Evolution, honors the 400th anniversary of key historical events that occurred in Virginia in 1619 that continue to influence America today. The year 1619 was a pivotal year in the establishment of the first permanent English Colony in North America. It was the year of the first representative legislative assembly in the New World, the arrival of the first recorded Africans to English North America, the recruitment of English women in significant numbers, the first official English Thanksgiving in North America, and the entrepreneurial and innovative spirit of the Virginia colony.

What is 2019 Schools?

The 2019 Commemoration Schools program is a yearlong challenge for school communities in Virginia to demonstrate their 2019 spirit through participation in contests, projects, and activities that are sponsored by the 2019 Commemoration and partners or are unique to communities, schools, and divisions.

Is this limited to history teachers?

No! Faculty and staff from all disciplines are encouraged to sign up.

Can private schools/ homeschool students participate?

Yes! Public, private, and homeschools can participate in 2019 Schools.

How do I sign up?

Register your school for 2019 Schools by signing up below.

Why should I participate?

Increase your students' understanding of Virginia's history and future!
Receive official recognition by the Commonwealth of Virginia, including a letter of recognition from the Governor of Virginia



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