

# FIREWORKS250: Introduction

*Fostering Independence, Reflection, and Engagement through Wide-Reaching Outreach, Revolutionary Knowledge, and Student-Led Scholarship for America's 250th Anniversary*

# FIREWORKS250 Description

- An initiative designed to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our nation!
- Three-year focus on civics AND integrating evidence-based literacy practices into 22 grade 5 civics lessons.
- Partnership between the Florida Center for Reading Research and the Institute for Governance and Civics at Florida State University.
- High-quality professional learning program for fifth grade teachers to increase historical content knowledge and enhance teaching strategies so that students master the civics standards and clarifications.
- Annual summer symposium for FIREWORKS250 participants (first 180 registrants).

# FIREWORKS250 “Chat” Framework

**Each FIREWORKS250 chat has several parts:**

- Deepen your knowledge independently using the lesson resources;
- Review the lesson plan and watch a webinar on applying the evidence-based lesson; and
- Try out a lesson component with students and reflect on the experience.

# Your FIREWORKS250 Chat Hosts

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<https://fcrr.org/projects/fireworks250>

Happy 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday, America!