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Story Prompts: AMERICA250

Submissions accepted August 15 – April 1

How to Produce and Submit Your New Story

- ☐ **Choose** a prompt.
- ☐ **Plan** your story using the [Story Submission Checklist](#) and [Story Blocks Organizer](#).
- ☐ **Record interviews** (audio or video) and **take photos** of your interviewees.
- ☐ **Encourage** each person to speak for a few minutes about their thoughts.
- ☐ **Write** your story using the [Story Submission Checklist](#) and [Story Blocks Organizer](#).
- ☐ **Submit** your final story package via the [Story Submission Form](#).

✦ Prompt. America250: Everyday Americans Q&A

Story Focus: As the U.S. prepares to celebrate its 250th birthday in July 2026, interview someone in your community who is making a difference.

- ☐ **Research:** Learn about America's independence in 1776 and how past milestone anniversaries—like the 1976 bicentennial—were celebrated.
- ☐ **Interview:** at least ONE person. Ask:
 - When did you start this job or role?
 - What do you enjoy about your work?
 - How does your work make a difference in the community?
 - What changes do you hope to see in the community by July 2026?
 - What ideas do you have for making the community better?