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bringing Connecticut history to the classroom

Teaching the 250th in Connecticut: Educator Resources Professional Development

About the 250th

In 2026, the United States will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the founding of the country. It is an opportunity for reflection on the ideals of the nation's founders and a time to consider the path forward in expanding our realization of those ideals today.

The America 250 | CT Commission, administered by CT Humanities, is charged with guiding the reflections, commemorations, and celebrations in Connecticut.

Themes

Tell Inclusive Stories

This commemoration is an opportunity to continue the nation's reckoning with the totality of its past. By **telling previously untold stories** we will enable everyone to find a place in our nation's narrative.

Power of Place

Connecticut is comprised of 169 towns and cities, five recognized tribes, and countless communities with **unique identities and contributions**. A community-based structure will allow each of Connecticut's towns and cities to define their own programs and ideas about how they can engage their residents.

For the Common Good

As we reckon with what the nation's 250th means in Connecticut, we will **encourage civic engagement** to continue to build our communities, state, and nation using the democratic ideals outlined in our founding documents.

Doing History

The commission's work will focus on **Connecticut's role in the Revolution**—its people, sites, and historic context. The state can boost tourism by amplifying stories at historic sites, trails, and buildings, and by constructing programs around notable events.

Engage in your Community

Local Committees

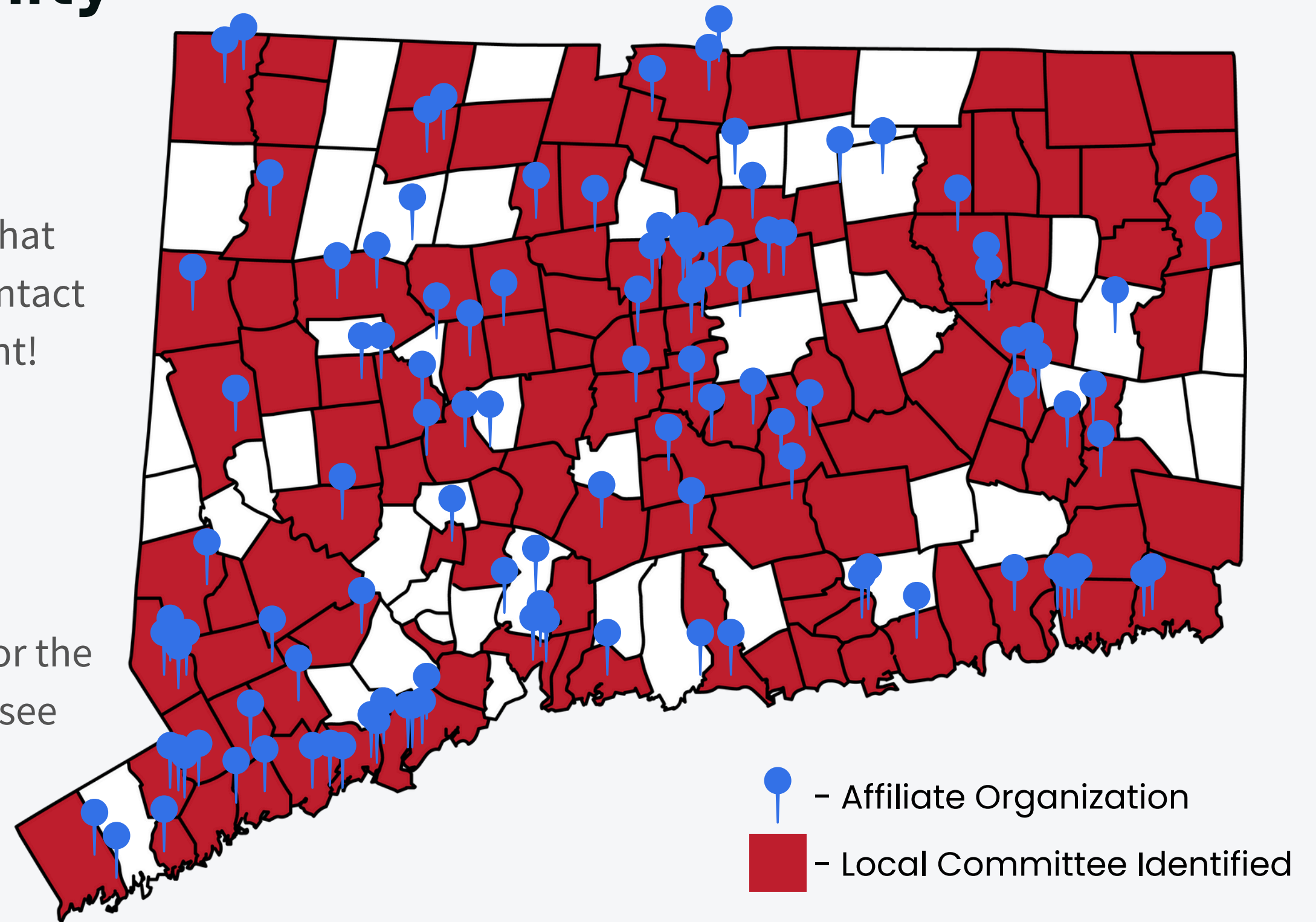
Check in with your municipal contact to see what work is being done in your city or town. If a contact is not listed, get in touch with local government!

Local Committee Information

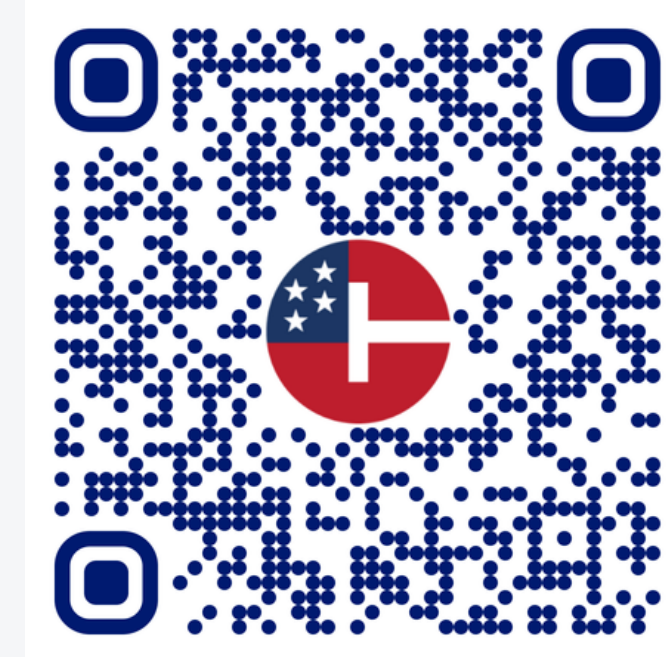
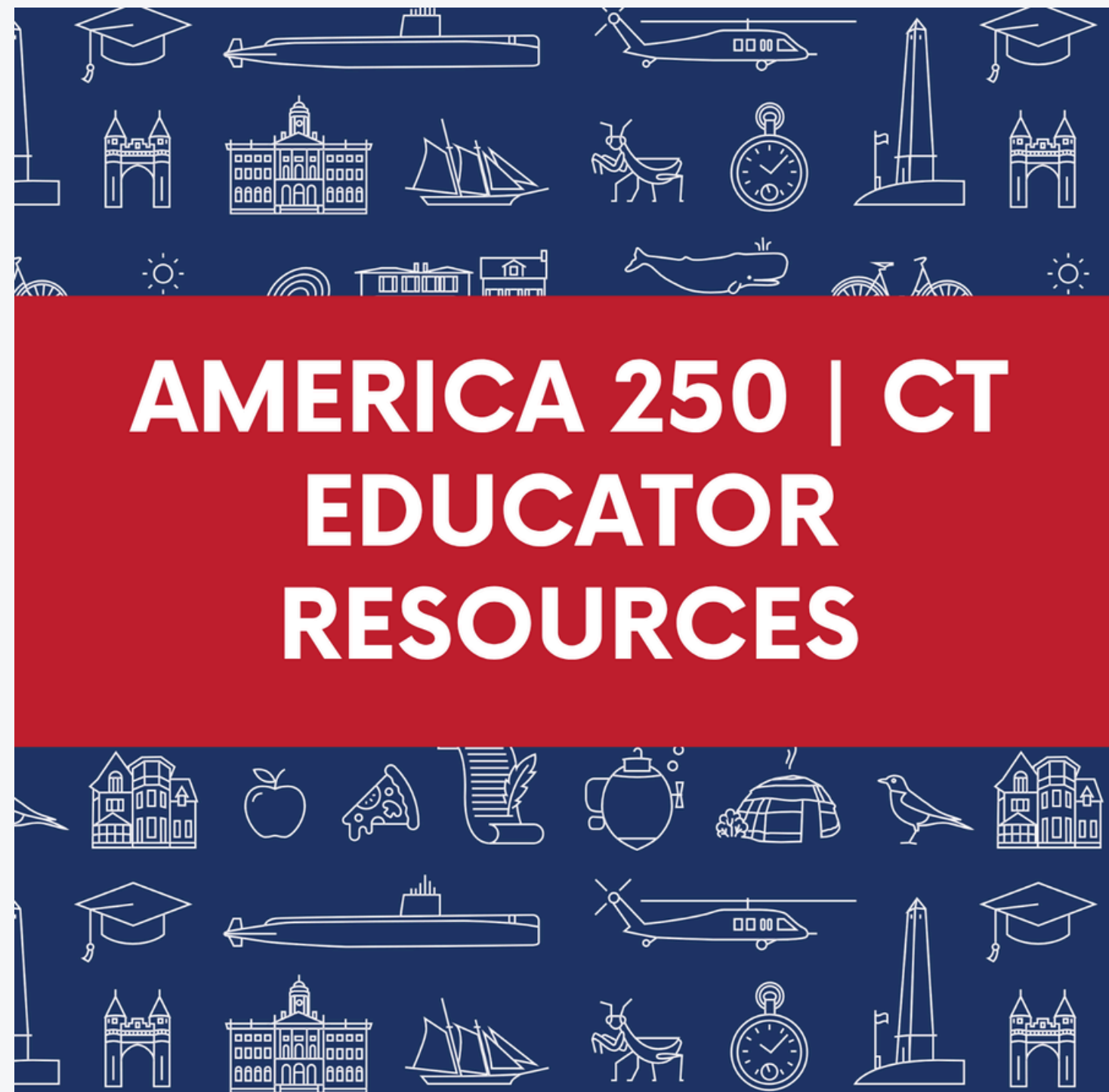
Affiliate Organizations

Organizations around the state are planning for the 250th! Connect with an affiliate in your area to see what resources they might be able to share.

Affiliate Information



Access the Educator Resources Packet



<https://ct250.org/learn-more/resources/educator-resources/>