



2025 Alabama History Institutes: Grades K-12

Feeling 22: Alabama's Path to Statehood

American Village, Montevallo
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Since President James Monroe certified Alabama's first constitution in 1819, our state has developed into a place full of rich heritage, culture, diversity, history, and economic prosperity. America will celebrate its semi-quincentennial in 2026, so considering Alabama's own role during the American Revolution and its eventual path to statehood will equip teachers with effective methods to include our state's history in discussions of early America. At American Village, we will immerse ourselves in Alabama history, set in the backdrop of one of America's most historic places. Through interactions with historical interpreters, exploration of replica buildings that shaped American history, presentations from experts on early Alabama history, and engagement with primary sources reflecting Alabama's and America's history, you will return to your classrooms with a renewed appreciation for Alabama's path to statehood. You will also gain new materials, strategies, and knowledge relevant to teaching about the emergence of the 22nd state. You will need to bring your own operable device, such as a laptop or Chromebook, as you will be required to use it for full participation.

