

# Freedom 250

*Celebrating the 250th anniversary of the United States of America  
History - Innovation - Culture*



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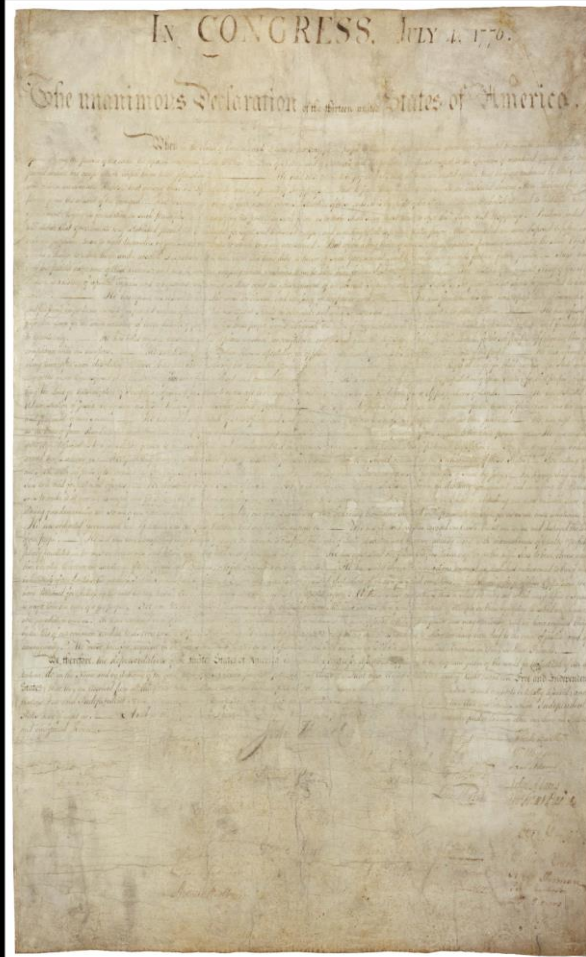
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# America250: History Declaration of Independence, 1776

**What do you know  
about the Declaration of  
Independence?**



The Declaration of Independence (National Archives)



John Trumbull's *Declaration of Independence* depicts the moment on June 28, 1776, when the first draft of the Declaration of Independence was presented to the Second Continental Congress. (Architect of the Capitol)

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America250: History  
Constitution, 1787

What do you know  
about the Constitution?





# American250: Innovation Then and Now

## What are some American inventions you know about?

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inventions here:  
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### The Telephone

1876 • ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL  
Voices carry

Bell's invention of the telephone, with its instantaneous voice transmission over long distances, was revolutionary to communication. Widespread adoption of the telephone meant that real-time conversations often replaced letters and telegrams, which could take days or even weeks to arrive, and new business models — such as telemarketing — also emerged.

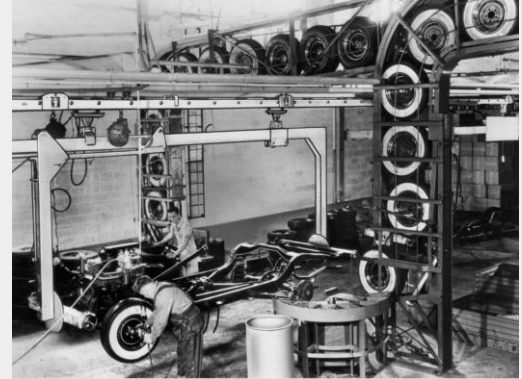


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### The Airplane

1903 • WILBUR AND ORVILLE WRIGHT  
Human flight

The Wright brothers are credited with inventing the first successful airplane (the "Wright Flyer") and achieving the first controlled, sustained flight at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. They also developed many of the basic principles and techniques of aeronautical engineering. A subsequent "aerial age" brought additional types of aircraft, global travel, and military advances.



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### The Assembly Line

1901 • RANSOM OLDS  
Improved efficiency and savings

The introduction of the assembly line revolutionized manufacturing by significantly increasing production while reducing costs, paving the way for mass production of affordable consumer goods, particularly automobiles.



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### Social Media

1997 • ANDREW WEINREICH  
Mass personal publishing

Six Degrees, the world's first social media site, allowed users to create profiles, connect with friends, and send private messages, setting the stage for MySpace, Facebook, Instagram, and other platforms. The invention of social media has subsequently been used as an innovative tool by businesses, marketers, and media. It facilitates crowdfunding campaigns and creates vast amounts of data, spurring analysis for multiple uses, including machine learning.



## America250: Culture

### Film: Hollywood





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**Arts:  
Abstract Expressionism,  
Pop Art, Street Art &  
Graffiti**





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### Music: Jazz

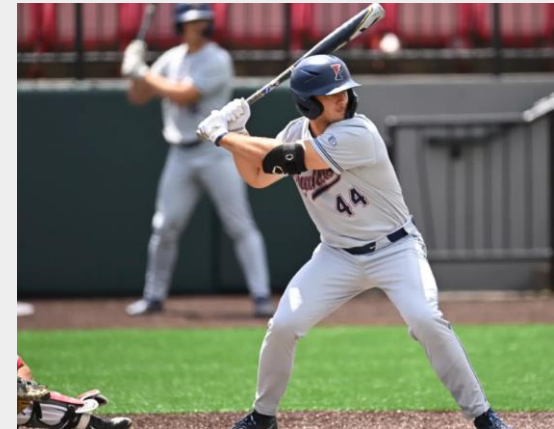




# America250: Culture



## Sports: American Football and Baseball





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Who knows what a  
State Fair is?





# America250: Culture

## Iowa State Fair



Cattle grooming at the Iowa State Fair in 2008. (© Image Source Limited/Alamy)





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### Texas State Fair



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