



# Past Forward:

## America250 at Cincinnati Museum Center

### OVERVIEW

CMC is commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the United States! Consider our nation’s history through multiple lenses in this scavenger hunt. As you search, wonder:

- What are our nation’s revolutionary moments, and how have Cincinnatians played a part?
- How has our region changed over time? What is the power of our place?
- How have ideas about rights, freedom, equality and community changed throughout history?
- Who created our founding documents? How have citizens helped change them?
- How can historians include everyone’s voices and perspectives?

Explore these themes and more throughout CMC. Begin your hunt at the upper-level entrance to the Cincinnati History Museum. Wind your way through exhibits on the mezzanine and lower level. Then, complete the hunt on the mezzanine level of the Museum of Natural History & Science.

### ***In Cincinnati in Motion:***

★ Explore the hub that says “History Is In Motion”:

List five skills that historians use to study the past and understand people’s experiences.

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### ***In Shaping Our City:***

★ Find the item that records an exchange between representatives of Native American nations and the U.S. government:

Which Native nations are represented in this document?

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In this document, what did the US Government promise these Native nations? What did these Native nations promise the US Government?

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★ Find one of six interactives that explore perspectives on different issues. Examine the images and quotes carefully:

Pick a topic and list two different perspectives on it.

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Why is it important to examine an issue from multiple perspectives?

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What is your perspective on the topic you selected?

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★ Find an exhibit about the West End neighborhood:

How did redevelopment change this community?

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★ Find an object from Fort Washington, then scan the nearby QR code to unlock its history:

What clues does the object give about life at Fort Washington?

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How might historians use objects like this one to learn about the past?

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### In You Are Here:

★ Find the big sign that notes “You Are on Native Land”:

How long have people called this region home?

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★ Find the image of an important document in Cincinnati's history:

What holiday is being commemorated?

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What document is displayed?

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★ Punch into the timeclock and explore America's changing world of work. Find one of the timecards that highlights limits placed on certain workers into the 1900s:

Who faced limited job opportunities before 1964?

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What law helped open the door to fairer employment and more opportunities?

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★ Nearby, scan a QR code to learn about the campaign of the ninth U.S. president:

What were some of the “firsts” in Harrison's campaign?

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Why were these firsts significant?

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### On *Public Landing*:

★ Find the place where you can hear voices and read about issues that shaped the nation in the mid-1800s: women's rights, immigration and abolition:

What rights and reforms did women demand in the mid-1800s?

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Why did immigration spark debate at this time?

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What injustice did abolitionists fight against?

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★ Find the object that helped transform Cincinnati's riverfront into a hub of activity:

What invention brought trade and bustling business to Cincinnati?

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How did this invention change how people used the Ohio River?

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★ Step into a place where pictures speak more loudly than words. Scan a QR code to learn about the river as a boundary:

How did the Ohio River affect people seeking freedom and safety?

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★ Visit the Print Shop and scan a QR code to explore the Holt Broadside:

How did this early copy of the Declaration of Independence end up in Cincinnati?

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### *In Made in Cincinnati:*

★ Find a place to scan barcodes and spot the story of a restaurant that broke barriers:

What was the name of the first fully integrated restaurant in Cincinnati?

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### *In The Cave:*

★ Explore the Cave's twists and turns to wonder:

What do we call the study of humans' past through their belongings?

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What kinds of materials or art did ancient people leave behind?

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### *In Ice Age:*

★ Find a letter from a famous explorer that highlights why Big Bone Lick is the birthplace of American paleontology:

Which Ohioans first told the story of Big Bone Lick through oral histories?

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Who is credited with leading the first U.S. government funded vertebrate paleontology expedition here?

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