



America at 250: Semiquincentennial Writing Prompts Worksheet

Celebrate America's 250th birthday with these semiquincentennial writing prompts, considering the progress we've made since 1776 and how our choices today leave a legacy for those 250 years from now.



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If you've seen the word **Semiquincentennial** recently and wondered what it means, or even how to say it, let's take a look at its Latin roots:

semi - quin - cent - enial

half - five - hundred - years

So, it means half of five hundred years. You could also describe it as one-fourth of a millennium, or a quarter of a thousand years! Now let's think about what that means.

1776 → 250 years → **2026** → 250 years → **2276**

The Declaration of
Independence is signed

250th Anniversary
Semiquincentennial

500th Anniversary
Quincentennial

The Past: A Day in the Life of a 1776 Apprentice

Think about life in the colonies in 1776. How might a young person have experienced the changes brought about by the signing of our Declaration of Independence?

The Present: My Community in 2026

Now look at how far we've come! Write about how far America has progressed in the past 250 years and the values we share as a community.

The Future: Letter to a Citizen in 2276

Just imagine the progress we can make in another 250 years! What will your legacy be for our future? Write a letter to a young person in 2276, sharing your hopes for how the foundations we are building today will continue to shape their future.
