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Lesson Plan: Family Customs Past and Present: Exploring Cultural Rituals. <https://www.loc.gov/classroom-materials/family-customs-past-and-present-exploring-cultural-rituals/> This lesson strives to improve students' oral and written communication skills and helps students analyze various cultures through the exploration and analysis of holiday and stages of life rituals which unite a group by preserving cultural identity and heritage.

(Dick Cooley, GVSU)

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## **2. River Raisin National Battlefield Park**

Pioneer Survival: (from the Lincoln Boyhood Home, lower Elementary) The objectives of this lesson plan are to have the students work productively in small groups and to make appropriate decisions. Students will collect cards (available on the website: <https://www.nps.gov/teachers/classrooms/pioneer-survival.htm>) and then make decisions regarding in response to an outbreak of illness on the frontier.

(Dick Cooley, GVSU)

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## **3. Colonial Williamsburg: Eighteenth-Century Currency**

In a time when “crypto-currency” is a new buzzword, students will have the opportunity to explore currency in times past. Students will identify different types of currency used to purchase goods and services in Colonial America during the eighteenth century and make comparisons and contrasts to modern-day transactions. Students will develop and use basic math skills while exploring the British monetary system and analyze how the availability of money impacts daily lifestyle choices. <https://resourcelibrary.history.org/sites/default/files/EighteenthCenturyCurrency.pdf>

(Dick Cooley, GVSU)

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## **4. PBS: Solidarity Against the Pandemic of Anti-Asian Hate**

This lesson plan will help students examine the background of hate focused on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who have faced physical and verbal attacks due to unjustly being blamed for the Covid-19 pandemic. Teachers should exercise some discretion because some students may be sensitive in their reaction to some of the material. <https://wgvu.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/cfe6e676-59a7-453f-be69-e5fd4e6d7fd5/the-pandemic-of-anti-asian-hate-anti-asian-racism/>

(Dick Cooley, GVSU)

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## **5. National Women's Hall of Fame**

Maya Y. Lin biography. <https://www.womenofthehall.org/inductee/maya-y-lin/>

(Dick Cooley, GVSU)

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## **6. Clements Library/U of M** <https://clements.umich.edu/>

\*\*\*January 7th & 14th @ 4:14 - 5:15pm. Have you ever wondered what goes on in the stately Clements Library? Join guided tours to learn more about the Clements' early American history collections and how they are used. You'll see Benjamin West's iconic painting "Death of General Wolfe," a Revolutionary War-era trunk that once housed General Gage's papers, and more.

\*\*\* The Clements Bookworm: Online Event for History Lovers. The library hosts a webinar series in which panelists discuss history topics. Recommended books, articles, and other resources are provided in each session. Live attendees are encouraged to post comments and questions, respond to polls, and add to our conversation and camaraderie. (From Nadine Hall, Greenhills School, Ann Arbor)

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## **7. Other Michigan Museums**

### **Arab American National Museum** <https://arabamericanmuseum.org/visit/>

Deadline 11:59 pm, January 9, 2022. ANM invites Dearborn/Detroit-area high school students to apply for the AANM Writing Fellows program, a creative writing fellowship opportunity. Up to 25 students will be selected for the program. **No creative writing experience is necessary!** Participants will receive a Certificate of Completion and a \$250 gift card upon full completion of the program.

### **Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History** <https://www.thewright.org/>

**MLK Day at the Wright** (virtual) ! 9:00am Monday, January 17, 2022. Minister, activist, and humanitarian Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., advocated the use of nonviolent civil disobedience to achieve social change in America. As founder and president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), King sparked the conscience of a generation at home and abroad. His work empowered citizens through education and civic engagement encouraging everyone to vote. Every year, on the anniversary of King's birthday, we celebrate his past work and strive to continue his legacy.

### **Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus** <https://www.holocaustcenter.org/>

Special Exhibit Opening Event - January 27, at 7:00pm. **The Book Smugglers of the Vilna Ghetto: A Story of Moral Resistance.** In Vilna, the city Jews called "The Jerusalem of Lithuania," a group of ghetto inmates risked their lives during World War II to rescue thousands of rare books, documents, and works of art from the Nazis. In an operation that lasted eighteen months, they smuggled the materials past guards and buried them in bunkers. Those members of the group who survived the War returned after Vilna's liberation and dug up the materials. They eventually smuggled the books across Europe until they reached the United States and Israel. In honor of International

Holocaust Remembrance Day, author Dr. David E. Fishman will discuss the incredible story and the exhibit based on his book.

(From Nadine Hall, Greenhills School, Ann Arbor)

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### **8. History News Network** <https://historynewsnetwork.org/>

Features articles for Historians: “Who’s Teaching Local History?”, “The Vigilante World of Comic Books”, and “JFK Researchers: Latest Released Assassination Documents Underwhelming”.

(From Nadine Hall, Greenhills School, Ann Arbor)

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### **9. Michigan Council on Economic Education**

The Foundation for Economic Education may be of interest for history teachers with a program entitled, Pivotal Moments in Economic History. Topics include: American Revolution and the New Nation (1776-1800)The Early American Republic (1800-1850) and The Civil War Era (1850-1876) Information can be found at : <https://fee.org/classroom>

Questions: Contact Derek D'Angelo [derek@michiganecon.org](mailto:derek@michiganecon.org)

(David Hales, Wayne RESA)

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### **10. Michigan Geographic Alliance**

GA is once again co-sponsoring the ESRI Map Michigan contest. Open to students in grades 4-12, 5 high school and 5 middle school students will be awarded \$100 for analyzing, interpreting, and presenting data from Michigan via an ArcGIS Online StoryMap. ESRI ArcGIS Software is free for all K12 schools. For more information visit [the ESRI competition Website](#). Visit past Michigan [High School](#) and [Middle School Winners](#) here. Questions: Contact Gabrielle Likavec <[glikave@SVSU.edu](mailto:glikave@SVSU.edu)>

(David Hales, Wayne RESA)

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### **11. Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies**

*Black in White Space: The Enduring Impact of Color in Everyday Life*, Powerful stereotypes of

“the ghetto,” long-entrenched in generations of Americans’ psyche, continues to permeate. Today,

routine activities, like bird watching in Central Park or jogging in a Brunswick neighborhood,

elicit jarring and sometimes even fatal responses that involve police and citizens. With increased attention from the national media on these incidents, we must ask ourselves, “what about these events stand out, and why?” For Elijah Anderson, Sterling Professor of Sociology at Yale, the answer couldn’t be more evident. When: January 20, 2022. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. This event is free.

Click Here to: [RSVP for this event](#) Questions: Contact [hc@gvsu.edu](mailto:hc@gvsu.edu) (616) 331-2770 (David Hales, Wayne RESA)

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## **12. Michigan Council for Civic Education**

**We the People State Showcase!** Love Constitutional thinking? Please volunteer to judge or facilitate the best program in civic education. Friday, January 7 schools will showcase their Constitutional knowledge in six units of study. Listen to students testify and engage in important dialogue to advance civic education through Constitutional analysis.

Please see this [flyer](#) for MCCE's We the People event. For more information on the program, the units of study, and volunteering, please visit <https://miciviced.org/programs/we-the-people/>. We hope you can join us! Questions: Contact Ellen Zwarenstejn <[ezwarenstejn@miciviced.org](mailto:ezwarenstejn@miciviced.org)> (David Hales, Wayne RESA)

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## **13. MCSS**

Registration for the MCSS conference is now open! Visit: <https://www.mcssmi.org/Conference-2022> to get registered today!

(David Johnson, MCSS)

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## **14. Historical Society of Michigan <https://hsmichigan.org/>**

The Historical Society of Michigan offers a variety of “History Hounds” virtual lectures every month. In the month of January 2022, author Gary Rembisz will be giving a lecture on “The Black Hat Regiment: The 24th Michigan of the Iron Brigade” on Tuesday, January 4, at noon. In addition, on Wednesday, January 26 at 7:00 p.m., author Gene Salecker will be presenting a talk, “Nathan Bedford Forrest’s 1864 Railroad Raid,” which involved the 18th Michigan Infantry. For more information, see <https://hsmichigan.org/programs/history-hounds-lecture-series/>.

(Jana Pisani, Ferris State University)

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**15. “This Month in History,” from the History Place <https://www.historyplace.com/specials/calendar/index.html>**

\*\*\*January 1, 1801–Ireland was added to Great Britain, thereby creating the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

\*\*\*January 1, 1959–Fidel Castro took power in Cuba after leading a revolution against Cuban dictator Fulgencio Batista.

\*\*\*January 3, 1959–Alaska was admitted to the Union as the 49th state.

\*\*\*January 19, 1966–Indira Gandhi was elected prime minister of India; she served until 1975 and later re-elected, serving from 1980-1984, when she was assassinated.

(Jana Pisani, Ferris State University)

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**16. Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia <https://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/news/jimcrow/index.htm>**

The website of the Jim Crow Museum offers a section of “Suggested Videos,” with links to the listed videos. Videos that are available via the website include “The 1964 Murders of Schwerner, Chaney, and Goodman,” “16th Street Baptist Church Bombing,” “Orangeburg Massacre 1968,” and “Christopher Newman: Tuskegee Airman.” To access these and other videos, see; <https://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/news/jimcrow/videos.htm>

(Jana Pisani, Ferris State University)

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**17. “Bridge” (Center for Michigan) <https://www.bridgemi.com/center-michigan>**

\*\*\*Ron French, “Michigan School Board Member After Oxford Shooting: Make School Optional.” December 7, 2021.

<https://www.bridgemi.com/talent-education/michigan-school-board-member-after-oxford-shooting-make-school-optional>

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**18. George Washington’s Mount Vernon <https://www.mountvernon.org/>**

The George Washington’s Mount Vernon website offers a section of “Online Activities for Kids.” It includes crafts and other projects, worksheets, online games, and educational videos, and an area titled “Learn About Washington’s World.” For more information, see <https://www.mountvernon.org/education/online-activities-for-kids-2/>

(Jana Pisani, Ferris State University)

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## 19. Gilder-Lehrman

Gilder-Lehrman is offering Teaching Literacy through History (TLTH) Through Michigan’s Michigan WWI Centennial Commission Program. This interdisciplinary professional development program that uses primary sources to improve K–12 education. TLTH workshops are beneficial for elementary, middle, and high school teachers who teach American history, social studies, civics, and English language arts.

<https://www.gilderlehrman.org/programs-and-events/teaching-literacy-through-history>

(from Kailie Burk, Rockford Schools)

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## 20. Henry Ford Museum

The Permanent exhibit “With Liberty and Justice for All” highlights the changes, good and bad, in American racial and gender equality. With everything from Civil War memorabilia, Jim Crow Artifacts, Suffrage posters, and Rosa Parks’ bus, this exhibit is sure to engage students and families alike. Don’t forget that images of many of these artifacts can be found through Henry Ford’s digital collection.

<https://www.thehenryford.org/visit/henry-ford-museum/exhibits/with-liberty-and-justice-for-all>

<https://www.thehenryford.org/collections-and-research/digital-collections/>

(from Kailie Burk, Rockford Schools)

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## **21. Michigan History Center**

If your students are looking for opportunities to be involved in their community, The Michigan History Center in Lansing is searching for volunteers. This great resume-builder will give them opportunities to learn more about the inner-workings of a museum, get closer to historical artifacts, and make meaningful connections with staff. Click the link below to learn more!

<https://www.michigan.gov/mhc/0,9075,7-361-61086-573327--,00.html>

(from Kailie Burk, Rockford Schools)

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## **22. MotorCities National Heritage Area**

Looking for ways to share the voices and stories of minorities in your history classroom? MotorCities National Heritage Area has an excellent series called “Many Voices, One Story.” These video sessions last about 30 minutes and focus on the many types of people who have made Ford Motor Company what it is today. Stories from the long past and recent past will change your perspective on Detroit and open your eyes to the challenges and contributions of many different people. Find these unique stories using the link below or search Youtube for “Many Voices, One Story.”

<https://www.motorcities.org/many-voices-one-story>

(from Kailie Burk, Rockford Schools)

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## **23. Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center**

Bring the judicial branch of government to life for your students through the Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center’s online resources <https://www.courts.michigan.gov/courts/supreme-court/learning-center/educational-resources/michigan-court-system/> and virtual field trips. <https://www.courts.michigan.gov/courts/supreme-court/learning-center/virtual-field-trips/> Questions: Contact Rachael Drenovsky <DrenovskyR@courts.mi.gov>

(from David Hales, Wayne RESA)

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## **24. Do your students participate in Michigan History Day®**

Sponsored by the Historical society of Michigan, this annual national series of events offers students the opportunity to active lengage in analyzing historical topics and themes. Michigan History Day® encourages students to explore local, state, national, and world history. Winners of the state level Michigan History Day competition in the Junior and Senior categories move on to compete in National History Day in College Park, MD.

January is the key time to begin preparation for entering Michigan History Day so check out the details NOW! To watch a short video about Michigan History Day. visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eMRopbo5SWs>. The 2021/22 annual theme is Debate & Diplomacy in History: Successes, Failures, Consequences. For details, visit <https://hsmichigan.org/mhd/>

(From Jim McConnell, Dearborn Schools-retired)

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## **25. “History Hounds” offer virtual programs on Michigan history stories**

HSM offers "History Hounds" weekly virtual programs on a wide variety of interesting Michigan history topics. "History Hounds" programs are free to all HSM members and to members of groups having an HSM organizational membership, such as dues-paying MCHE members. (To join MCHE, visit <https://www.teachinghistoryinmi.org> Details, with a google form, are posted at top of the Hone. page. Non-members can register for \$7.00. You can enjoy the content from the comfort and safety of your home. For details and to register for “History Hounds”, visit [www.hsmichigan.org](http://www.hsmichigan.org)

Upcoming Programs include:

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| ** January 26, 2022  | Wed., 7:00 p.m.     | Nathan Bedford Forrest's 1864 Railroad Raid                                   |
| Gene SaleckerK,LL    | ** February 1, 2022 | Tues., noon From Alcona to Wexford: Naming Michigan's Post-Statehood Counties |
|                      |                     | Dan Truckey *   |
| * February 9, 2022   | Wed., 7:00 p.m.     | History in the Hills: The Haven Sanitarium                                    |
| Tiffany Dziurman     |                     |   |
| ** February 15, 2022 | Tues., noon         | Freedom, Faith and Loyalty: The House of David in World War II                |
|                      |                     | Brian Carroll   |
| ** February 23, 2022 | Wed., 7:00 p.m.     | USS Enterprise: The Voyage of Star Trek's Filming Model                       |
|                      |                     | Michael J. Bare   |

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## **26. Become a Friend of the Gerald R. Ford Museum**

The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation is seeking educators and others interested in supporting the programs and events of Michigan's only Presidential Museum. According to Gleaves Whitney

Executive Director, Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation, “

I know that you want to see an America where there is more integrity, respect, decency, courage, candor, and patience in the pursuit of common ground for our greater good. As you know, that's our mission at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation: to form a more perfect union by bringing forth “the better angels of our nature.” If our exhibits, programs, and speakers enrich you, if they stretch your mind and rouse you to greater service to our country, then please consider a joining the “Friends of the Ford” to keep the Ford. Membership details at <https://geraldrfordfoundation.org/donate/>

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## **27. The Michigan in Perspective: Local History Conference Transfers to Virtual Format for 2022**

The staff at the Historical Society of Michigan (HSM) continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation in Michigan. Given the ongoing wave of the Delta variant and early indications on the spread of the Omicron variant, we have made the difficult decision to host the 2022 Michigan in Perspective: Local History Conference virtually. The event is still scheduled to take place Friday and Saturday, March 25 and 26, 2022.

We know that many of you will be disappointed by this decision, and we were also looking forward to seeing conference attendees in person again. By now, HSM has run four virtual conferences, all of which were well received by attendees. We hope that you consider joining us for the virtual Michigan in Perspective: Local History Conference in March—the program for which will be released in January. The conference will feature two additional keynote presentations, bringing the total to 6 keynotes and 28 breakout

sessions, and most (if not all) of the content will once again be available for later on-demand viewing. Details to be posted by mid-January at [www.hsmichigan.org](http://www.hsmichigan.org)  
(From Jim McConnell, Dearborn Schools-retired)

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## **28. Happy New Year! Key Date to Celebrate..**

To help with your 2022 planning, here is a list of All 11 observed federal holidays in 2022

- New Year's Day (Dec. 31, since Jan. 1, 2022 falls on a Saturday)
- The Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. (Jan. 17)
- Washington's Birthday (Feb. 21)
- Memorial Day (May 30)
- Juneteenth National Independence Day (June 20)
- Independence Day (July 4)
- Labor Day (Sept. 5)
- Columbus Day, now recognized as Indigenous Peoples' Day in over a dozen states (Oct. 10)
- Veterans Day (Nov. 11)
- Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 24)
- Christmas Day (Dec. 26, since Dec. 25, 2022, falls on a Sunday)

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## **29. Extensive updates to the Digital Michigan Newspaper Portal at the Clarke Historical Library**

The Clarke Historical Library at Central Michigan University has recently announced extensive upgrades to its Digital Michigan Newspaper Portal, a resource available to individuals, researchers, and organizations across the state.

“The Portal now provides a list of 1,054 digitally accessible newspaper collections across the state, considerably higher than our previous count of 399 digital collections and well above our initial expectations,” stated Frank Boles, retired director of the Clarke. “We were also pleased to represent all 83 Michigan counties in the Portal through this expansion, where we previously only had collections for 64.”

The Digital Michigan Newspaper Portal is a “one stop” location to find online historical newspapers printed in the state of Michigan. It exists to make users aware of online

newspaper resources and take a user to the “front door” of the digital newspaper resource. The Portal includes all online Michigan papers, regardless of the terms of access. And, as an added bonus, the Clarke has created a fun coloring book using images found in Michigan newspapers included within the Portal's collection.

To view the Clarke Historical Library (Central Michigan University) Digital Michigan Newspaper Portal, visit <https://www.cmich.edu/library/clarke/Pages/Michigan-Digital-Newspaper-Portal.aspx>

(From Jim McConnell, Dearborn Schools-retired)

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### **30. On Celebrating a Semiquincentennial**

2022 has arrived and NOW is the time to begin planning for the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution (2025-2033), with a focus on 2026, the key anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. The U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission was established by Congress to inspire all Americans and each American to participate in our greatest milestone ever — the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. The Commissioners are charged with orchestrating the largest and most inclusive anniversary observance in our nation’s history. The Commission will work with public and private entities across the country to make America 250 a once-in-a-lifetime experience for all Americans. For more info, visit <https://america250.org/about/leadership/commission/>

(From Jim McConnell, Dearborn Schools-retired)

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### **31. Great “Reads” on the American Revolution and the Founding of the Nation—A Semiquincentennial List of Reading Recommendations**

Without question, the most comprehensive and readable account of the American Revolution that I have read recently is “The Glorious Cause: The American Revolution, 1763-1789,” (Oxford History of the United States) Revised Edition by Robert Middlekauff. {part of the

Amazon readers rated it 4.6 out of 5 stars. I especially appreciated his extensive coverage from 1763 through the 1789 establishment of the United States government under the Constitution and his discussion of both British and American perspectives of the conflict.

Other books of note, listed alphabetically by author, include:

\*\* Atkinson, Rick, *The British Are Coming: The War for America, Lexington to Princeton, 1775-1777*, 2019

\*\* Brands, H.W., “Our First Civil War: Patriots and Loyalists in the American Revolution” (Doubleday, 2021, 496 pls.)

\*\* DeRose , Chris, *Founding Rivals: Madison vs. Monroe, the Bill of Rights, and the Election That Saved a Nation*.

\*\* Fischer, David Hackett, *Washington's Crossing*, Oxford University Press

\*\* McCullough, David, “1776

\*\* Philbrick, Nathaniel, *In the Hurricane's Eye: The Genius of George Washington and the Victory at Yorktown* (The American Revolution Series Book 3) Oct 16, 2018

\*\* Philbrick, Nathaniel, *Bunker Hill: A City, A Siege, A Revolution* (The American Revolution Series Book 1) Apr 30, 2013

And, most notably, a new book by Nathaniel Philbrick recommended to me by colleague Jim Perie, “*Travels with George: In Search of Washington and His Legacy* ,”2021. It is a tremendously enjoyable read! Very unique.

(From Jim McConnell, Dearborn Schools-retired)

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## **32. Michigan Redistricting Commission selects Maps for Next Ten Years...**

Following procedures adopted by Michigan voters in November 2018, the newly-established Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission has (hopefully) fulfilled its mission of adopting maps for our state’s 13 U.S. Congress, 38 State Senate, and 110 State House of Representatives districts. With legal challenges likely continuing, the thirteen member MICrC ( 4 Dems, 4 GOP, and 5 Independents acted in conformity with Article IV of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, as amended, to create district boundaries based on the 2020 Census data. The 13 members were selected from more than 9,000 applicants, using a computer-generated criteria-based selection process. They spent hundreds of hours in public meetings, hearings, and outreach endeavors

designed to increase public awareness of and participation in this challenging political process. All Michigan citizens should be grateful for their effort even if not fully satisfied with specific details. Note: In writing this overview of the work on the MICRC on December 22, 2021, I am assuming the Commission meets its Friday, December 30th, deadline for adoption of the maps.) News media in mid-January should be reporting on the decisions of candidates about what office to run for and whether or not individuals are moving to new districts to increase their chances for success. The filing deadline is set for April 19, 2022. This will be an extremely interesting election year. Please encourage your students to actively observe the process and include this topic regularly in your classroom discussions. For more info on the Michigan Independent Citizen Redistricting Commission, visit <https://america250.org/about/leadership/commission/>

(From Jim McConnell, Dearborn Schools-retired)

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### **33. Magical Museums in Marshall to Visit**

This past summer, Annette and I traveled with the Livonia Senior Travel Club to several Michigan communities. One of the most interesting experiences was a visit to three museums in Marshall. Each offered interesting stories about their historic topics: the post office magic and 19th century Michigan life. The visit to historic Marshall focused on visit to the Honolulu House <http://www.marshallhistoricalsociety.org/attractions/1> , the U.S. Post Office Museum, [https://marshallmich.net/post\\_office\\_museum/](https://marshallmich.net/post_office_museum/) and the American Museum of Magic <https://americanmuseumofmagic.com> . Each offered unique insights into their unique themes. For info on upcoming Summer 2022 Rybicki Tours, visit <https://www.rybickitours.com>

(From Jim McConnell, Dearborn Schools-retired)

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### **34. Time to take a Michigan Statehood Day Quiz**

Wednesday January 26, 2022, marks the 185th anniversary of Michigan joining the Union as the 26th state. Check out some of your Michigan knowledge by taking the attached quiz. You might also visit the Michigan History Center website to learn more about Michigan history:

