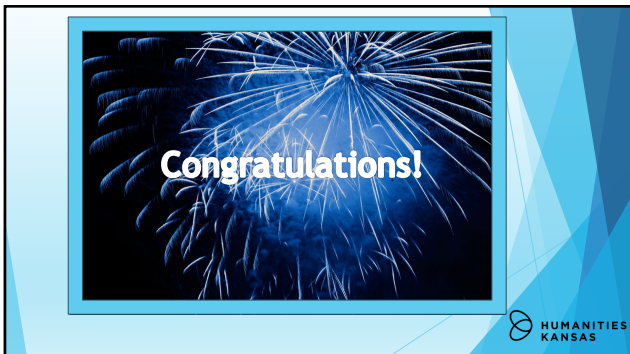


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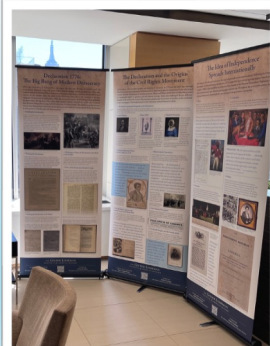
- ▶ Panel Exhibition from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History
 - ▶ 9 freestanding retractable panels
 - ▶ 33 x 81 inches
 - ▶ Printed on one side only
 - ▶ 30 running feet of space
 - ▶ Panels can be displayed together or separately
 - ▶ Each panel comes with its own carrying case
- ▶ HK will ship exhibit to you in a wheeled travel case, 15 x 15 x 40 inches, 90 pounds
- ▶ HK coordinates shipping via FedEx
- ▶ You are welcome to supplement exhibition with hands on activities, local displays, items from your own collection, etc.



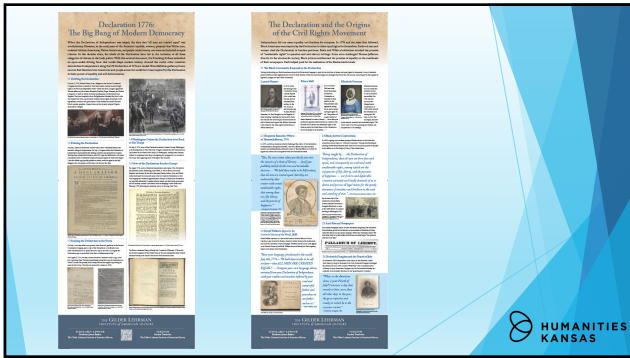
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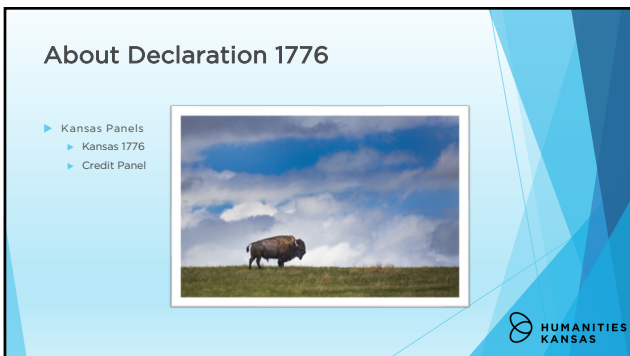
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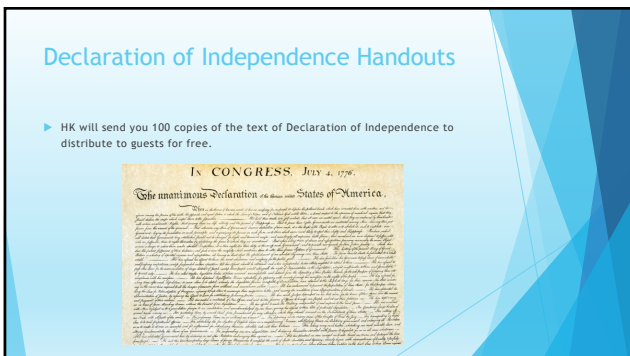
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Exhibition Set Up



Black Plastic Exhibition Base



Silver Metal Exhibition Base



Silver Square Exhibition Base

- ▶ Glider Lehrman includes detailed setup instructions with each rental. Please note that different exhibitions have slightly different setup instructions, so make sure you refer to the correct type of exhibition.
- ▶ HK will send a condition report to be filled out at before and after the exhibition.
- ▶ Report any malfunctions, damage, loss, or breakage to HK immediately. Any costs to repair damage are host's responsibility.
- ▶ Do not alter the exhibit.



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Exhibition Shipping

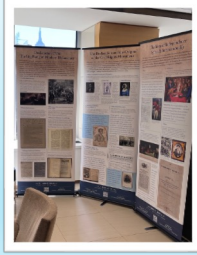


- ▶ HK will coordinate shipping from one site to the next with FedEx. Hosts will be mailed a shipping label and HK will work to coordinate a pickup day/time.
- ▶ Hosts will be responsible for packing the exhibit and making it available for pickup.
- ▶ Optional: If you would like to drive the exhibition to the next site, please contact Tracy Quillin to make arrangements for delivery. Mileage reimbursement is available from your venue to the next venue.




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Exhibition Security



- ▶ Exhibitions may be displayed in any open areas, but preferably not in a hallway.
- ▶ Do not display the exhibition outdoors or in a tent or other temporary structure.
- ▶ It is preferable that a staff member or volunteer be in the room with the exhibition when it is open to school groups or tour groups.
- ▶ Staff or volunteers should schedule regular walkthroughs of the exhibition during public hours.




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Lesson Plans


For Teachers

- Gilder Lehrman has Declaration of Independence lessons plans for grades K-12 on their website gilderlehrman.org.



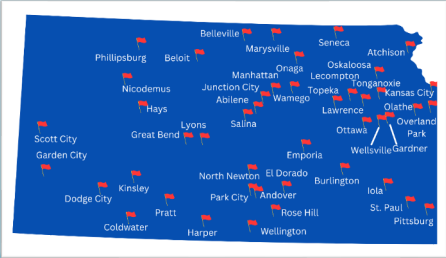

For School Groups & Young Visitors

- Create a Declaration 1776 scavenger hunt
- Download Declaration of Independence color pages <https://www.supercoloring.com/coloring-pages/writing-the-declaration-of-independence>
- Sign your "John Hancock" with a quill pen and ink



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The Tour

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Host Sites

Jefferson - NE Kansas

- Olathe Public Library
- Kansas City Kansas Public Library
- Old Jefferson Town/Jefferson County Historical Society, Oskaloosa
- Tonganoxie Community Historical
- Lyon County History Center, Emporia
- Franklin County Historical Society, Ottawa
- Gardner Historical Society
- Wellsville Public Library
- Lecompton Historical Society
- Wamego Public Library

Franklin - SW/SC Kansas

- Kinsley Public Library
- Boot Hill Museum, Dodge City
- Coldwater-Wilmore Regional Library, Coldwater
- Harper Public Library
- Scott County Public Library, Scott City
- Finney County Historical Society, Garden City
- Rice County Historical Society, Lyons
- Pratt County Historical Society
- Great Bend Public Library



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Host Sites

Hancock – NW/NC/NE Kansas

- ▶ Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina
- ▶ Republic County Historical Society, Belleville
- ▶ Pony Express Barn & Museum, Marysville
- ▶ Phillips County Historical Society, Phillipsburg
- ▶ Flint Hills Discovery Center, Manhattan
- ▶ Geary County Historical Society, Junction City
- ▶ Onaga Historical Society
- ▶ Seneca Free Library
- ▶ The Mitchell County Historical Society, Beloit

Adams – SE/SC Kansas

- ▶ Pittsburg State University
- ▶ Bowlus Fine Arts Center, Iola
- ▶ Osage Mission – Neosho County Museum, St. Paul
- ▶ Andover Public Library
- ▶ El Dorado Senior Center
- ▶ Sumner County Historical & Genealogical Society/Wellington Public Library
- ▶ Coffey County Public Library, Burlington
- ▶ Park City Senior Center
- ▶ Rose Hill City Hall
- ▶ Kauffman Museum, North Newton



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Hub Sites

Statewide Organizations & Universities


- ▶ Benedictine College, Atchison
- ▶ Dole Institute of Politics, University of Kansas, Lawrence
- ▶ Eisenhower Library, Museum, & Boyhood Home, Abilene
- ▶ Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka
- ▶ Kansas Studies Institute, Johnson County Community College, Overland Park
- ▶ Tebo Library, Fort Hays State University & Hays Public Library
 - ▶ Nicodemus National Historic Site






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Publicity



- ▶ HK will promote the exhibit tour statewide, including the Kansas 250 website
- ▶ Share any events associated with Declaration 1776 with HK
- ▶ Hosts will promote the exhibit locally
 - ▶ Press release template at <https://www.humanitieskansas.org/files/press-release-template-1776-2025.pdf>
- ▶ Credit Language:
Declaration 1776: The Big Bang of Modern Democracy is a traveling exhibition from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. The exhibition's Kansas tour is presented by Humanities Kansas.
- ▶ Use HK logo
 - ▶ HK will send Gilder Lehrman logos when we receive them; when in doubt, just use HK's logo



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Funding

- ▶ The Declaration 1776 exhibition tour is supported by two funders:
 - ▶ The State of Kansas through the Kansas Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts
 - ▶ United Methodist Health Ministry Fund




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Important Information



- ▶ Track Attendance
- ▶ Admission is Free
- ▶ Track Cost Share
 - ▶ Volunteer/Staff Hours
 - ▶ Value of venue
 - ▶ Publicity coverage
- ▶ Cost of anything purchased for the exhibition - supplies for educational activities, refreshments, mailings, etc.
- ▶ Final Report
 - ▶ Due 30 days after exhibition closes in your community



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Programming Opportunities

- ▶ Declaration Conversations
 - ▶ Open to 20 nonprofit organizations
 - ▶ Competitive
 - ▶ \$100 program fee
 - ▶ Apply at humanitieskansas.org
- ▶ Declaration Conversations Toolkit
 - ▶ Available January 2026
 - ▶ Free
- ▶ Speakers Bureau
 - ▶ New Kansas 1776 topic available November 1



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