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Dear Thomas,

As we gear up for America's 250th birthday, there's no better time to dive into the stories that shaped our nation's beginning. In reflecting on the 250th anniversaries, we are reminded that the events which shaped our nation are uniquely American.



**April 14, 1775 —
Founding of the
Pennsylvania Abolition
Society**

The [Pennsylvania Abolition Society](#) is considered the first organization in America—and one of the first in the world—dedicated to ending slavery.

Before abolition became a national cause, the Society advocated for emancipation.

This legacy of principled dissent is a powerful example of the uniquely American belief that all people deserve freedom.



**April 18, 1775 — Paul
Revere's Ride**

[Paul Revere](#) warned the countryside that British troops moved to seize colonial arms in Concord, Massachusetts.

Not only acting in urgency, Revere's ride demonstrated an expression of self-governance and responsibility.

Paul Revere's ride captures the distinctly American spirit of citizens rising to [protect their rights](#) when need be.



**April 19, 1775 — Battle of
Lexington and Concord**

The battle was not fought by a formal army; local farmers, tradesmen, and townspeople would be determined to defend their homes and liberties.

The shots fired that day—the ["shot heard 'round the world"](#)—launched a revolution rooted in freedom, self-governance, and the belief that Americans could shape their own destiny.

Help Littler Learners Connect to the Dates that Shaped America

[BRI Jr.](#) includes our newest elementary American Revolution resources which are designed to make the stories of the American Revolution accessible to even the littlest of learners.

Through the resources, younger students explore key events and figures from the founding era in an engaging, age-appropriate way.

Paul Revere's Ride

[Paul Revere's ride](#) demonstrated not only urgency but courage and an [expression of self-governance and responsibility](#).

Battle of Lexington and Concord

What began as a tense standoff would escalate into the beginning of the American Revolution, [the Battle of Lexington and Concord](#).



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This student program, is a six-month educational program that helps high school students develop as leaders and develop skills in building civil society.

Meet some of our [2025 Student Fellows](#), below.



Meet BRI's 2025 Student Fellow, James Constan!

James is a senior in high school in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He loves learning about history, political polling, and the world of sports analytics.

At school he works as a tutor and a writer for the school's sports publication as well as leading the Sports Analytics Club!

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Meet BRI's 2025 Student Fellow, Naomi Obasa!

Naomi is a senior in high school in Bay Shore, New York. She is involved in clubs like Model UN, Student Council and Brothers and Sisters Organization.

This is her second year participating in the Bill of Rights fellowship and is excited to learn even more about civics!

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