



AMERICAN HERITAGE MERIT BADGE RESOURCES

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BEFORE SATURDAY: Please visit this link and review the requirements; you should also download the merit badge pamphlet at the bottom of the page:

<https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/american%20heritage/>

Please come prepared to complete the following requirements listed below; if you are unable to complete them prior, you may send me an email to request a Zoom meeting to complete those not done on 9/27/25. **(Be sure to copy your parent/guardian AND Scoutmaster on all communications)**

1. Read the Declaration of Independence. Pay close attention to the section that begins with "We hold these truths to be self-evident" and ends with "to provide new Guards for their future security." Rewrite that section in your own words, making it as easy to understand as possible. Then, share your writing with your counselor and discuss the importance of the Declaration to all Americans.
2. Come prepared to discuss the requirements for 2a and 2b
3. Come prepared with your responses for 3a and 3c as listed below:
 - a. Select a topic related to the United States that is currently in the news. Describe to your counselor what is happening. Explain how today's events are related to or affected by the events and values of America's past.
 - c. Research your family's history. Find out how various events and situations in American history affected your family. If your family immigrated to America, tell the reasons why. Share what you find with your counselor.
4. Come prepared to discuss the requirements for 4a and 4b.
5. We will do requirement 5c together as a group

If you have any questions at any time before or after the session, please do not hesitate to contact me (don't forget to include a parent/guardian and Scoutmaster)