

Grades: 2-5 Cover Sheet

America's Future: Planting Seeds of Sustainability for the Next 250 Years!

Happy 250th birthday, America! In 2026, our country will celebrate a huge milestone. Just like the people who started our country 250 years ago, we are also building a future. They wanted a country that was strong and free. What kind of country do you want to build for the next 250 years?

Our world needs us to be good caretakers of our planet. When we take care of the Earth, we are being sustainable. That means we are using resources wisely so there will be enough for everyone, including people in the future.

Your mission is to design a plan or invention that helps make the United States more sustainable.

Choose one of the three areas below:

- **Design an Invention:** Draw a picture of your invention and write a paragraph explaining what it does, how it works, and how it helps the environment. Give it a creative name!
- **Write a Story:** Write a short story (one page or less) about a character who discovers a way to make their community more sustainable. Your story should have a beginning, middle, and end.
- **Create a Poster:** Design a colorful poster with pictures and words that show how your chosen area (energy, waste, or water/food) can be improved for the future. Include a slogan to inspire people!

Here are some helpful ideas!

-Renewable Energy: How can we use the sun, wind, or water to power our homes, schools, and cars without hurting the planet?

-Waste & Recycling: How can we reduce, reuse, and recycle more to keep trash out of our landfills and oceans?

-Clean Water & Food: How can we make sure everyone has clean water to drink and healthy food to eat without wasting resources?

Celebration!

When we celebrate our country's 250th birthday, we're not just looking back at the past. We're also looking forward to a brighter, healthier future. Your ideas are like seeds that will grow into a better world for everyone. Let's make America's next 250 years the most sustainable yet!

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