

Salem Maritime National Historic Site

Youth Art Exhibition #5

Commemoration of America 250 – the Revolutionary War

Securing and Maintaining the United States

Salem's consequential role in the economic and political development of the nation promoted physical and fiscal security for the newly established United States that did not extend to all its people.

Essential Questions:

- What does “freedom” mean and is it guaranteed to all?
- What is the relationship between a government and its citizens?
- How does a government fund itself equitably?
- How do you build an equitable democracy when there is unequal political and economic power?

Topics: role of private citizens (privateering) in military operations (Revolutionary War), establishment of U.S. Customs Service in Salem, role of the local militia and establishment of the National Guard, etc.