

EDUCATING FOR  
**AMERICAN  
★ DEMOCRACY**

**THE FIVE DESIGN CHALLENGES  
A STUDENT GUIDE**

**CHALLENGE 1:  
HELPING  
STUDENTS  
PARTICIPATE**

- ▶ **How** can I learn to understand my role as a citizen even if I'm not old enough to take part in government? How can I get excited to solve challenges that seem too big to fix?
- ▶ **How** can I learn how to work together with people whose opinions are different from my own?
- ▶ **How** can I be inspired to want to take civic actions on my own?

**CHALLENGE 2:  
AMERICA'S  
SHARED STORY**

- ▶ **How** can I learn about the role of my culture and other cultures in American history?
- ▶ **How** can I see that America's story is shared by all?

**CHALLENGE 3:  
THINKING  
ABOUT  
COMPROMISE**

- ▶ **How** can teachers teach the good and bad sides of compromise?
- ▶ **How** can I make sense of Americans who believe in one government but disagree about what it should do?

**CHALLENGE 4:  
HONEST  
PATRIOTISM**

- ▶ **How** can I learn an honest story about America that admits failure and celebrates praise?

**CHALLENGE 5:  
BALANCING  
TIME & THEME**

- ▶ **How** can teachers help me connect historical events over time and themes?



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