



# Preventing Summer Slide: K-5 Social Studies

Use these activities to learn more about the history of Gwinnett County.

<p><b>Meet Button Gwinnett</b></p> <p>Our county's namesake, <a href="#">Button Gwinnett</a>, was one of three signers of the Declaration of Independence. Learn more about Button Gwinnett and our county at the <a href="#">Button Gwinnett Day celebration</a>.</p>	<p><b>Telling the Gwinnett Story</b></p> <p>To commemorate Gwinnett County's 200th birthday, county officials invited residents to tell stories about how our vibrantly connected community came to be and where we are today. Those stories live in the <a href="#">Story Vault</a>. You can learn a bit more about Gwinnett in <a href="#">Bicentennial Minutes</a> on historic locations around the county, stories of success, and a look back at life in Gwinnett. Check out this story about <a href="#">livestock in the courthouse</a>.</p>
<p><b>Bicentennial fun for kids</b></p> <p>Find <a href="#">fun history-related activities</a>, like word jumbles and coloring pages, on the Bicentennial website.</p>	<p><b>Documenting Gwinnett's Bicentennial</b></p> <p>In this documentary series produced by Gwinnett County, learn about the <a href="#">early families</a> of our community, the <a href="#">African American Journey</a> in Gwinnett, and the <a href="#">new pioneers</a> who make Gwinnett home today. Discover 200 years of <a href="#">commerce</a>, <a href="#">military contributions</a> of Gwinnett residents, and a look at <a href="#">where we are today</a> as a community.</p>
<p><b>Historic Sites in Gwinnett County</b></p> <p><b>Gwinnett Environmental &amp; Heritage Center.</b> Visit displays in the LEEDS-certified <a href="#">center</a> to learn a little more about the Creek and Cherokee, the first inhabitants of this area.</p> <p><b>Fort Daniel Site.</b> Built on the highest point on Hog Mountain, <a href="#">Fort Daniel</a> was completed in 1813 to protect the frontier. On the <a href="#">Fort Daniel Foundation's website</a>, learn about the fort's <a href="#">history</a> and interesting <a href="#">archaeological finds</a>.</p> <p><b>Elisha Winn House.</b> When Gwinnett County was formed in 1818, <a href="#">Elisha Winn's property</a> was at the center of the action, hosting planning sessions, the courts, elections, and even the jail!</p> <p><b>Take a trip into the past.</b> The county owns a number of historic buildings that offer a window on a bygone era. Built in the 1850s, the <a href="#">Lawrenceville Female Seminary</a> holds a host of cool artifacts. Learn more about the milling process in this <a href="#">Civil War-era grist mill</a> at Freeman's Mill Park. The <a href="#">Chesser-Williams House</a> shows what life in Gwinnett was like in the 1880s. It's the 1930s and the <a href="#">McDaniel family</a> is working the farm. Learn more about the <a href="#">county's history</a> with the Gwinnett Historical Society.</p>	