




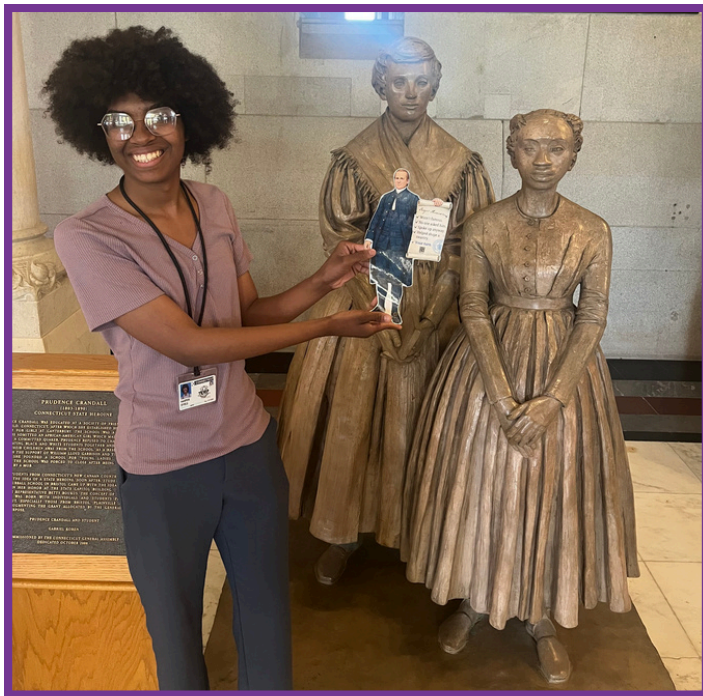


# 50 Ways to Explore Civics with Flat Roger

## At Home


- 1 Write a letter or email to an elected official about an issue you care about.
- 2 Register to vote or check your voter registration, using MyVote.CT.gov. 
- 3 Take Flat Roger on a tour of your town or neighborhood.
- 4 Snap a shot of Flat Roger catching up on the local news.
- 5 Share a civic fact or resource on social media.    



- 6 Create a "Get Out the Vote" postcard. 
- 7 Make a Civic To-do List and take a photo of it with Flat Roger.
- 8 Take Flat Roger while you help a neighbor do yardwork.

## Flat Fact from Secretary Thomas

The people who shape government aren't always the loudest. They're the ones who show up, learn how things work, and get involved.

- 9 Include Flat Roger in a conversation with family about issues you care about. 
- 10 Read a book with Flat Roger about someone from history who fought for others.

## Out and About in Your Community

- 11 Visit your town hall to show Flat Roger how government works.
- 12 Attend a city council, town meeting, or school board meeting.
- 13 Visit your local library and get a library card. 
- 14 Explore a local museum or historical site.
- 15 Visit a Connecticut town green or public square.
- 16 Take Flat Roger shopping and support a local business.
- 17 Shop at a farmers' market. 
- 18 Visit a historical marker and learn its story.



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**19** Participate in a local event or public forum.

**20** Educate others about a historic place in your community.



One of the historic places you might want to visit is Roger Sherman's grave at Grove Street Cemetery in New Haven.

## While Traveling or on Vacation

**21** Visit another town's city hall or civic building.

**22** Explore a historic or cultural site in a new place.

**23** Photograph Flat Roger exploring another community and what makes it unique.



# Know the process. Know your **power**.



Like Roger Sherman, you can harness the power of civics — in this case through our free, self-paced Power of Civics online learning program — to advocate for the issues that matter to you. Learn more at [PowerOfCivics.CT.gov](https://PowerOfCivics.CT.gov).

## Flat Fact from Secretary Thomas

The more you understand how your community works, the more confident you'll feel taking part in it.

**24** Visit a state or national park and learn how it's maintained.

**25** Take a photo of Flat Roger with someone from another town, state, or country.

**26** Learn one new civic fact about the place you're visiting.

**27** Take Flat Roger to a landmark and learn its civic significance.



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Attend a special event, including one of the many happening in the U.S. on July 4th!



Events celebrating America's 250<sup>th</sup> will take place across the state throughout the year, including a huge, all-day **Hartford Bonanza 2026 + America 250 Capitol Commemoration** on July 4 that will include fireworks in Bushnell Park over the Capitol starting at 9:30 p.m., with a free headlining 250th Commemorative Concert co-presented with the Hartford Symphony Orchestra and guest artists at 7:30 p.m. Visit [ctvisit.com/ct250](https://ctvisit.com/ct250) to learn more about this full day of activities, plus everything else going on!

## While Helping Others

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Volunteer for an organization you care about.

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Bring Flat Roger to donate clothing, food, or other items.

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Bring Flat Roger to help organize a local food drive.



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Pick up roadside trash and snap a photo of Flat Roger helping.

## Don't forget to take photos!

After going out with Flat Roger, share what you discovered! Ask yourself:

- What did I learn?
- Why does this action or place matter?
- How does this connect to my community?

If it made you think (or smile!) it's worth sharing!

Post your photos or videos using: **#CTFlatRoger**, **#CTSOTS**, and **#CT250**. We can't wait to see where you and Flat Roger go!

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Offer tutoring or teach a skill.

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Contribute to a local charity.

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Donate blood or sign up to be an organ donor.

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Walk dogs for your local animal shelter.

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Photograph Flat Roger with a public servant you want to thank.

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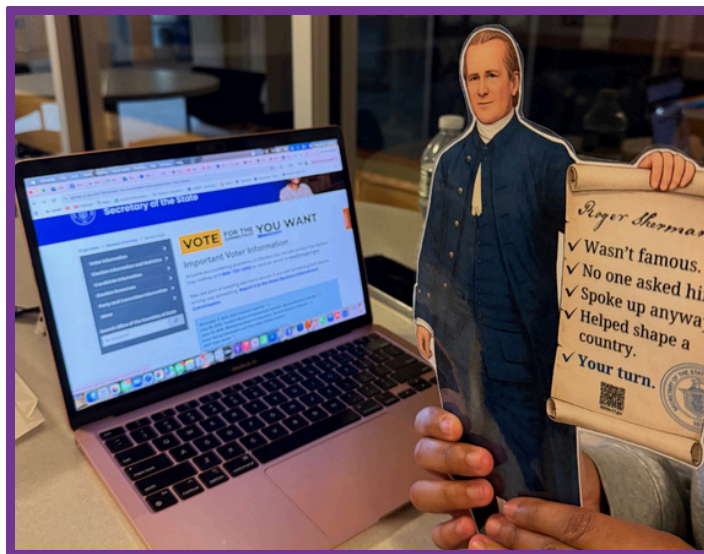
Help clean up your favorite park or beach.



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## As You Interact with Others

- 39 Talk to someone who has a different viewpoint and listen to what they have to say.
- 40 Include Flat Roger in a community conversation about an issue that matters to you.
- 41 Interview a local leader about how decisions are made.
- 42 Write a letter to the editor and snap a photo of Flat Roger with it.
- 43 Join or start a community group or organization.



- 44 Tell someone about the voting resources available online at [MyVote.CT.gov](https://www.MyVote.CT.gov).
- 45 Include Flat Roger in a short video about why voting matters to you, and post it online.

## Flat Fact from Secretary Thomas

Roger Sherman didn't start with power or influence. He built both by staying informed, speaking up, and doing the work.

- 46 Host a community storytelling or discussion night.
- 47 Bring Flat Roger as you involve yourself in a civic activity.

## As You Care for Your Environment

- 48 Plant a tree, garden, or pollinator space.
- 49 Advocate for safer streets, cleaner spaces, or better local resources.
- 50 Snap a photo of you and Flat Roger using a reusable bottle.



There are several versions of Flat Roger in this packet. Because just like civic life, there's more than one way to get involved!

