

Meet the Missouri Centennial Poster

Quickly look over the poster: What do you notice first?

Observe the details: List the people, objects, places, and activities in the poster. What are the main colors used? Are there any symbols? Does it say who created the poster?



Does the poster try to persuade mainly through words, visuals, or both equally?

Write a one-sentence summary of the poster.

Why was the poster created? List evidence from the poster that tells you this.

Who do you think is the intended audience?

What was happening at the time in history when this poster was created?

What did you find out from this poster that you might not learn anywhere else?

What other documents or historical evidence might you use to better understand the poster?

Now it is your turn!

Missouri turns 200 years old in 2021! What would you choose to put on a poster celebrating the State of Missouri's bicentennial?

Consider submitting your idea for a poster – based on the theme of *Sharing Missouri's Stories: Past, Present, and Future* – for the Missouri Bicentennial Poster competition, organized by the Missouri Bicentennial Commission. Learn more here: <https://missouri2021.org/bicentennial-poster>

Questions adapted from *Analyze a Poster* worksheet for intermediate or secondary students developed by the National Archives and in the public domain.



Image provided courtesy of the State Historical Society of Missouri [BROA S28mis2]. Find a larger, digital version here:

<https://digital.shsmo.org/digital/collection/p17228coll11/id/123/rec/4>.