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America is a young country in the grand scheme of things, and despite its youth, America is still a proud and powerful country. Hence, America's 250th birthday must be a celebration for everyone. It must acknowledge the efforts of everyone who helped better this country, big or small. This celebration will invite everyone who calls America home, provide dishes representing its history, and be littered with decorations based on the different eras of its history. This is a party for everyone, by everyone.

This means the birthday of a country, let alone the 250th one, should be a huge, unrestricted, and joyful festival. If I were to plan this party, I would invite anyone from every walk of life, along with many famous historical figures. However, I would include those who contributed to the prosperity of this country yet had their contributions swept under the rug. Some examples of this would be Henry Clay, Josephine Baker, and John Glover. The party would hold historical dishes for those who celebrated their lives in America, from war veterans to the common people. There would be foods from different eras, like the cornmeal from the Reconstruction Era, but also dishes like the Great Depression's dandelion salads. Every dish has a story to tell in this country, and where better to share than at a birthday party?

However, a party isn't complete without decor or festivities. There would be pictures and reenactments from many different times in America's history, happy or sad. The whole place would be designed with the word "freedom" in mind. It would be a large open venue, lined with banners each showing a part of America's history. The whole place would be warm and

welcoming, just like America has been for so many people, with bright and colorful fireworks everywhere.