

## PUBLIC SCHOLARS PROJECT REQUIRED SCRIPT FOR HOST SITES

Your introduction sets the stage for a successful program and helps the program scholar connect with your audience. Below is a sample script for you to use at the beginning and conclusion of the program. Remember to ask how the scholar wants to be introduced when you confirm program details one or two weeks in advance of the event date.

### BEFORE THE PROGRAM

Welcome to the Public Scholars Project program [Program Title]. This program is funded by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, an independent non-profit organization and state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The New Jersey Council for the Humanities serves as a grantmaker, program provider, partner, and convener that works with statewide and community organizations to bring dynamic public humanities programming to the local level throughout our state.

Public humanities programs allow for community members to have a shared exploration of history, culture, values, and beliefs. Any views, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed in this program do not necessarily represent those of the NEH or NJCH. If you'd like more information about the Council and to view their calendar of events, please visit [njhumanities.org](http://njhumanities.org).

We're pleased that you are able to join us for [Program Title]. I'd like to tell you a little bit about our guest, [introduce scholar by name or living history performer by character name and then read a short scholar or character bio].

### AFTER THE PROGRAM

Thank you for attending the Public Scholar Project program [Program Title]. This program was funded by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities. The mission of NJCH is to harness the power of the humanities to strengthen our pluralistic society. Programs like this one further that mission. If you enjoyed today's program, then be sure to check out the [njhumanities.org](http://njhumanities.org) website for other events, as the Council partners with many other organizations throughout the state to provide hundreds of free programs for the public each year.

### QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS SCRIPT?

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