



Teaching American History Grant Information

From Kings to Presidents

What is the purpose of the grant?

The purpose of this grant is to create and deliver a professional development program which will raise student achievement by improving teachers' knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of American History. Teachers will participate in professional development opportunities with the *Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History*, *Texas A & M University*, *Learners Online*, and H. Lynn Erickson.

What is the focus of the grant?

The grant will focus on the Words and Deeds of historically significant individuals in American History from 1607 to the present. Instruction will result in students increased knowledge of historically significant individuals and will respond to the student's natural inclination to seek out, find, and learn about role models.

What is the overall goal of the grant?

The overall goal of the grant is to create highly qualified Master Teachers that will utilize content rich methodology and make history relevant to students. The workshops will be TEKS aligned and focus on TAKS Objective 1- Political influences on issues and events in American history.

Teachers will write lesson plans using a conceptual format. The lessons will be entered into eduphoria! for all teachers to use in their classrooms.

Who can participate in the grant?

From Kings to Presidents will train a total of 255 teachers from grades 5, 8, and 11 over a five year period. All teachers are invited to apply, but the material will be geared toward American History. The preferred audience is 5th, 8th, and 11th grade history teachers. **However, since American History is taught at all levels no subject or grade level will be excluded from consideration.** Teachers will be selected to participate in the training through an application process.

How will participation in the grant benefit me?

- Participation in professional development delivered by noted historians.
- Dialog with historians and other Social Studies teachers.

- Learn teaching strategies using American History content.
- Resource materials for your classroom.
- Access to field research of your own design with \$850 to travel and complete field research.
- Expand your American History knowledge and make learning more interesting for your students!
- Professional development hours can be used for DATE Grant credit.

What type of commitment is required?

- Attend 31 days of professional staff development during a 3 year period.
- Become a AP or Pre- AP certified teacher in American History (if you are a secondary teacher).
- Attend 5-6 days of training during the summer.
- Participate in 4 Saturday events during the school year.
- Participate in monthly teacher study groups.
- Integrate *From King's to President's* History content into the existing curriculum.

How do I apply?

Complete a Fellowship application (form is on the Social Studies Website). To access the form, go to pasadenaisd.org, choose Departments, Curriculum and Instruction, Social Studies. Email or send the form via interoffice mail to Cheryl Park. My email address is cpark@pasadenaisd.org. Address interoffice mail to Administration Building, Curriculum and Instruction, Attention: Cheryl Park. If you have questions call me at 713-740-0942, ext. 70942.

- Applications are due November 21, 2008.
- You will need two letters of reference for your application. One must be from your principal and the other should be from a colleague.
- Participants will be announced December 2008.
- Orientation and Training will begin in January 2009.