

April 2020

## TEACHING AMERICAN HISTORY

In partnership with KCS SS Department, on June 1st from 8:00am-3:00pm at Bearden Middle School, TAH will be hosting a seminar titled *Social Reform 1790-1850*. The Early Republic and Antebellum eras experienced tremendous growth and change in American society. This seminar explores the many movements that rise: abolition, temperance, social reform, women's rights and the Second Great Awakening. This is open to teachers of all content areas. Register at <https://teachingamericanhistory.org/event/one-day-seminar-social-reform-1790-1850-hosted-by-knox-county-schools-knoxville-tn/>.

A second seminar will be held on July 20th from 8:00am-3:00pm at West Valley Middle School titled *Landmark Supreme Court Cases*. While many Supreme Court cases have shaped American policies, this seminar explores cases that focus on the Constitution and Federalism, the Constitution and the Commerce Clause, and major Civil Rights cases. This is open to teachers of all content areas, also. Register at <https://go.teachingamericanhistory.org/1/556702/2020-02-24/9tjrcr>.

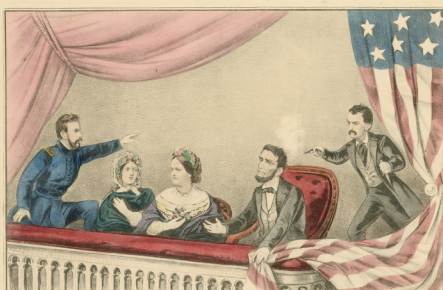
## BATTLE FOR THE BALLOT COMPETITION

Deadlines have been extended for 9-12 entries - 4/15/20

For more information visit <https://tnwoman100.com/battle-for-the-ballot-competition/>.

April 15th, 1864-

President Lincoln Assassinated



THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT LINCOLN.  
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## AMERICAN BATTLEFIELD TRUST YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Do you have a student that shows a particular love for history? See if he or she would be interested in joining the American Battlefield Trust Youth Leadership Team. The American Battlefield Trust Youth Leadership Team (YLT) is a rotating group of 10 young people, aged 15-18, who will serve as the youth face and voice of the American Battlefield Trust. YLT members are selected every year to participate in Lobby Day, create preservation, education, or visitation projects in their local communities, and attend our annual conference. More information can be found at <http://bit.ly/38UCtJ4>.

## SMITHSONIAN OPEN ACCESS

Open access is a unique opportunity to bring Smithsonian collections to people in new ways, to engage with the public, and provide important context for challenging 21st-century issues. The Smithsonian is increasing the public's ability to use millions of digital assets—2D and 3D images and data. Open Access items carry what's called a CCO designation, meaning it is free of copyright restrictions and you can use it for any purpose, free of charge, without further permission from the Smithsonian. For more information <https://www.si.edu/openaccess>.

## US COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE 6TH CIRCUIT ANNOUNCES NEW ESSAY CONTEST

The contest is open to junior and senior high school students in Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, and Tennessee. Students in the 11th and 12th grades attending public, private, parochial and charter schools, and home-schooled students of equivalent grade status are invited to participate. The theme of the contest is *The Role of Civics Education in Protecting the Rule of Law*. Contest and registration information can be located at <https://connections.ca6.uscourts.gov/>. Questions regarding the contest can be sent to the Office of the Circuit Executive at (513)564-7200 or [civics\\_contest@ca6.uscourts.gov](mailto:civics_contest@ca6.uscourts.gov). **Deadline for submissions is April 24th.**

## DBQ PROJECT TRAINING

Led by DBQ Project team members, this lively one day workshop will provide instructional strategies and intensive modeling on historical thinking skills, argumentative writing, and how to scaffold DBQs for students with various abilities. Because every KCS middle and high school has been provided with available DBQ notebooks, this would be a great training to learn how to fully implement DBQs into your instruction. The training will take place at UTK on June 11th from 9:00-3:00pm. The cost of the training is \$75 (not covered by KCS or UTK). Register at <https://conta.cc/2xIXyy1>. Submit an out of district PD request through MyLearningPlan to receive KCS inservice credit.

## UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Select Sundays and Wednesdays: Teaching American History Webinars-*American Minds and Documents in Detail*-Each webinar consists of a conversation about critical questions between two scholars and a moderator. A required set of primary-source documents published on the site in advance of each program. The downloadable certificate for two PD hours should be submitted with an out-of-district PD request through My Learning Plan to receive KCS inservice credit.

Canvas Review Course For High School TN History Teachers-Anytime Open Enrollment-If you are teaching the high school Tennessee History elective course and need a Tennessee History refresher, consider enrolling in our review course. Simply click on this link and you will be automatically enrolled. The TN History content is intended for 5th grade teachers and high school teachers. Follow the directions in the course to receive inservice credit.

April 8th, 4:00pm-U.S. National Archive DocsTeach-Hosted by the National Archives via webinar, join the KCS SS department for an introduction to DocsTeach, the online tool for teaching with primary sources from the National Archives. This is suitable for SS teachers of all contents. Register via MyLearningPlan.

April 9th, 8:00pm-An Evening with Jon Meacham at the Bijou Theatre-Presented by the LMU and East TN Historical Society, the author will discuss his NY Times best-selling biography *Destiny and Power: The American Odyssey of George Herbert Walker Bush*. Tickets are \$55 and can be purchased at [www.knoxbijou.org](http://www.knoxbijou.org). Submit an out-of-district PD request through MyLearningPlan to receive KCS inservice credit.

April 20th, 3:30pm PDT-Visible Learning for Social Studies Webinar-Social studies is far more than memorizing dates and facts. Join this webinar to understand how using the right approach at the right time can maximize student learning. Register at <https://bit.ly/2xiAksV>. Submit an out-of-district PD request through MyLearningPlan to receive KCS inservice credit.

May 2nd, 9:00am-Teaching Industrialization Workshop, East TN History Center-The Industrial Revolution's reshaping of the American economy, political, social fabric of the country will be explored. Register by emailing Lisa Oakley at [oakley@easttnhistory.org](mailto:oakley@easttnhistory.org). Submit an out-of-district PD request through MyLearningPlan to receive KCS inservice credit.

May 28th or June 26th, 9:00am-12:00pm CST-Tennessee State Museum, Nashville-To help kick off our new exhibit, Ratified! Tennessee Women and the Right to Vote, which opens to the public on April 24, the State Museum is offering new professional development opportunities focusing on story of women's suffrage through the lens of Tennessee and Tennesseans. Register at <https://tnmuseum.org/professional-development>. Submit an out-of-district PD request through MyLearningPlan to receive KCS inservice credit.

June 24th, 9:00am-Athens at the McMinn Co. Living Heritage Museum-Join the ETHS for a day of learning about stories from TN history which are featured in the new standards. Register by emailing Lisa Oakley at [oakley@easttnhistory.org](mailto:oakley@easttnhistory.org). Submit an out-of-district PD request through MyLearningPlan to receive KCS inservice credit.

July 9th-10th, 9:00am-Teaching Historical Awareness, East TN History Center-Activities will be explored that help students build their historical awareness skills. Register by emailing Lisa Oakley at [oakley@easttnhistory.org](mailto:oakley@easttnhistory.org). Submit an out-of-district PD request through MyLearningPlan to receive KCS inservice credit.

July 17th, 20th, July 23rd, July 27th (all day events)-Tennessee History for Kids-Early TN History/Cherokee History at the Museum of Appalachia (July 17th), Civil War at Lookout Mountain (July 20th), Reconstruction/Early 20th Century/Suffrage at Nashville Public Library/TN State Capitol (July 23rd), Civil Rights/20th Century at the Cotton Museum at the Memphis Cotton Exchange (July 27th). Cost is \$25-which includes lunch. Register at [www.tnhistoryforkids.org/roadshows](http://www.tnhistoryforkids.org/roadshows). Submit an

## CONGRATULATIONS!!

The regional competition for Tennessee History Day/National History Day was held March 6th, and we had several Knox County students place and advance to the next round at the state level (although it will look a bit different this year being virtually judged). Please congratulate your colleagues and students on behalf of the Social Studies Department! We are excited to see how they do at the next level and wish them all the best!

Thank you teachers who sponsored, advised, and provided feedback and support for all of your students. Regardless of where or if they placed at the school and/or regional level, you and they are to be commended for the time, energy, effort, thought, and research that went into this valuable and worthwhile opportunity!

Student from the following schools placed and will advance:

Bearden Middle School (sponsoring teachers Maureen Schenk and Dave McGinnis)

West Valley Middle School (sponsoring teacher Karen Peterman)

L&N STEM Academy (sponsoring teachers Derek Griffin and Karen Stanish)

Farragut High School (sponsoring teacher Angela Breeding)

West High School (sponsoring teacher Lindsey Parks)

## NEW CURRICULUM FROM THE BILL OF RIGHTS INSTITUTE



From the National #WWI Museum and Memorial in Kansas City, take a look at this online exhibit "Trenches of WWI: An Immersive Tour". The virtual tour includes recreated trenches of the German, English & French armies. Visit <https://bit.ly/2UyPHW9>.

Also, visit <https://www.worldwar1centennial.org/> for more information, resources, and opportunities for teaching World War I.

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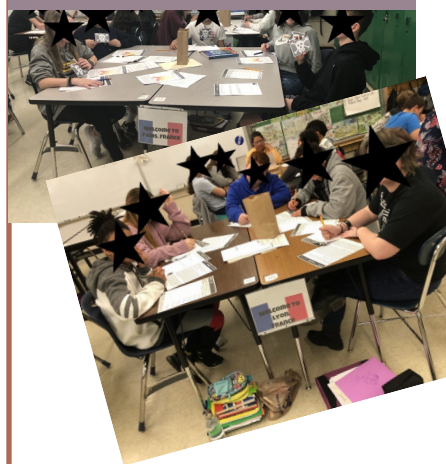


## SOCIAL STUDIES GETS IT DONE!

Cedar Bluff Middle students learn about Jackie Robinson during Black History Month



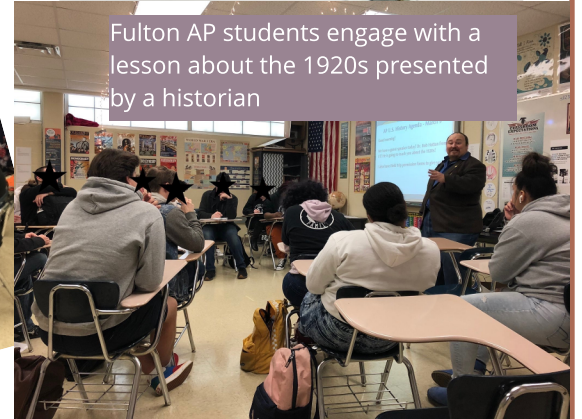
Cedar Bluff Middle 7th grade students dissect a Black Death simulation



Cedar Bluff Middle 8th grade students explore a TN State Library and Archive DocsBox about Cotton



Fulton AP students engage with a lesson about the 1920s presented by a historian



We want to celebrate the great learning we see taking place in your classrooms everyday! Throughout the school year, as you are teaching and your students are learning and exploring social studies, share with your colleagues the good things that are happening in your schools. Send us pictures of your students engaging in the Social Studies Practices, digging into primary and secondary sources, analyzing, justifying, debating, creating, and being social scientists! We see these things happening everyday as we are visiting schools and classrooms-let your fellow social studies teacher share in your students' successes!

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