

INFORMATION LETTER
for a Research Study entitled
“Alabama Study on the State of the Teaching of Social Studies”

You are invited to participate in a research study to *provide an accurate description of the teaching of social studies in K-12 classrooms across Alabama.* Dr. Theresa M. McCormick and Dr. Deborah Morowski of the Department of Curriculum and Teaching at Auburn University are conducting this study. You were selected as a possible participant because you are K - 12 public school teacher in the state of Alabama and are age 19 or older.

What will be involved if you participate? Your participation is completely voluntary. If you decide to participate in this research study, you will be asked to complete an anonymous online survey. Your total time commitment will be approximately 10 minutes.

Are there any risks or discomforts? There are no foreseeable or discomforts risks associated with participating in this study.

Are there any benefits to yourself or others? If you participate in this study, there are no benefits to yourself. Benefits to others, such as professional development coordinators, policy makers may include a better description of the areas of need for professional development in social studies instruction.

Will you receive compensation for participating? You will not receive any compensation for participating in this survey.

If you change your mind about participating, you can withdraw at any time by closing the survey. Since you have submitted anonymous data, it cannot be withdrawn since it will be unidentifiable. Your decision about whether or not to participate or to stop participating will not jeopardize your future relations with Auburn University, the Department of Curriculum and Teaching.

Any data obtained in connection with this study will remain anonymous. Your responses cannot be linked to you individually; your school, or you school system. Responses will be analyzed for frequencies and percentages based on the total number of teachers who complete the survey. Information collected through your participation may be presented at a professional conference and/or published in a professional journal.

If you have questions about this study, please contact Dr. Theresa M. McCormick at mccortm@auburn.edu or at 334.844.6795

If you have questions about your rights as a research participant, you may contact the Auburn University Office of Human Subjects Research or the Institutional Review Board by phone (334) 844-5966 or e-mail at hsubjec@auburn.edu or IRBChair@auburn.edu.

HAVING READ THE INFORMATION ABOVE, YOU MUST DECIDE IF YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS RESEARCH PROJECT. IF YOU DECIDE TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW.
YOU MAY PRINT A COPY OF THIS LETTER TO KEEP.

Dr. Theresa M. McCormick	08/31/2010
Investigator	Date

Dr. Deborah Morowski	08/31/2010
Co-Investigator	Date

The Auburn University Institutional Review Board has approved this document for use from September 26, 2010 to September 25, 2011. Protocol #10-263 EX 1009.

Go the link below to access the online survey:

<http://surveyshare.com/survey/take/?sid=103914>