



2026 Alabama History Institutes: Grades 4-12

Doing History: Place, People, and Perspectives for Alabama & America 250

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Ready to bring Alabama's history to life in your classroom? Doing History is an intensive professional development experience focused on pedagogical innovation, helping teachers design engaging, student-centered instruction using historical content as a vehicle for learning. During the workshop, you will explore primary sources, analyze historical narratives, examine geography's influence on events, and consider multiple perspectives across time. These materials will enhance inquiry-based learning, artifact analysis, and collaborative activities, highlighting Alabama's connections to our nation's founding. You will learn ways to make lessons interactive and meaningful, guiding students to investigate the past while developing critical thinking skills.

You will leave this workshop with activities and resources aligned to the 2024 Social Studies Course of Study Standards. Please bring a personal, operable device, such as a laptop or Chromebook, as you will be required to use it for full participation.



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