2017 Summer Institutes: Grades 3-6

How We Work: Labor in Alabama

Sloss Furnaces National Historic Landmark, Birmingham

June 26-29, 2017

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This institute will explore the labor and industries that have shaped Alabama history from the Native American construction of the atlatl to steel production in Sloss furnaces to the labor of the Civil Rights Movement. Teachers will tour Sloss Furnaces and the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, where they will learn about how the labor of Alabamians supported much more than industries. Speakers from the Encyclopedia of Alabama, the Birmingham Museum of Art, and Troy University will share expert insight and resources to inform classroom lessons. Teachers will leave with access to primary sources, strategies for meeting Social Studies standards, and the confidence to continue their labor of leading students in respectful, meaningful dialogue.