2019 Summer Institutes: Grades 10-12

Social Justice and Civil Rights in the Cotton Kingdom

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The cultivation and industrialization of cotton directly correlates with Alabama’s difficult history of social justice and the fight for civil rights for all. Throughout Social Justice and Civil Rights in the Cotton Kingdom, participants will actively engage with this connection by studying the stories of African-American citizens in Alabama from slavery to the modern era. Famous historical sites around Montgomery will be explored over the three-day workshop; sites include the Civil Rights Memorial Center, Equal Justice Initiative Museum, and the Southern Poverty Law Center. Local historians will share oral histories from Alabamians during significant eras in Alabama’s civil rights history. Participants will receive an assortment of resources, activities, and lessons to take back to their classrooms.