



The American Institute for History Education Fact Sheet

The American Institute for History Education (AIHE) was founded in 2003. Headquartered in Swedesboro, N.J., AIHE specializes in developing teacher-friendly curricula and training designed to raise the standards of history education at the elementary, middle and high school levels.

AIHE appreciates the tremendous need for teachers to have access to optimum quality historical content and more advanced resources. Study after study, and results from National Association of Educational Progress (NAEP) testing, demonstrate that American students are not receiving competent history-education opportunities. Both students and teachers have been subjected to banal textbooks and programs that barely skim over the crucial issues in American history.

The AIHE program concentrates on increasing teacher knowledge of the subject, providing historical content and period-related supporting materials. It also helps improve teaching techniques, curricula, lesson-plan writing, student evaluation, quizzes and homework assignments.

The American Institute for History Education believes that students will rise to high expectations if teachers provide them with the means. Voluminous empirical and quantitative research verifies this. Students will comprehend abstract ideas and think critically once they have a competent base of knowledge. Thinking skills will increase commensurate with the amount of data students retain. The American Institute for History Education works to provide teachers with the materials to help students analyze erudite historical content, process the information, synthesize substantive data, and articulate reasoned conclusions.

AIHE's accomplishments include:

- AIHE has brought \$20 million from Teaching American History grants to New Jersey school districts during the past four years.
- AIHE's Teacher Professional Development program results in a 21 percent increase of teachers' history content knowledge in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.
- Students of teachers in their second year of the AIHE TAH program score 30 percent higher on a test of nationally validated history content questions than students in a comparable, non-participating district.
- Urban students of teachers in the AIHE TAH program score 44 percent higher than students in a non-participating district.



AIHE services and products include:

Teacher professional development in:

- Any historical content needed
- Effective and engaging teaching methods
- Infusing technology into the history classroom
- Curriculum Development and Alignment
- Lesson Plan Development
- Interactive classroom resources such as CICERO: History Beyond the Textbook™, an online toolbox for history and social studies teachers; and SojournerHistory.com, a site that allows teachers to infuse the African-American journey into their U.S. History classes.
- Partnerships on the U.S. Department of Education Teaching American History grant. AIHE can partner with your district with its successful professional development models or any number of individual offerings.
- Teacher Field-Study Trips

About Teacher Field-Study Trips

AIHE develops, plans, and runs specialized field-study trips designed to help teachers add life to their American history lectures. These trips offer substantial historical content, visits to nationally acclaimed institutes and destinations and include discussions with premier historians and scholars. While on site, teachers may conduct research in prominent archives as well as have the chance to integrate site photos and resources into classroom lessons. AIHE staff handles scheduling, destinations, scholars, transportation, hotels, meals, and entertainment. That allows participants to sit back and enjoy the stress-free learning experience.

Field Study locations include:

Pennsylvania	Historic Philadelphia, Valley Forge, Gettysburg, Lancaster, Pittsburgh, coal mines and other sites
Massachusetts	Boston, Plymouth, Quincy, Concord, Lowell, Salem, and other sites
New York	Hudson River sites, Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, and other sites
Metro Washington, D.C.	Mount Vernon, Gunston Hall
New Jersey	Washington’s Crossing, Trenton, Princeton, Salem County, Morristown, and other sites
Virginia	Civil War battlefields, Monticello, Montpelier, Ashland, Richmond, Williamsburg, Jamestown, and Yorktown
Alabama	Birmingham, Montgomery, Fort Toulouse, Tuskegee Institute, Old Alabama Town
South Carolina	Charleston and other sites in the Carolinas
Georgia	Atlanta, Savannah and other sites
Florida	St. Augustine
Other locations	New Orleans, Chicago and many other historic sites