

American Dream Teacher Leadership Program

FREE WORKSHOPS, MATERIALS, BOOKS

Want to be part of an elite cohort of Teacher Leaders from elementary and middle schools across New York City?

Looking for a way to boost student performance in social studies and ELA?



Want to learn new history content and develop innovative strategies for bringing that content to your students?

Interested in networking and learning with teachers, historians and educators from some of the city's best museums and cultural institutions?

**If so, then you are ready to become an
*American Dream Teacher Leader!***

Dates for 2009-2010

- Inaugural American Dream Institute: June 10th
- Summer Institute: July 26th-July 30th (teachers will be paid for attendance)

TO APPLY: RETURN YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION AND SCHOOL LETTER OF COMMITMENT TO ELISE ABEGG BY JANUARY 29, 2010.

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What is the American Dream Teacher Leadership Program?

In this FREE program, a cohort of elementary and middle school American history teachers will take part in up to five years of intensive staff development and, as a result, will increase their knowledge and level of instruction and thus the performance of their students. As teacher leaders, they will also gain content and strategies for delivering professional development to their colleagues. Teachers in this intensive and ongoing program will learn from some of the nation's top American historians and be exposed to a myriad of documents, books, artifacts, landmarks, and museums and strategies for using them to bring American history to life and make it meaningful for students.

DEFINING THE AMERICAN DREAM

Native Americans; Colonization; American Revolution; Free and Enslaved African Americans; Women

- Inaugural Institute, June 10, 2010
- Summer Institute July 26-30, 2010
- Election Day, 2010
- February Institute, February 22-24, 2011
- Spring Seminar, 2011

CHALLENGES OF THE AMERICAN DREAM

Westward Expansion; Slavery and Resistance; Civil War; Reconstruction

- Summer Institute, July 2011
- Election Day, 2011
- February Institute, February 21-21, 2012
- Spring Seminar, 2012

THE AMERICAN DREAM & THE DEVELOPMENT OF MODERN AMERICA

Immigration; Migration; Industrialization

- Summer Institute, July 2012
- Election Day, 2012
- February Institute, February 19-21, 2013
- Spring Institute, May, 2013

THE AMERICAN DREAM IN CONTEMPORARY AMERICA

Civil Rights Movement; Cold War; McCarthyism; Labor Movement; Contemporary Immigration; Contemporary Black History

- Summer Institute, July 2013
- Election Day, 2013
- February Institute, February 19-21, 2014
- Spring Institute, May, 2014

Teachers participating in the program will be expected to do the following:

- Original research project presented as a blog, wiki, or power point
- Create several standards-based lesson plans based on the content and strategies presented during the program
- Work with colleagues across the grades to develop a vertical plan for teaching certain topics in American History
- Develop a plan to help students create original research project for NYC History Day (includes submitting projects from at least one class)
- Create and present American history workshops for colleagues
- Take on leadership role in the school
- Participate in all evaluation activities (includes pre and post-tests, written and oral evaluations, submitting lesson plans and other materials, taking part in interviews with grant evaluators)



American Dream is a federally funded “Teaching American History” grant program. It is a collaboration between the New York City Department of Education, the Brooklyn Historical Society, City Lore, the Gotham Center, the Historic House Trust, the Museum of the City of New York, the New-York Historical Society, and the Paley Center for Media.