



# HOOSIERS AND THE AMERICAN STORY

## 2014 Teacher Professional Development Workshop

Sponsored by the Indiana Historical Society and Indiana Humanities

### Purpose

Are you ready to incorporate more Indiana stories into your American history classroom? Do you wonder how to engage and educate the next generation of Hoosier leaders? Join the Indiana Historical Society and Indiana Humanities for a FREE one-day teacher workshop in preparation for the 2016 State Bicentennial. Get resources and content that will help you easily integrate Indiana history into your existing curricula. Together, we can help students learn about and love Indiana!

Each one-day workshop features:

- "Indiana History in the American Story," Keynote Address delivered by Dr. James H. Madison, Thomas and Kathryn Miller Professor Emeritus, Department of History, Indiana University, Bloomington.
- *Hoosiers and the American Story*, a new 300-page supplemental student text by Dr. James H. Madison and Lee Sandweiss that explores Indiana examples of the topics taught in the American history classroom, such as Native Americans, westward expansion, the Civil War, industrialization and the Civil Rights Movement. **Free copies for you and your students!**
- *Destination Indiana for the Classroom*, bringing you 300+ digital journeys across Indiana. This user-friendly website will allow you and your students to engage with IHS's online collections in new ways. Find photos, maps, documents and other primary sources to supplement your curricula or allow students to research a topic and present their results in a choice of formats.
- Using National History Day in Indiana as a student motivator, with regional, state and national awards as incentive.
- **Connecting with peers and discovering new local and state resources for teaching Indiana history.**

### Why Teach State History?

The observance of Indiana's State Bicentennial in the years leading up through 2016 provide a unique opportunity to deepen your students' knowledge of their home state. The Bicentennial is a perfect chance to encourage a sense of place, civic literacy and civil dialogue. We want you to have the tools you need to show your students how their own Hoosier history is part of the American story.

### Who Can Attend

This workshop will be most beneficial for eighth through 12th grade U.S. history teachers. Fourth grade teachers who want to learn more about Indiana history are also welcome, and select age-appropriate materials for fourth grade students will be provided. Space allowing, media specialists, teachers of other grades/subjects and other K12 school personnel may also enroll. Participants are encouraged to come in school and/or district teams, if desired. Participants from K12 public and private schools, as well as homeschool teachers, are all welcome.

#### Cost for Teachers

FREE. This program is made possible by a generous grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. and includes:

- All workshop materials
- \$30 travel stipend
- Books for you and your students
- Certificate of Attendance reflecting seven hours of professional development
- Lunch

**Substitute teacher pay, if needed. PLEASE NOTE: IHS will reimburse your school or district for substitute teacher pay. Upon your completion of the workshop, we'll provide you with invoicing instructions for your school or district administrator.**

#### How to Register

1) Pick a date and location:

- Thursday, Nov. 6, 2014, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, Indianapolis
- Thursday, Nov. 13, 2014, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, Nov. 20, 2014, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Clifty Inn at Clifty Falls State Park, Madison
- Friday, Feb. 6, 2015, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, Indianapolis

*Space is limited, and registrations will be accepted on a rolling basis until each workshop fills. After this time, a waitlist will be created.*

2) Register at [www.indianahistory.org/teachers-students](http://www.indianahistory.org/teachers-students)

*Questions? Contact Becky Schlomann, coordinator, Bicentennial Programs, Education and Community Engagement Department, Indiana Historical Society, at (317) 233-4549 or [education@indianahistory.org](mailto:education@indianahistory.org).*

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# NHD NATIONAL HISTORY DAY

## National History Day in Indiana

### What is National History Day in Indiana?

National History Day in Indiana (NHD) is a project-based learning program that encourages students to explore their own interests in history, conduct research and create projects in the form of exhibits, documentaries, original dramatic performances, papers and websites.

Each year, more than half a million students, encouraged by thousands of teachers, participate in National History Day (NHD) across all 50 states, in the US Territories, and at Department of Defense schools worldwide.

Educators use History Day in their classrooms because it fits a wide variety of academic standards, teaches presentation and critical thinking skills, and makes history fun for students of all abilities.

Students enjoy History Day because it allows them to explore their own interests in history and create projects from their own research efforts, and it challenges them to think like professional historians.

### Why is History Day Important?

Recent studies have found that National History Day students:

- Learn 21st-century college- and career-ready skills
- Outperform their peers on state standardized tests in multiple subjects, including reading, science, math and social studies
- Learn critical thinking, writing and research skills and boost performance across all subjects
- Are more interested and confident in their work as a result of creating History Day projects

Among Black and Latino students, NHD students outperform non-NHD students, posting higher performance assessment scores and levels of interest and skills.

### History Day and IPS

Each school year, approximately 4,000 Indiana students in grades 4-12 participate in NHD. Of these, approximately 40-60 students are from Indianapolis Public Schools. IHS is on-target to increase IPS participation in 2014-15.

Matt Durrett, Coordinator, Educational Outreach and National History Day in Indiana, oversees NHD. In September 2014, Corrinne Patterson joined the NHD team. Corrinne is an AmeriCorps member provided to IHS by Public Allies of Indiana. Her primary responsibility will be to assist Matt in involving more Indianapolis Public Schools students in NHD in 2014-15.

*For more information about NHD, please contact Matt Durrett, Coordinator, Educational Outreach and National History Day in Indiana, Indiana Historical Society, at (317) 233-9559 or [mdurrett@indianahistory.org](mailto:mdurrett@indianahistory.org).*

