



Foundations of U.S. History

Virginia History
as American History

Teaching American History Grant

A partnership between Loudoun County Public Schools
and CHNM at George Mason University

Memorandum of Understanding Lead Teacher 2008-2009

As both a participating and a lead teacher for the Loudoun County Public Schools Teaching American History (TAH) project, ***Foundations of U.S. History: Virginia History as American History***, I agree to accept responsibility for completing the following requirements in addition to those listed in the Cohort MOU:

1) Facilitate grade level breakout groups: Lead teachers will facilitate grade-level breakout groups at the end of each day of the Summer Institute (10 days). Lead teachers will develop guiding questions for breakout groups based on readings and workshops. The grade level breakout groups will provide support and feedback to teachers for:

- Developing strategies to use TAH content and skills in the classroom;
- Addressing challenges teachers face in teaching American history, including meeting the developmental needs of students and differentiating instruction; and
- Creating one extended lesson plan and two primary source activities

2) Help to lead interactive strategies workshops and model successful participation in TAH activities: Lead teachers will work with the Project Coordinator to plan and teach two half-day sessions focused on interactive instructional methods. Lead teachers will lead 1 to 2 Primary Source Activities during the Summer Institute. Lead teachers will share their TAH lesson plans and primary source activities as models for participants.

3) Respond to reflections: Lead teachers will read and respond to reflections by teachers in their breakout groups for all workshops and book groups.

NOTE: To provide support and direction in accomplishing these tasks, the Project Coordinator will convene occasional meetings in person or by conference call as needed to prepare and debrief lead teachers.

Upon **successful completion**, lead teachers will receive an additional **stipend of \$750**.

Lead Teacher

Date

Project Coordinator

Date