

About Project HEART



The Kentucky Educational Development Corporation, in partnership with the National Council of History Education (NCHE), the Kentucky Council for the Social Studies, Georgetown College, Eastern Kentucky University, and the Kentucky Department of Education, present Project History Education through Advanced Research and Technology – (H.E.A.R.T.)

H.E.A.R.T will support the establishment of: (1) Presidential Academies for the Teaching of American History and Civics that offer workshops for 300 (100 per year for three years) veteran and new teachers to strengthen their knowledge of American history and civics; and (2) Congressional Academies for Students of American History and Civics to provide 600 (200 per year) students with opportunities to develop a broader and deeper understanding of these subjects.

H.E.A.R.T. has three yearly themes of: **Year 1**) Constitutional Construct; **Year 2**) Constitutional Crisis; and **Year 3**) Constitutional Challenges to provide Professional Development yearly through a NCHE 5-day Colloquium presented daily by a Historian, a History Education Specialist and a Master Teacher. Teachers will also participate in a 4-day Experiential Immersion Presidential Academy trip to a significant historical city to provide cadre members with first-hand historical knowledge that will enhance classroom instruction.

Partners listed above will provide expert content to the project. Teachers will delve into original source readings about the time period to gain in-depth knowledge of the subject matter. Students of participating teachers will also be immersed into rich content during Congressional Academies with yearly themes. The goals of the project are to increase teacher content knowledge, increase student achievement and interest, create partnerships, and improve principal effectiveness.