

THE NEH ENRICHES K-12 EDUCATION

Whether teachers are accessing online lesson plans or attending a summer professional development program, the National Endowment for the Humanities provides teachers of all disciplines with the tools they need to create rich educational experiences for their students. And the NEH's commitment to youth extends outside of the classroom: it supports extracurricular education through exhibition funding and grants for youth programming.

THE NEH SUPPORTS PROFESSIONAL-DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR K-12 TEACHERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

Teachers participating in The Most Southern Place on Earth, an NEH-funded summer institute, spend a week exploring the history and culture of the Mississippi Delta, including the Civil Rights Movement and the development of blues music. They leave with a better understanding of our nation's history and new methods for teaching place-based learning.

Nationally, summer institutes and seminars for K-12 educators provide teachers with a deeper understanding of history and culture while helping them develop new teaching methods. In the past five years alone, these programs have reached nearly 13,000 teachers, ultimately enriching the classroom experience for an estimated 2 million students.

THE NEH HELPS BRING HIGH-QUALITY HUMANITIES LEARNING TO K-12 CLASSROOMS.

With more than 2.5 million unique visitors per year, the NEH's educational website, *EDSITEment* makes lesson plans and digital resources developed from NEH-funded projects accessible to K-12 teachers.

National History Day, an NEH initiative, encourages meaningful history and civics engagement for 600,000 students and 20,000–30,000 teachers per year in each state and territory. A 2011 study showed that these students outperformed their peers on state standardized tests.

THE NEH ENSURES THAT STUDENTS FROM ALL BACKGROUNDS HAVE ACCESS TO HIGH-QUALITY EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS.

In Louisville, Kentucky, the Cultural Pass program distributes free passes to the city's art and cultural institutions to youth. An NEH grant is helping the city overcome economic and cultural barriers to participating in the program. In 2017, the city provided 1,000 free bus rides as part of the program and 42.24% of the cultural passes go to children in low-to-moderate income zip codes.

With the help of NEH grants, the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities brings PRIME TIME Family Reading programs to vulnerable communities throughout the United States. The programs, which include story time and a healthy meal, model positive literacy practices for children and their caregivers. In a 2011 national assessment, researchers found that participants increased their public library use by 17.2% each month, while 80.4% of the participants reported a positive change in their attitudes toward reading.



"[The PRIME TIME] method promotes literacy through inquiry, conversation, joy, and meaningful engagement around literature while connecting with people, their culture and history."

— Sarah DeBacher, Vice President of Education, Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities



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