



## **2017 Summer Institutes: Grades 3-6**

### **Long Leaf: The History of an Agricultural State**

Johnson Center for the Arts, Troy

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Get ready to journey through Alabama's rich agricultural history. This institute will take participants from the state's roots in family-based subsistence farming to its current reliance on large-scale agriculture. This journey will be guided by the history of the longleaf pine, Alabama's state tree. Participants will hear from Dr. Robert Saunders, who has taught and published extensively on Alabama history; Roger Reid, author of the children's novel *Longleaf* and writer, director, and producer of the award-winning TV series *Discovering Alabama*; and Bill Finch of the Mobile Botanical Gardens, author of *Longleaf, Far as the Eye Can See*. On top of learning about the role of the longleaf pine in south Alabama's agricultural history, participants will receive access to classroom resources that will prepare them to help students celebrate Alabama's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday.