



2019 Summer Institutes: Grades 10-12

Cultivating America's Story: The History of Alabama Through the Heritage of the Black Belt

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From local folk art to the origins of European settlement, participants of **Cultivating America's Story: The History of Alabama Through the Heritage of the Black Belt** will have the opportunity to learn the stories of the Black Belt region and its people by studying local historical sites and experiencing cultural activities. An exploration of the region through geography, oral history, cultural traditions, primary sources, and art will take teachers on a journey through time. Field trip sites include the Black Belt Museum, Fort Tombeche, and the Aliceville Museum. Participants will experience how slave narratives, folktales, oral history, and folk art have become central to the story of Alabama's Black Belt, while learning how to incorporate active learning strategies in their classrooms to engage students.