



2019 Summer Institutes: Grades 3-6

Telling Alabama's Story: A Community Perspective

Selma Interpretive Center, Selma

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Telling the stories of Selma's prominent figures of the Civil Rights Movement will be the focus of **Telling Alabama's Story: A Community Perspective**. Participants will gather at the Selma Interpretive Center for training with the Encyclopedia of Alabama and the importance of teaching with primary sources. Dr. Valerie Pope Burnes, co-author of *Visions of the Black Belt*, will provide a brief history and discussion of the Black Belt. Teachers will take field trips to Marion, the National Voting Rights Museum, the Jean Jackson House Museum, and Old Cahawba, Alabama's first capital. Speakers on oral history, Jim Crow, and cultural identity will illuminate the great and small impacts that the Civil Rights Movement and stories have had on Alabamians. Teachers will leave with grade-specific content for their classrooms using storytelling, oral history, and primary documents, ready to celebrate Alabama's bicentennial with their students.