EDUCATOR WORKSHOPS IN YOUR SCHOOL

The Kentucky Historical Society can provide affordable and quality professional development to schools and districts across the state for K-12 teachers. A keystone of our approach is making history education accessible and relevant by combining our vast historical collections with inquiry-based, participatory learning that creates active and informed citizens.

We have designed our Educator Workshops to help you make your history lessons more engaging for students, to bring about deeper understanding and the development of skills that will benefit them in other areas of their lives. Each one ends with a hands-on activity to help you pull together what you have learned.

To schedule an Educator Workshop, or for more information on anything listed on this page, contact Claire E. Gwaltney, teacher programs manager, at claire.gwaltney@ky.gov or 502-782-8059. If you don’t see what you’re looking for, ask how we can customize a workshop to fit your needs!

Educating and Engaging in Kentucky’s Past: An Overview of KHS Resources and Programming

The Kentucky Historical Society offers many resources and programs for educators and students. This free workshop introduces you to:

- The KHS use of inquiry skills and education philosophy
- National History Day in Kentucky, History smArts, Field Trips, Kentucky Junior Historical Society and other programs
- KHS online collections and how to use them in the classroom

Activity: Object analysis with historic artifacts
Target Audience: K-12 grade educators and administrators

Using Visual Thinking Strategies in the Classroom

Learn how KHS uses visual thinking strategies (VTS) to teach an art-infused history lesson that improves students’ visual literacy, historical literacy and critical thinking skills. We cover:

- What VTS is and how KHS uses it is in the History smArts program
- Helpful tips for implementing VTS in your classroom

Activity: Image analysis using VTS and hands-on activity to deepen learning
Target Audience: Pre-K-8 grade educators

National History Day: The Ultimate Project-Based Learning Experience

National History Day turns students into researchers and presenters. Learn how you and your students can investigate and take action with history through National History Day in Kentucky (NHDKy). In this workshop, we examine:

- NHDKy and how it works
- How different types of learners can express their personal styles and interests within NHDKy
Activity: Impromptu exhibit construction using primary and secondary sources
Plus, we will provide materials to jumpstart you and your students to begin NHDKy in the classroom.
Target Audience: 4-12 grade educators and administrators

Reading Like a Historian
Learn how to find, evaluate and creatively use primary source documents in your classroom. This workshop covers:
- Differences between primary and secondary sources
- Tips on where to find primary sources online and how to evaluate their value
- Tools to help analyze primary sources that you can use in your classroom
Activity: Using primary sources (let us know if you want to look at sources centered on a specific theme!)
Target Audience: 4-12 grade educators

Delivered to Your Doorstep: Using KHS Traveling Trunks in Your Classroom
Investigate the contents of a KHS Traveling Trunk and learn how to integrate its contents and hands-on lessons into your classroom. This workshop includes:
- KHS Traveling Trunk program
- Traveling Trunk lesson and content overview (you choose the traveling trunk to focus on!)
Activity: Using sources and objects from your chosen Traveling Trunk
Target Audience: K-12 grade educators

SCHEDULE AN EDUCATOR WORKSHOP
Session Cost: $200. Add a second session on the same day for $150.

Additional fees apply for travel required outside a 60-mile radius of Frankfort, including roundtrip mileage and hotel (if an overnight stay is required).

EDUCATOR WORKSHOPS CANCELLATION POLICY
If you have booked a KHS workshop and need to cancel for any reason, please notify the event coordinator immediately. If you cancel two weeks before of the date of your workshop, you will only be responsible for your non-refundable deposit (15% of the total cost).

If you cancel within one week of the date of your workshop, you will be responsible for half of the cost of the workshop.

If you cancel less than a week in advance, you will be responsible for the entire cost of the workshop.