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Turn on the nightly news and it's easy to see how the US Constitution is central to understanding today's issues. But what about the past? How has the Constitution shaped – and been shaped by – issues throughout US history? *Constitutional Connections* – a new three year Teaching American History grant coordinated by ESD 112 – is looking for K-12 teachers interested in exploring this question with a commitment to increasing student learning. If you want to strengthen your US History program, this is an amazing opportunity!

Highlights include:

Bimonthly Constitutional Academies (3 hours):

- Five academies per year, 2006-2007 and 2007-2008
- Learn with renowned scholars

Summer Constitutional Institutes, 2006 – 2008 (4 days):

- Focus on US History, Classroom Based Assessments, and Professional Learning Teams
- 2006 Institute will be presented by the Constitutional Rights Foundation with Jack Rakove, August 1 – 4

History Professional Learning Teams (90 minutes):

- Meet monthly, 8 times per school year, 2006-2007 and 2007-2008
- Focus on student work, connect Institute and Academy themes to classroom practice, and develop Classroom Based Assessments through small group study close to your school

Participants are expected to attend all events. Teachers who attend all activities will receive a stipend (\$300 for this year's spring and summer events, \$500 per year for 2006/2007 and 2007/2008), recoup travel expenses, and earn Clock Hours or Seattle Pacific University credits.

Should you have any questions, browse our website (<http://www.esd112.org/history/>) or contact Matt Karlsen (matt.karlsen@esd112.org) at 360 750 7505 ext. 205.

Please share this invitation with your colleagues!