



Turning Points in American History

Knowledge. Understanding. Perspectives.

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THIS IS YOUR LAST
OPPORTUNITY!!!

In Turning Points' final year of funding, we are providing FREE individualized services to Vermont teachers, teams, and departments that teach American history. We offer half days, whole days, or multiple days and opportunities to embed our staff into your classroom.

Who is Eligible?

ONLY participants of previous Turning Points professional development programs and their colleagues in Vermont's public, private, and home schools are eligible for our services.

Our Goal

To promote rigorous inquiry, integration of educational standards, use of literacy skills, such as writing narratives, arguments, and short research pieces, and analysis of primary and secondary sources in humanities and social studies classrooms.

*Common Core
Standards-Based
Professional
Development*



Turning Points is a federally-funded professional development program for Vermont educators in grades 1-12 as well as pre-service educators seeking an undergraduate or graduate degree in education.

Lesson Development & Enhancements

Do you need assistance in developing or redesigning a unit or lesson?

We can help you with the following:

- Integrate into your units a variety of historical sources and the historical methods used to find, analyze, evaluate, and differentiate historical sources, including documents, images, artifacts, art, songs, structures, and landscapes. (Suitable for Vermont & National History Day Contests).
- Create engaging assessments and challenging projects that use historical content and skills to solve human problems.
- Add multiple perspectives and issues of bias to your units.
- Use multiple and complex texts to answer essential questions.
- Connect local resources of all kinds to national and global issues.
- Link lessons to the Common Core State Standards.
- Use argument in your writing assignments, citing specific and varied evidence.
- Incorporate narrative elements effectively into analyses of diverse individuals or events of historical import.
- Fulfill other ideas based on your needs.

Piloting Turning Points Lessons

*Check out
our website for
downloadable
lesson plans*

We welcome the opportunity to provide educators with assistance and resources for piloting lesson plans developed by Turning Points participants and program facilitators.

These lessons address American history content covering all eras, use common topics in national and local history, and are interdisciplinary.

Vermont & National History Day Contests

Let us help you prepare your 6-12 grade students to compete in the Vermont History Day Contest held each spring by the Vermont Historical Society. In this contest, students choose historical topics related to a theme and conduct extensive research using primary and secondary sources to analyze, interpret, draw conclusions, and present work in original papers, websites, exhibits, performances and documentaries. Winners move on to the national level where they are evaluated by professional historians and educators.

The State and National Contests of We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution

We can help prepare your 6-12 grade students to enter these contests, which take the form of simulated congressional hearings. During the hearings, groups of students testify as constitutional experts before panels of judges acting as congressional committees scoring the groups through a performance-based assessment.

Program Information

For further details about the program, contact us directly or visit <http://turningpointsinamericanhistory.org>.

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