



Teaching the Tough TEKS for 8th Grade U.S. History Teachers

Is this your first time teaching 8th grade U.S. History or do you simply need new ideas to refresh a unit of study?

Law-Related Education has the answer. We have reconfigured the Teaching the Tough TEKS institute to virtually provide educators with both content and pedagogy support throughout the year and timed the training to support teachers as they are planning and teaching.

Teaching the Tough TEKS is a 12-hour institute that targets TEKS that are challenging to 8th grade students. The resources are designed to target low performing 8th grade TEKS and to complement existing curriculum. The course will offer on-demand scholar content along with four live sessions to explore strategies to support teaching and learning.

*Join us for this **FREE** online professional development and let us support you as you meet the needs of your learners.*

Register on the Professional Development page at www.texaslre.org

Course opens on October 26th so that participants can access the content and activities required before the live session.

Participants registering for the **8th Grade Teaching the Tough TEKS Institute** should plan on being available for the live sessions below:

Domestic Issues of the Early Republic	Thursday, October 29 from 4:45 - 6:15 p.m.
Foreign Policy of the Early Republic	Saturday, November 7 from 10-11:30 a.m.
Origins of Political Parties	Wednesday February 3 from 4:45 - 6:15 p.m.
Reconstruction	Saturday, March 6 from 10-11:30 a.m.

The virtual LRE trainings will model best practices in both online instruction as well as face-to-face instruction.

An overview of the training includes:

- **Exploring the Content:** This is self-paced and allows educators to work at their own pace, explore content through scholar videos, background readings (secondary or primary sources), assessments, and online activities. All of these will be designed to set the stage for the live session.
- **Pedagogy Live Sessions:** These live consultant facilitated sessions with participants will run approximately 90 minutes.
 - The focus here will be on sharing classroom resources and teaching strategies, and examining best practices in both online instruction as well as face-to-face instruction.
 - Teachers will be collaborating with consultants and other educators in these sessions.
 - **Attendance at these sessions is required for course credit.**
- **Curated Resources:** Teachers will receive access to all materials used in the training.
- **Course Credit:** Teachers will receive **12 hours of CPE** after successfully completing all components of the course and attending the live facilitated sessions.



Frequently Asked Questions about Law-Related Education Virtual Professional Development:

What if I'm not available on the dates listed?

If the dates above do not align with your schedule, don't worry. Courses will be offered in the summer for you to take.

How many hours will I get per institute?

It depends on the institute. See the institute details for specific hours.

How much does it cost?

Nothing, it is free.

When can I register?

Registration will be available beginning the week of October 19, 2020.

Can this training count for my GT update?

Awarding GT credit is awarded by individual districts and not by professional development providers. However, LRE has developed their training and materials to meet the needs of learners that are identified as Gifted and Talented. Below are the areas that have been included in this training:

In these interactive sessions, participants will utilize elements of depth and complexity such as multiple perspectives, change over time, interdisciplinary studies, and language of the disciplines to meet the needs of diverse learners. The materials will include various differentiation techniques and strategies such as inquiry-based lessons, problem-solving, student choice, and open-ended questions to enhance learning and increase student achievement.

Who do I contact if I have additional questions?

Please contact us at texaslre@texasbar.com