Pre-AP Middle School History and Social Sciences
Judy Rowell, instructor

Course description:

This week will be spent exploring techniques and best practices for teaching Pre AP History and Social Studies. Please bring your favorite lesson to share with the group. Topics to be covered will range from American history topics from the colonial period to modern times, World Cultures, but mostly ideas that can be transformed to fit whatever the individual teaches. Time will be given for working with others in the same disciplines. I believe in hands-on experiential learning, so please come prepared to participate. Hopefully participants will come away with practical, usable, classroom ready ideas for teaching content, writing skills, literacy strategies, and hopefully making their students more independent learners.

To bring:
A lesson plan that has been successful in your classroom that you are willing to share with your peers
Judy Rowell was graduated from the University of Tulsa, and began her teaching career in Milwaukee, WI. She retired from a 40 plus year career as a classroom history teacher, finishing at Union Public Schools, where she served thirty years. Besides being a College Board consultant, she has been an Oklahoma A+ Schools Fellow and is an Oklahoma Energy and Resources Board Master Teacher. She was the Union Public Schools' Teacher of the Year for 2005. She recently co-authored the Oklahoma History course of study for Education 2020, presenting some of the lessons on film.

Believing that education goes on forever, she has been fortunate enough to attend summer studies at Harvard, Yale, Columbia, the Eldridge Street Synagogue in New York City, the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, the United States Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C., Georgia State University, Rollins College, the Mark Twain House/Museum and the Tsongas Industrial History Center in Lowell, MA.

She is active in many ways in her community, as a member of the Tulsa Historical Society, serving on the Board of Directors of the Happy Children's Home, an orphanage in China, and also as a member of the Board of Directors of the Tulsa Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Society.