



History Teacher of the Year

The Preserve America History Teacher of the Year Award, founded by the Gilder Lehrman Institute and Preserve America in 2003, is a \$10,000 prize given to one outstanding history teacher in America. The Preserve America History Teacher of the Year is chosen from the fifty state History Teachers of the Year.

State winners receive \$1,000 and an archive of books and other resources presented in their honor to their school. The Preserve America History Teacher of the Year Award is cosponsored by the Gilder Lehrman Institute, Preserve America, and HISTORY™ (the History Channel).

Qualifying Criteria

One winner will be chosen from each of the fifty states, the District of Columbia, Department of Defense Schools, and U.S. Territories based on the following criteria:

- **In 2010, middle and high school teachers (grades 7-12) are eligible. In alternate years, elementary teachers (grades K-6) are honored.**
- At least three years of classroom experience in teaching American history.
- A deep career commitment to teaching American history.
- Evidence of creativity and imagination in the classroom that addresses literacy and content beyond state standards.
- Close attention to primary documents, artifacts, historic sites, and other primary materials of history, including oral history.
- Evidence of thoughtful assessment of student achievement and progress.

Nomination Process

Nominations for the **Preserve America History Teacher of the Year** can be made by a department or division head, principal, superintendent, colleague, student, or parent. To nominate a teacher and learn more about the award, visit www.gilderlehrman.org/htoy.html or contact the Gilder Lehrman History Teacher of the Year coordinator at htoy@gilderlehrman.org, 646-366-9666.

Partners & Sponsors

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Deadlines

- Nomination Deadline: March 15, 2010
- Deadline for Additional Materials: April 15, 2010
- Winners Announced: June, 2010

“Great history teachers make America’s past a thrilling personal experience for their students. Great teachers encourage students to discover our country’s heritage through artifacts and primary sources.”

— former First Lady Laura Bush,
presenting the Preserve America History
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