

# GEAR UP Summer Institute

OREGON WRITING PROJECT'S CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE



## WHAT IS IT?

The Oregon Writing Project's curriculum development institute hones teachers' capacities to create curriculum from the ground up. During this four-day course, teachers build a grade-level unit to use in the upcoming year. Participants will leave this workshop with a draft of a curriculum unit, which embeds literacy and history standards throughout—depending on the content area.

This course begins with morning demonstration lessons on teaching effective strategies embedded in a historical/literary unit. These lessons are followed by guided development of curriculum, embedding these strategies in the study of a particular piece of history or literature: short story, picture book, novel, nonfiction, or drama. Teachers can vote on preferred pieces of literature or history during registration. History teachers have created units on "The Voting Rights Act: History and Future," "Civics, Social Justice, and Direct Action: Rebels with Causes," "Beyond Rosie the Riveter: The Contributions of Women in the U.S. and Around the World during WWII." In language arts classes, teachers have developed units on classical and contemporary novels and plays: *Antigone*, *Raisin in the Sun*, *Merchant of Venice*, *Zoot Suits*, *Kite Runner*, *Sula*, and many more.

Working in small groups, teachers will have time to research historical background information for their units, or to find the just-right poem, short story, or speech to enhance student understanding. Using the standards as a framework, teachers choose themes and find primary source documents or pieces of literature as they build the curriculum, making sure students have time to read and write throughout the unit.

## WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE?

GEAR UP middle school and high school Language Arts/English and Social Studies teachers, ideally in departments or teams.

## LOGISTICS

- *Date/Time:* July 29, 2019 to August 1, 2019; 9 AM to 4 PM
- *Place:* CH2M Hill Alumni Center, OSU, Corvallis, OR
- Lodging from Sunday to Wednesday nights will be provided by GEAR UP at Hilton Garden Inn, Corvallis
- Lunch provided daily. Breakfast included with lodging.
- Teachers will be paid an \$800 stipend after the institute.
- Registration deadline is April 30 and capacity is limited.

For more information or registration, visit <https://oregongearup.org/grant/meetings/summerinstitute2019>