

Engaging Students in Inquiry and Discussion on International Issues: A Choices Program Working Conference

June 26-28, 2017

Charles Hayden Library, Tabor Academy, Marion, MA

Monday, June 26, 5:00 pm

OPTIONAL: Opening Reception (Cash bar) and Dinner At President's House

Welcome by Tabor Academy Anne Gardiner, History Department Chair

Tuesday, June 27: Implementing Choices In *Your* Curriculum: A Working Day

7:30-8:30

Breakfast at Tabor Dining Hall

9:00-10:30 **U.S- Iran Relations One Year after the Iranian Nuclear Deal: Progress and Problems**

Content session by a Brown University Faculty Member, TBA

Break

10:45-3:15 (Break for lunch, 12-1)

Small group work to *Road Map* two Choices units into your curriculum

Activity: Examine, plan and discuss modifications and implementation of selected lessons from two Choices units (provided). Unit titles are tentative and subject to change. **Choose one group:**

a) U.S. History (Pardo)

The Limits of Power: The United States in Vietnam

Freedom Now: The Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi

b) World History (Gardiner)

Iran Through the Looking Glass: History, Reform and Revolution

Nigeria unit, Title Forthcoming

c) Geography/Current Issues (Stephens)

U.S. Immigration Policy in an Unsettled World

Confronting Genocide: Never Again Genocide

d) Civics or Government? (Sousa)

Responding to Terrorism: Challenges for Democracy

A More Perfect Unit: American Independence and the Constitution

4:00 Optional Beach or Volleyball Time

6:00 Dinner Cookout on the Beach

Wednesday, June 28th: Choices Throw Down Day!

7:30 – 8:30

Breakfast

8:30 -10:00

Meet the Choices Writing Team: How Does Choices Create Its Curriculum?

A presentation and discussion on how the Choices Program writing team creates content, including a discussion of Choices new *Standards for Systematic Review of Diversity and Accessibility* rubric.

10:15-11:30

Small Group Working and Sharing Sessions: Presentations, Discussions, Demonstrations led by experienced users of Choices Program's materials

Tentative Workshop Topics to Choose From:

Writing Assessments and Choices

Accessing Choices: Reading Strategies for Struggling Readers

Teaching A Foreign Policy Elective Using Choices as a Basis

Adapting Choices to the Middle School Classroom

Using Choices in a Model U.N Program

Addressing Historical Thinking Skills Using the Choices Program materials

Choices and the AP Human Geography Classroom

Facilitating Deliberative Dialogue

Free Social Studies Resources For Every Classroom

The Choices Program's New Digital Curriculum

11:30 – 12:30 Lunch

12:30- 1:45

Next Round of Small Group Working and Sharing Sessions

(See list above for 10:15 am)

2:00

Afternoon Competition: Choices Throw Down!

Come and present your best modification or adaptation of the Choices Role Play, a Perspectives Activity, the Personal Option, or any Choices lesson! The winner will take home a \$200 credit in the Choices store for personal or school use! Selected ideas will be presented (and credited) on the Choices Program's blog.

3:15 - End