



# **"The Challenges to Democracy"**

**Summer Institute  
for  
Illinois High School Teachers**

**July 31-August 4, 2000  
Chicago, Illinois**

***Participating Partners and Sponsoring Organizations:***

**Chicago Historical Society  
Administrative Office of the United States Courts  
United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois  
National Endowment for the Humanities**

## Description

The Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago offers “The Challenges to Democracy,” a five day institute July 31-August 4, for up to 24 Illinois secondary social studies teachers. This institute will serve secondary teachers seeking to educate young citizens about the challenges posed to fundamental American rights by violence, new information technologies, and an increasingly diverse population, and the pressure brought to bear on the fundamental American institutions of the jury system and an independent judiciary by these and other forces.

Participating educators will address these challenges with nationally-recognized scholars and experts, using specially designed curricular materials and resources. The institute also will include a field experience, simulations, practice in law-related education methods and strategies, and a national teleconference.

## Highlights

- ♦ Training in the Constitutional Rights Foundation’s Challenge curriculum series: *The Challenge of Violence*, *The Challenge of Information*, and *The Challenge of Diversity*
- ♦ Case study of the landmark case U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Terry v. Ohio* 392 U.S. 1 (1968) and of *Illinois v. Wardlow* (2000), the decision from this term regarding police powers
- ♦ Lessons, strategies, and materials from “The American Jury: Bulwark of Democracy,” a project funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, an independent federal agency
- ♦ Jury observation field experience at the United States District Court
- ♦ A national teleconference on judicial independence co-sponsored by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts

## Included

- ♦ \$250 stipend for participants who complete the institute
- ♦ *The Challenge of Violence*, Student Edition and Teacher Guide
- ♦ *The Challenge of Information*, Student Edition and Teacher Guide
- ♦ *The Challenge of Diversity*, Student Edition and Teacher Guide
- ♦ Lessons, strategies, and materials for teaching about the American jury system
- ♦ Videotape and lesson plan on judicial independence
- ♦ Admission to the Chicago Historical Society
- ♦ Up to 30 clock/contact hours applicable toward Continuing Education Units [CEU’s] or Continuing Professional Development Units [CPDU’s]

## Location

“The Challenge of Citizenship” will be hosted by the Chicago Historical Society, Chicago’s premier historical museum. The Chicago Historical Society is located at the south end of Lincoln Park on Chicago’s renowned lakefront. The final day of the institute will be hosted by the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois located in Chicago’s Loop.

## Participants

The institute is open to Illinois high school teachers of Social Studies, U.S. History, U.S. Government, and Humanities at accredited public and private high schools. Space is limited to 24 participants, and all applications must be completed in order to be considered. Early application is encouraged. You will be notified of acceptance by June 1st. Registration fee is non-refundable after that date.



## The Challenges to Democracy Application and Agreement Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

School Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ School Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level/Position \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Years Teaching \_\_\_\_\_

Course(s) Taught \_\_\_\_\_

What do you believe are three challenges to American democracy in the 21st Century?

1 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_

What do you believe are three challenges to teaching students about living in our democracy?

1 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Agrees to:**

- ♦ Attend the entire institute on July 31-August 4, 2000
- ♦ Incorporate institute themes, texts, and strategies in your coursework.

**Applicant Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

***All applications must be submitted no later than Monday, May 15 to:***

***Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago  
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Chicago, Illinois 60605-1119***

***Registration is \$100 and nonrefundable***