

SAVING SOCIAL STUDIES: ELT Schools Explore New Terrain to Teach History and Civics

In the summer of 2008 the Boston Museum, in collaboration with Massachusetts 2020, Facing History & Ourselves and a consortium of cultural institutions and historic sites, built a professional development institute around a series of historic encounters between the peoples of Massachusetts Bay. The goal was to give teachers from Expanded Learning Time schools an opportunity to experience the shared histories of various ethnic and cultural groups in the region, and to think together about new ways to teach social studies, history and civics with additional time and interdisciplinary techniques. The institute culminated with strategy sessions designed to help teachers use institute content in the ELT context, as well as integrate the lessons of local history in their culturally diverse classrooms. The institute schedule was as follows:

DAY	AM Session Each day begins at 8:30AM at Wilmer Hale, 60 State Street, Boston.	LUNCH	PM Session Afternoon sessions will end between 3:30-5PM.
<p>Monday, August 4 Plymouth, MA THE FIRST ENCOUNTER</p> <p><i>Creating New Models For Museum Education</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Plimoth Plantation</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Taste of Two Cultures Luncheon</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Small Group Activity</p> 
<p>Tuesday, August 5 Downtown, Beacon Hill, North End 19THc. CULTURAL GEOGRAPHY</p> <p><i>Artifacts & Primary Source Documents</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Paul Revere House</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">City Archaeology Lab</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Brown Bag Lunch on the new Rose Kennedy Greenway, future site of The Boston Museum</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Otis Gray House</p> 
<p>Wednesday, August 6 Dorchester, South Boston THE BOSTON IRISH</p> <p><i>Personal & Political Narratives</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Dreams of Freedom tour with Westy Egmont at Prudential Center</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Omni Parker House with former Sen. President Bill Bulger</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Boston Irish Heritage Trail Led by Bulger and Mike Quinlan</p> 
<p>Thursday, August 7 Downtown, South End POST WW2 URBAN CRISES</p> <p><i>Memories, Tours & Trails</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Memoir Project</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Discover Roxbury Trolley Tour and Lunch with State Rep. Byron Rushing</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">MY Town Tour South End Tour & Workshop</p> 
<p>Friday, August 8 Downtown</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Synthesis</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Facing History & Ourselves Strategies for exploring cultural history and identity in a multi-cultural classroom</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Lunch at Wilmer Hale</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Massachusetts 2020 Wrap-up, final reflections; using content in ELT context</p>