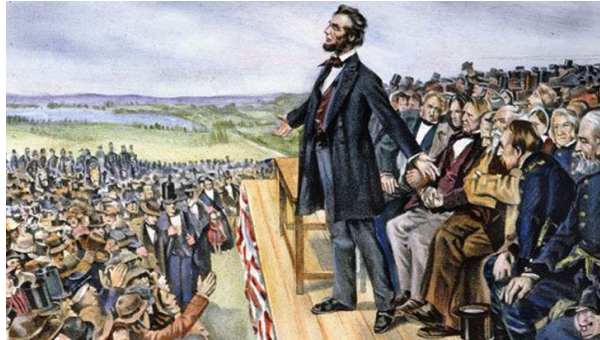


## High School U.S. History Course Should Include Civics, Economics and New Jersey History: Resources and Professional Development now Available!



Since 1967, New Jersey has required a two-year course of study in United States History in high school (NJSA 18A:35-1). This course is supposed to include instruction in civics, economics and New Jersey history (NJSA 18A: 35-2). However, teachers have noted that it is difficult to meet these requirements because the materials did not exist. To rectify this, New Jersey enacted a new law in 2021 directing the New Jersey Center for Civic Education at Rutgers, the State University, to prepare materials and provide professional development to help high school social studies teachers integrate civics, economics and the history of New Jersey as part of the required United State history course. (NJSA 18A: 35-2.1).

The initial curriculum guide, which will be on the Center's website at <https://civiced.rutgers.edu/civics/high-school-civics-history-and-economics> by fall 2023, includes a variety of suggested civics, economics and New Jersey history lessons, activities, and resources for New Jersey high school teachers to integrate into their United States history course.

A professional development workshop to share, demonstrate and discuss the materials will be held at Rutgers University's Livingston Campus Center in Piscataway on **October 9, 2024** (Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day). The workshop is free. Continental breakfast and lunch will be served. Materials will be provided. If you would like to satisfy this long-standing mandate, which has been codified in social studies standards, or if you are looking for some new ideas to enrich and enliven your U.S. History class, join us. To register go to <https://civiced.rutgers.edu/events/range.listevents/>