



The Amistad Commission Lesson Plan Review Committee

The goal of the *Amistad Commission Lesson Plan Review Committee* is to screen and select, model lessons to be posted on the Amistad Website for availability for all educators in New Jersey. Having digital access helps teachers to review content and/or to share with students and other stakeholders.

The committee is to be composed 25 highly qualified teachers (HQT) divided equally in to five (5) groups according to grade level

- ✦ **Group 1**-Primary Grades, Kindergarten, First and Second (K-2)
- ✦ **Group 2**- Intermediate Grades, Third, Fourth and Fifth (3-5),
- ✦ **Group 3** Middle School Grades, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth (6-8)
- ✦ **Group 4** High School Grades. Ninth, Tenth Eleventh, and Twelfth (9-12)).
- ✦ **Group 5** Historical Accuracy Panel- Final review to authenticate accuracy of K-12 selected lesson plans

Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) Criteria

Each HQT selected must meet three criteria:

- Holds at least a bachelor's degree from a four-year institution,
- Holds standard New Jersey state teacher certification,
- Demonstrates competence in each core academics subject the teacher teaches

In addition, to serving on the *Historical Accuracy Panel*, each HQT must

- Possess a doctorate in *History* or *African American Studies* Doctoral Level History or African American History Program or credits toward a doctorate.

Duties of the Amistad Commission Lesson Plan Committee:

- All Committee members will be asked to serve at least one-year terms.
- One person in each 5-person group will be selected to serve as the group chair for one year
- Each group will be asked to meet virtually once bimonthly (twice a month) to discuss model lessons submitted to the Amistad Office or to discuss lessons they have personally observed.
- If possible, the Committee members will be asked to meet twice per year in person, in a location to be determined by the members of the respective group.
- Amistad Office may ask Committee members to assist agency staff in providing professional development or Inservice workshops in their respective school district.
- Committee members will be asked to assist in selecting winners of the *Amistad Commission Exemplary Award*, and two student projects for the Amistad Award from the *National History Day Contest*.
- Each Committee Chairs or committee designee will be asked to present at the *Amistad Summer Institute for educators*.

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- Committee members will be asked to screen applications for the Amistad Commission Award. One teacher from a school that provides instruction in any of the grades kindergarten through eight; and one teacher from a school that provides instruction in any of the grades nine through twelve.

Each member of the Lesson Plan Committee will receive a \$1,000 stipend, for a calendar year of service, July 1st to June 30th. The individuals selected this year will receive a pro-rated stipend of \$350 for work until June 30th 2023.

If you are interested in serving on one of the above committees, **Before March 31, 2023**, please email your resume and indicate your preferences regarding an assigned committee to:

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