

We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution

Professional Development Workshop

Thursday, December 3, 2009
New Jersey Law Center
New Brunswick, New Jersey

The New Jersey Center for Civic and Law-Related Education is offering a one-day workshop for New Jersey teachers demonstrating materials from *We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution*. The workshop will help teachers to prepare their students to meet core content standards in social studies and language arts. There will be separate concurrent workshops for upper elementary, middle and high school teachers. The workshop will focus on Unit Six of the *We the People* text: What challenges might face American constitutional democracy in the twenty-first century? The workshop will connect *We the People* with the new 2009 state social studies standards. Participating teachers will receive certificates for five hours of professional development and may order a free classroom set of *We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution* materials, which includes 30 student textbooks and a teacher's guide.

We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution is the largest civic education program in the country. It is focused on the history and principles of the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The materials are easily integrated into a civics, U.S. History or U.S. Government class, or as a stand-alone curriculum. The curriculum enhances student understanding of the institutions of American constitutional democracy as well as the contemporary relevance of the Constitution and Bill of Rights. Critical thinking exercises, problem-solving activities, cooperative learning and simulated legislative hearings help develop intellectual and participatory skills. Independent studies reported that students who use the *We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution* materials outperform other students on political knowledge and philosophy and are more politically tolerant than students who use traditional textbooks and teaching approaches.

Registration for the December 3, 2009 *We the People* professional development workshop includes a continental breakfast, five hours of workshops, materials and lunch.

- Registration and breakfast is at 8:00 a.m.
- The workshop will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude by 3:00 p.m.
- **Deadline:** November 20, 2009
- **Registration fee:** \$30
- **Return a completed registration form and check to:** NJCLRE, Lucy Stone Hall B305, Rutgers University, Piscataway, NJ 08854.

Teachers may want to involve their classes in district, state and national *We the People* simulated legislative hearings for high school students and district and state hearings for middle school students. The New Jersey State *We the People* High School Hearings will be held in early February, 2010 in the State House. The State Middle School Hearings will be held the end of March, 2010 at Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

The New Jersey Center for Civic and Law-Related Education is a registered provider of professional development services with the New Jersey Department of Education. For additional information about this or other programs offered by the New Jersey Center for Civic and Law-Related Education call (732) 445-3413 or visit our website at <http://civiced.rutgers.edu>.

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Registration Form *We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution Workshop* **December 3, 2009**

Name _____

School _____

School Address _____

Email address _____

Work telephone _____

Home telephone _____

Grades taught _____

Subjects taught _____

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Checks should be made payable to **“NJCLRE.”**