

# **AMY JOHNSON**

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### **TEACHING ASSIGNMENT:**

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies Teacher

Provide 8<sup>th</sup> grade inquiry based instruction using the National Social Studies Standards, The 3C and Four Dimensions Framework to integrate ELA Common Core Standards across all content areas. Employ differentiated instruction strategies to accommodate all learning levels and capabilities. Create a classroom environment that promotes learning and class participation in a project based environment.

#### **AREA OF EXPERTISE:**

- Create thematic units of instruction using American History as the guiding themes throughout the year. Developed integrated Common Core units that include Scottish storyline, literature, writing, artistic expression, project based presentations and the development of an inquiry-based thesis.
- Encourage students to celebrate differences and study Multiple Intelligences, recognizing their strengths and weaknesses.
- Trainer for Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources Grants for professional development in inquiry based instruction and integrated lesson design.
- Gilder Lehrman Teaching American History Affiliate. Promote, develop and implement teaching literacy through history.

### **BACKGROUND:**

- Awarded Best of State in Teaching Excellence (2014)
- Presenter at the National Social Studies Conference (2014 and 2015)
- Gilder Lehrman Washington State History Teacher of the Year (2013-2014)
- Gilder Lehrman nominee for National History Teacher of the Year (2013-2014)
- Walmart Teacher of the Year (2000)
- Nominee for Disney Teacher of the year (1999)
- WEA ELA Common core Trainer
- Trainer for Western Region Library of Congress, Teaching with Primary Sources Professional Development
- Teaching American History Causes of Conflict Grant recipient 2009-2012