



# National History Teacher of the Year

## 2011: For Elementary School Teachers

**The National History Teacher of the Year Award** is a \$10,000 prize given to an outstanding American history teacher. The National History Teacher of the Year is chosen from fifty-three winners named in each state, the District of Columbia, Department of Defense Schools/U.S. State Department Schools, and U.S. Territories. State winners receive \$1,000 and an archive of books and other resources presented in their honor to their schools. The National History Teacher of the Year Award is co-sponsored by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, HISTORY™ (the History Channel), and Preserve America.

### Eligibility

One winner will be chosen from each of the fifty states, the District of Columbia, Department of Defense Schools/U.S. State Department Schools, and U.S. Territories based on the following criteria:

- A full-time elementary school teacher of grades K-6 who teaches social studies where there is a major focus on American history (including state and local history).
- At least three years of classroom experience in teaching social studies with a focus on American history.
- Evidence of creativity and imagination in the classroom that addresses literacy and content beyond state standards.
- Close attention to primary documents, artifacts, historic sites, and other primary materials of history, including oral history.
- Thoughtful assessment of student achievement and progress.

**Middle and high school teachers (grades 7-12) are honored in alternate years.**

### Nomination Process

Nominations for the **National History Teacher of the Year Award** can be made by a student, parent, colleague, supervisor (including department head, principal, superintendent, and curriculum director), or other education professional familiar with the teacher's work. To nominate a teacher and learn more about the award, visit [www.gilderlehrman.org/nhtoy](http://www.gilderlehrman.org/nhtoy) or contact Kathleen Tunney, the National History Teacher of the Year Coordinator, at [nhtoy@gilderlehrman.org](mailto:nhtoy@gilderlehrman.org), 646-366-9666, x28.

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### Deadlines

- Nomination Deadline: February 1, 2011
- Deadline for Additional Materials: March 11, 2011
- Winners Announced: May 2011

*“Great history teachers make America’s past a thrilling personal experience for their students. Great teachers encourage students to discover our country’s heritage through artifacts and primary sources.”*

— former First Lady Laura Bush,  
presenting the 2008 History Teacher  
of the Year Award

