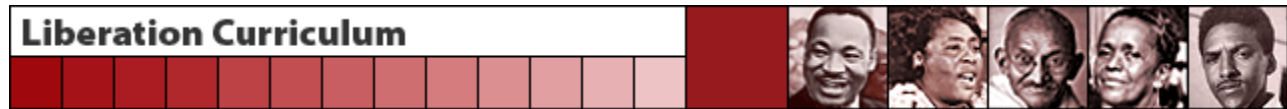


THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RESEARCH AND EDUCATION INSTITUTE



The Liberation Curriculum initiative of the Martin Luther King Jr. Research & Education Institute at Stanford University provides teachers with educational materials that engage students in active learning and critical inquiry. The goal of the project is to create historically accurate and pedagogically effective curriculum that addresses issues of social justice, transformation, and reconciliation, while meeting state and national standards. The broad range of materials related to the African American freedom struggle, such as the King Encyclopedia and primary source documents, coupled with an online community, offer educators the support necessary to transform the way young people learn about history. (<http://www.liberationcurriculum.org/>)

Listed below are LC resources, programs, events and partnerships.

PSA CONTEST

Encourage your juniors and seniors to enter the 07-08 Public Service Announcement (PSA) contest organized by All Stars Helping Kids and the King Institute. Students are invited to submit a script for a PSA contributing to public understanding of Dr. King's life and the movements inspired by his message of peace through social justice. The winning team will have the opportunity to shoot their PSA with professional film producers. The winning PSA will be broadcast on the Yahoo! website and local TV stations on the 2008 King Holiday. Each member of the winning team will also receive a \$2500 scholarship. More information about the contest is on our homepage in the 'Announcements and News' section. Check out last year's winners by searching for "King PSA" on <http://video.yahoo.com> and encourage your students to take advantage of this unique opportunity!

NEW WEBSITE RESOURCES

We encourage you to check out the educational resources on our website. Under Classroom Resources, you will find our featured lesson plans, our set of documents and classroom activities organized by relevant themes, an audio compilation of important King sermons and speeches, and the King Encyclopedia, a collection of essays on important people and events related to the African-American freedom struggle, among other resources. The central news and announcements section provides information on social justice events at the King Institute and elsewhere in the Bay Area. In the Liberation Community section, you can find a list of relevant websites and online archives to complement your use of our site.

Become a Member of Liberation Community by filling out the simple registration form under the relevant link on our home page. When you log in with your user idea and password, click on 'Exchange Ideas' and dialogue with 1100+ Community members from across the country and overseas! Our discussion question for August uses a quote by Ella Baker to examine the role of King vs. grassroots organizers in the movement. Members can use the new Liberation Community forum to post messages, articles, blog entries and share strategies for the classroom with other educators interested in peace and social justice issues. We hope you will use this unique opportunity to share thoughts and ideas with your peers and we look forward to many thought-provoking forum discussions. Once a quarter, we will send members of liberation community an e-newsletter update on LC-King Institute events and programs.

PUBLICATIONS

In January 2007, the King Institute published Volume VI: *Advocate of the Social Gospel, September 1948-March 1963*, a thematic volume that examines King's early preaching career based on documents from the sermon file he used to organize his homiletic material. This volume is a great educational resource for teachers, along with the previously published five volumes of *The Papers of Martin Luther King, Jr.* (which you may access via the LC site).

The Institute anticipates publication of the *Martin Luther King, Jr. Encyclopedia* in time for the 2008 King Holiday and Black History Month. The King Encyclopedia is a collection of over 300 essays on the major figures, events, and

campaigns of the modern civil rights movement. Each essay examines the relationship to King and the broader African American freedom struggle and contains hyperlinks to other encyclopedia entries. The current version of the King Encyclopedia (http://www.stanford.edu/group/King/liberation_curriculum/encyclopedia/index.htm) on the LC site is currently being updated with the new entries.

PARTNERSHIPS AND PROGRAMS

King Digital History Project – The National Endowment for the Humanities generously funded the King Digital History Project, which offers select teachers the opportunity to conduct documentary research using the King Institute database as a tool for constructing document based curriculum. A group of ten teachers selected for the program attended three professional development workshops at the King Institute and enjoyed interactive presentations by Dr. Carson, Director of the Institute, Dr. Sam Wineburg and Dr. Daisy Martin of the Stanford School of Education and Awele Makeba, a renowned actress, educator and storyteller. Having chosen documents from the King Institute’s database, teachers are now working on their units which are scheduled to be uploaded to the LC web site in 2008.

Global Liberation Initiative – Our newest project, Global Liberation Initiative (GLI), provides curriculum, teaching and learning resources and professional development workshops to reframe the traditional understanding of the ‘Civil Rights Movement’ as the African-American Freedom Struggle, situated within a larger global struggle for human rights and dignity. GLI explores the international implications of King and the reach of his message to international movements of peace and justice. In February 2007, LC partnered with San Francisco’s Museum of the African Diaspora (MoAD) to provide a teachers’ workshop that explored exhibits and documents on the global linkages between the African-American, South African and Indian liberation struggles. As part of GLI, we are also working with Chiodo Art Development, Oakland to write historical biographies and design a high school history curriculum to accompany ‘Remember Them: Champions of Humanity,’ sculptor Mario Chiodo’s monumental tribute to 25 great humanitarians.

Journeys of Reconciliation – On Friday 29 June 2007, the King Institute hosted students and teachers from South Africa and Marin County who were participating in the *Journeys of Reconciliation* oral history project. Students viewed and analyzed primary documents on African-American opposition to South Africa’s apartheid and conducted filmed oral history interviews of Dr. Clayborne Carson, Director of the Institute; Mr. Clarence Jones, King’s legal advisor and close aide; and Dr. Allean Richter, Stanford alum and civil rights veteran.

More information about these partnerships and projects is on the LC homepage.

CONFERENCES

Liberation Curriculum staff will be conducting a workshop on Global Liberation and Human Rights on 13 October 2007 at the Teachers 4 Social Justice conference in San Francisco. We hope that teachers in the Bay Area will have the opportunity to attend the conference and the LC-King Institute session. You can find more information about the conference at: <http://t4sj.org/>.

LC staff members have also been selected to present the process and products of the National Endowment for the Humanities funded King Digital History Project (KDHP) at the 2008 Organization of American Historians (OAH) national conference in New York City. (<http://www.oah.org/2008/index.html>)

Please feel free to contact the LC staff with questions, suggestions and comments. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at our events!

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