



LEARNING BY HEARINGS

Levin Center for Oversight and Democracy

BRING LEARNING BY HEARINGS TO YOUR SCHOOL!

Make U.S. History and Civics come to life with engaging resources and lesson plans from Learning by Hearings. Michigan secondary social studies teachers can access customizable professional development sessions that are tailored to meet the unique needs and schedules of individual schools and districts. All materials and professional development are provided at no cost through funding and support from the State of Michigan and the Michigan Department of Education.

Professional development sessions are:

- Designed by teachers, for teachers
- Inquiry-based and classroom-ready
- Aligned to the College, Career, and Civic Life (C3) Framework and Michigan content standards

SAMPLE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFERINGS

1-HOUR WORKSHOP

Introduction to Inquiry-Based Congressional Investigations

Perfect for staff meetings, department PD, or introductory workshops.

Participants will:

- Explore Learning by Hearings content and resources
- Learn how inquiry-based lessons support civic engagement and historical thinking
- Experience engaging activities that teachers can immediately use in their classrooms.

This session provides a practical overview of how congressional inquiries can engage today's students while supporting curriculum goals.

3-HOUR WORKSHOP

A Deeper Dive into the Inquiry Arc and our Resources

This interactive session introduces educators to the structure and power of inquiry learning.

Participants will:

- Explore how congressional investigations can help students experience real-world inquiry
- Experience portions of a US History and/or Civics lesson
- Discuss classroom implementation strategies and student engagement techniques.

Teachers leave with a stronger understanding of inquiry instruction and practical tools for classroom use.

FULL DAY WORKSHOP

Full Inquiry Experience: Civics & U.S. History

Our most immersive professional learning opportunity.

Participants will:

- Take a deep dive into congressional investigations and discover how they help students engage in real-world inquiry, evidence analysis, and civic thinking
- Experience a complete U.S. History and Civics inquiry lesson from the student perspective
- Explore strategies for facilitating inquiry-based discussions and investigations

This full-day workshop equips educators with the confidence and tools to bring inquiry-centered civic education into their classrooms immediately.

The LbH team is happy to tailor the PD activities to meet the specific needs, schedules, and goals of your school or district.

Contact us now to plan your free professional development!

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WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

TESTIMONIALS FROM PD ATTENDEES

"An effective PD with actionable resources I can actually use."

-Wyandotte Public Schools teacher

"The resources were hands on and ready to go. I cannot wait to use them in class"

-Sault Area Public Schools teacher

"Presenters were interactive and provided useful resources that can be applied immediately in the classroom."

-Oxford Community Schools teacher

"Excellent presentation that was innovative and interactive."

-Lake Shore Public Schools teacher

"This is the type of Professional Development that teachers need and ask for."

-Dearborn Public Schools teacher

WHERE WE'VE BEEN

Allen Park Schools
Ann Arbor Public Schools
Dearborn Heights School District #7
Dearborn Public Schools
Detroit Public Schools
Grosse Pointe Public Schools
Hazel Park School District
Lake Shore Public Schools
Lincoln Park Public Schools
Oxford Community Schools
Royal Oak Schools
Southgate Community Schools
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District
Wyandotte Public Schools
Charlevoix-Emmet ISD
Cheboygan-Otsego-Presque Isle ESD
Copper Country ISD
Eastern Upper Peninsula ISD
Marquette-Alger RESA
Wayne RESA
Central Michigan University
Michigan State University
University of Michigan
Wayne State University

TESTIMONIALS FROM INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERS

"One of the things I enjoy the most about Learning by Hearings is the fact that students get excited about it. I used the material with my AP class, and every single student that I spoke to said that it was really engaging and hands on. In addition to learning content, they engaged with content, which was an amazing experience."

-Ann Arbor Public Schools

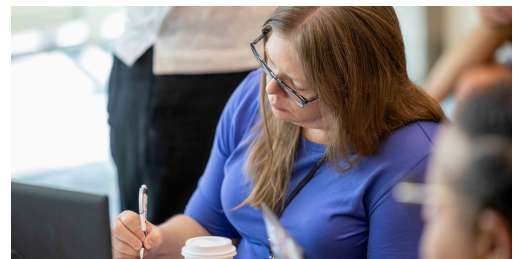
"Our team participated in a PD and spoke positively...The fact that this happened across the board is a testament to how well-designed, intellectually serious, and respectfully facilitated the session was. This was one of the few PD experiences I've seen that broke through entrenched habits and ideologies without diluting the work."

-Hazel Park Public Schools

WHY LEARNING BY HEARINGS?

Our lesson plans, resources, and videos help students:

- Investigate historical events and civics issues
- Build critical thinking and evidence-based reasoning skills using inquiry
- Strengthen student voice and classroom engagement using disciplinary literacy
- Connect history and civics to current events



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