



A FREE Five-Day Summer Institute and fall follow-up program of
Professional Development for upper elementary teachers

*Sunday, July 16, 2023 through Friday, July 21, 2023
at the National Conference Center, East Windsor, NJ*

The New Jersey Center for Civic Education and the Pennsylvania Council for the Social Studies are offering a FREE five-day summer institute, with a two-day follow-up meeting in the fall, for grade 4-7 social studies teachers from Title I schools in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The Summer Institute will be held from Sunday afternoon, July 16, through Friday afternoon, July 21, at the National Conference Center in East Windsor, NJ. A two-day follow-up workshop will take place in Philadelphia October 29-30, 2023.

Using the *We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution* materials, participating teachers will gain background knowledge and understanding about the American system of government, as well as resources and teaching strategies for promoting civic competence and responsibility among upper elementary students. The *We the People* student texts include critical thinking exercises, problem solving activities and cooperative learning techniques. The content may be integrated into a U.S. history, civics or English language class.

Teachers will receive certificates for fifty-two hours of professional development as well as free classroom sets of *We the People* student textbooks. Teachers who participate in the 52 hours of professional development, provide a minimum of 40 hours of *We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution* civics instruction in their classroom during the 2023-24 schoolyear and participate in a research survey (pre and post tests for teachers and students) will receive a \$500 stipend.



The application deadline is **June 16, 2023**. But don't wait! The program can only accommodate 25 teachers. To apply, go to <https://civiced.rutgers.edu/events/icalrepeat.detail/2023/07/16/20/-/we-the-people-ceas-upper-elementary-professional-development-for-teachers>. For questions for further information, contact Arlene Gardner at arlenega@sas.rutgers.edu or 908-447-0497.

