



THE CHOICES PROGRAM  
BROWN UNIVERSITY



# The *Choices* Approach: Engaging Students in Inquiry and Discussion about International Issues

**When:**

**October 12**  
8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Where:**

CREC Central  
111 Charter Oak Ave.  
Hartford, CT

**Cost:**

**\$155 per person**  
bring your own bag lunch

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This professional learning opportunity coaches teachers on how to use the Choices Program to promote inquiry and student discourse in the classroom. Choices materials incorporate the latest scholarship from Brown University and beyond to draw connections between historical events and contemporary international issues. In each unit, a central activity challenges students to consider multiple viewpoints on a contested issue. Students examine the historical, cultural, and political background of the issue to prepare a coherent presentation. Follow-up discussion demands analysis and evaluation of conflicting values, interests and priorities. Ultimately, students are expected to formulate persuasive arguments and express their own views.

**Target Audience:** Middle and high school social studies, English, and/or humanities teachers and district leaders.

Workshop handouts include copies of the units *Westward Expansion: A New History* and *The American Revolution: Experiences of Rebellion*.

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