

## ***The Constitution in the Classroom: The Reconstruction Amendments (EDCE 660)***

*A 3-credit, graduate-level, continuing education course in partnership between The Penn Literacy Network of The University of Pennsylvania and The National Constitution Center*

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**Audience:** Educators, Grades 5-12

**Location:**

The National Constitution Center  
John C. Bogle Chairman's Conference Room,  
525 Arch Street Philadelphia, PA 19106

**Course Dates/Times:**

June 25, 26 and 27 (9:00 am-3:30 pm) and  
Saturday, October 14 (1:00-4:00 pm), online coursework, and a curriculum writing final project

**Cost:**

~~\$1,950~~ **\$950 per person**

(3.0 graduate level continuing education credits from  
The University of Pennsylvania upon successful completion for a December grade)

This dynamic course explores the history behind the Reconstruction amendments and their ongoing impact on definitions of citizenship, rights and privileges, and the Second Founding of the United States. Through this content, educators will explore the relationship between inquiry-based learning and innovative, research-based classroom practices for 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade educators.

Participants investigate The Penn Literacy Network frameworks of The Five Reading, Writing, and Talking Processes and The Four Lenses of Learning and use them in conjunction with the National Constitution Center's engaging education resources. Throughout the course, educators learn a variety of practical strategies to encourage student engagement using rich, standards-based literacy practices, with a particular focus on how the Reconstruction has been shaped throughout the courts.

Educators have the opportunity to take a closer look at key historical documents and Supreme Court cases and explore new ways to use them into their classrooms. The teaching and learning focus includes emphasis on The National Constitution Center's civic learning framework and features a variety of classroom-ready resources, including videos, lesson plans, and activities. Teachers engage in learning experiences that are rich in problem solving, critical thinking, and logical reasoning.

### **How to Register for this Class:**

**Register online at <http://bit.ly/2qzR7Pk> by May 31, 2018. If you do not have a PPID (for PA educators only), enter 0000000 in that field. Please email PLN noting that you registered for the course: [gsepennlit@pobox.upenn.edu](mailto:gsepennlit@pobox.upenn.edu)**

No deposit is necessary. Please bring a check dated to 9/31/18 to class on June 25. Checks should be made out to The Trustees of The University of Pennsylvania. Please contact PLN's administrator, Iris Sanchez, at [sanchezi@upenn.edu](mailto:sanchezi@upenn.edu) or call 215-898-1984 with any questions. For more information about The National Constitution Center, visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).