

7. Summer Institute for Teachers of Canadian History



As part of its Professional Development program, Historica sponsors a Summer Institute (SI) for teachers. This usually parallels the National Heritage Fair for Students and is held during the same week, usually the second week of July. School teachers from across Canada are given the opportunity to come together to share ideas and strategies for making history education an integral component of their classroom environment. You do not need to be a history specialist or a history teacher to take part. All you need is an interest in our country and a willingness to integrate history in the classroom.

Historica offers this professional development for teachers at all grade levels and in a bilingual setting. The Institute for sixty Grade 9 – 12 teachers is usually held at the Université of Montréal and Lower Canada College while the Institute for thirty/forty Grade 3-9 teachers is held at the same location as the National Heritage Fair (in July 2003, it was held at Laurentian University in Sudbury, Ontario). Because the National Heritage Fair for 2004 is in Montreal, both Institutes will be held there this year. There is an initial registration fee that the applicant must pay once you have been accepted to the institute (this can usually be refunded by local Professional Development Committees) and all other travel and living costs are taken care of by Historica.

The Summer Institute is a phenomenal experience and one worthy of pursuing. The opportunity to interact with teachers from across Canada in a professional setting allows for unparalleled personal and professional growth. Participants take part in a week-long series of seminars, workshops and field trips about Canadian history. The opportunity also provides the participant to meet leading historians and educators, authors and filmmakers who are shaping how we view Canadian history. Historica and its partners provide new learning resources tied with curricula that you can integrate into the classroom setting. The networking of professionals and associations that naturally results from such an experience continues to be a part of each participant's future professional growth.

For further information and application forms, please visit the HISTOR!CA website at www.histori.ca.

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