

VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF HISTORY & CULTURE

COURSE OVERVIEW

Civil Discourse in the Classroom

Developed in partnership with the Virginia Museum of History & Culture, this course equips educators with research-backed strategies for facilitating respectful classroom dialogue. Learn practical routines that help students engage with diverse perspectives, think critically, and practice reasoned argumentation.

Civics + Interdisciplinary | Grades 6-12 | C3 Aligned



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USDOE Grant-Funded Course

Your Learning Journey

Transform your teaching through this self-paced, 5-hour online microcourse, chunked into bite-sized modules:

- Course Introduction
- Why Civil Discourse?
- Setting the Stage
- Scaffolding Discourse
- Discourse Toolkit: Daily Routines & Strategies
- Discourse Toolkit: Diving Deeper
- Course Outro & Narrative Assessment

As you progress through the course, you'll explore research-based instructional strategies that build skills aligned with national and state standards.

Powerful pedagogy, made joyful!



**CREATED BY AN EXPERIENCED
CIVICS & HISTORY EDUCATOR**

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Master Core Concepts

Develop a strong understanding of civil discourse and the benefits of integrating structured dialogue into your teaching practice.



Develop & Apply Skills

Dive deeper into methods for scaffolding discourse, as well as discourse routines and strategies that can be used across disciplines.



Receive Grab-n-Go Resources

Gain access to downloadable planning guides, student-activity templates, and classroom-ready resources you can use tomorrow.



Earn 5 Hours of PD

Upon completion, you'll receive a digital certificate for 5 hours of professional development, endorsed by W&M's School of Education.