Smithsonian American Art Museum

Smithsonian
National Museum of African American History and Culture

Dear Educator,

Oh Freedom! (working title), a web-based project will provide educators with inspirational and pedagogical tools to teach the importance of the African American Civil Rights struggle, the movement's centrality to and impact on American history, and its vital connections to artistic and cultural expression.

Educators will have unprecedented and intimate access to images of the nation's most extensive African American art collection through a collaboration between the Smithsonian American Art Museum and the National Museum of African American History and Culture. *Oh Freedom!* will connect artworks with artifacts and other primary sources and encourage integrating arts across the curriculum. Using social media, educators will engage the Smithsonian Institution's resources in new ways, share practical pedagogical strategies, and tailor materials to meet their own specific needs.

In an effort to create a website that will be easily utilized by educators, the museums wish to call upon the expertise of a Teacher Advisory Council made up from teachers throughout the nation. The *Oh Freedom!* Teacher Advisory Council's members will play a key role in the development of this website, serving as advisors on content and usability. Members of the Council will serve for a term of twelve months from November 2009 – November 2010. Applicants should be available to attend (5) meetings via conference call.

Applications for the *Oh Freedom!* Teacher Advisory Council are due by October 30, 2009. Selected teachers will receive a $750.00 honorarium for their time and expertise and be credited on the website for their contributions. Notification of selection to the *Oh Freedom!* Teacher Advisory Council will be no later than November 16, 2009.

To be considered for the *Oh Freedom!* Teacher Advisory Council you must submit the following:

- Application Form via email
- Current resume
- Personal statement
- Two references or letters of support from an administrator and/or collaborating teacher

Completed application materials must be submitted to: OhFreedomTAC@si.edu **by October 30, 2009**

Sincerely,
The *Oh Freedom!* Education Team