

Unsung Heroes of the Black Belt

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History is *his*-story, *her* story, *my* story, and *your* story. This institute will explore a variety of unsung people from the Black Belt. Participants will tour several sites, engage critically with the concepts of rights, struggle, story, and power. Prepare to experiment with fake garbage, robots, and lockboxes in hands-on activities that will teach students new ways of connecting the past to the present. By discovering these unsung heroes of the Black Belt, teachers will create a community of fellow educators. This new community of teachers will leave the institute with classroom resources, access to primary sources, and inspiration to celebrate Alabama's bicentennial in their classrooms.