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**Constitutional Rights Foundation Receives Grant From the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation  
to Support Teacher Collaboration and Implementation of the Common Core**

*Chosen as one of 14 Teacher Practice Network Grantees*

Constitutional Rights Foundation (CRF), a nonprofit, nonpartisan educational organization, has been awarded \$299,769 as part of multi-network effort to support teachers as they implement the Common Core State Standards in their classrooms. With this grant, CRF will work with social studies teachers around the nation to share proven instructional practices and research concerning the Common Core in order to help prepare students to become informed, skilled, and engaged citizens by increasing their capacity to research, think critically, and draw evidence-based conclusions. This grant is supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation as part of its efforts to help teachers across the country better connect about instructional practice.

***“We are excited to be chosen as a Teacher Practice Network and look forward to working with teachers to implement Common Core as it relates to history/social studies. The Common Core’s emphasis on critical thinking, close-reading of texts, and the use of evidence in making claims can raise students’ achievement and their civic capacities,” said Marshall Croddy, president of CRF.***

Constitutional Rights Foundation provides civic, history, and law-related educational resources and professional development to teachers throughout the United States. This grant, the second round of Teacher Practice Network grants, will support 14 organizations working with over 110,000 teachers. The first round of grants in 2013 funded 21 organizations for projects supporting 350,000 teachers across the United States.

Other organizations that are part of the Teacher Practice Networks include the following: The Achievement Network, Association for Career Technical Education, ASCD, Center for Teaching Quality, Institute for the Study of Knowledge Management in Education, International Society for Technology in Education, KnowledgeWorks Foundation, National Center for Family Literacy, National Council for the Social Studies, National Council of Teachers of English, National Math and Science Initiative, National Writing Project, New Visions for Public Schools, and others.

**Constitutional Rights Foundation** seeks to instill in our nation's youth a deeper understanding of citizenship through values expressed in our Constitution and its Bill of Rights and to educate young people to become active and responsible participants in our society. CRF is dedicated to assuring our country's future by investing in our youth today. For more information about CRF programs, please visit [www.crf-usa.org](http://www.crf-usa.org).