

American Protest Literature

Audience: Grade 5-12 Social Studies and English Teachers

Instructors: John Stauffer and Zoe Trodd

Dates & Times: Saturdays, March 6 & 13, 2010
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Location: Harvard University, Cambridge

Cost: \$25 TEC Members / \$50 Non-TEC non-refundable registration fee

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Course Description: “I like a little rebellion now and then,” wrote Thomas Jefferson, who launched, with the Declaration of Independence, a tradition that throughout American literary history has seen writers rage and reason, prophesy and provoke. This course will examine the tradition of American Protest Literature across six major protest movements. From the literature of abolitionism and labor activism to the literature of the anti-war and Civil Rights movements, explore voices of resistance holding the nation to its highest ideals—castigating it when it fell short and pointing the way to a better collective future. Using a broad definition of “literature,” (including song, images and letters) participants will examine a wide variety of genres and focus on the production and consumption of dissent as a site of social critique. In this course, teachers will seek to define and understand the genre of “protest literature” and to underline the long history of American dissent.

About the Instructors: **John Stauffer** is Chair of the History of American Civilization program and Professor of English and African and African American Studies at Harvard University. He has published numerous books and articles on slavery, abolitionism and interracial friendship. **Zoe Trodd** is a Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. Author of *American Protest Literature* (2006), she has also published numerous articles on African American literature, visual art and protest movements.

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