

Suggested Video Chat Topics for the 2011-12 EFT Season

A More Perfect Union

- What happened at your state's ratifying convention? When did your state ratify the Constitution?
- What are some interesting facts about your state's constitution?
- Tell us about other countries' constitutions – are they similar to ours?

Harsh World, This World

- Use primary sources to find other personal stories of slavery or segregation.
- Read more about the people from the program—what happened to them?
- Tell us about historical examples of oppression and “othering” in your state.

Westward!

- Who are the notable pioneer men or women from your state?
- How did European Americans populate your state?
- Tell us about the Native Americans who lived in your state before it was settled by European Americans.
- What was the impact of European American settlement on Native Americans or on the environment in your state?

The War of 1812

- Read about some of the historical people in the program—what happened to them?
- What happened in your state during the War of 1812? How did the war impact your state?
- Who do you think lost the war? Why?
- Tell us about patriotic symbols and stories from the War of 1812.

When Freedom Came

- How did news of the Emancipation Proclamation arrive in your state?
- Read about “Juneteenth” and tell us what you learned!
- When did your state ratify the Thirteenth Amendment?
- Tell us about former slaves who became leaders after the Civil War.

Remember the Ladies

- Tell us how women's rights came to your state.
- Who are the famous or notable women from your state?
- Ask an older female relative how women's lives have changed during her lifetime.

The Rights of Youth

- What are the laws affecting juveniles in your state? What is the age of discretion in your state?
- What famous legal cases dealing with children originated in your state? Tell us about them!
- How do you think the age of discretion should be determined?
- Do you think there should be different laws for children and adults?