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## TEACHERS TAKE A "FIELD TRIP" TO WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE HOUSE STATE HISTORIC SITE

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TOPEKA, KS—The Kansas Historical Society announced 15 middle and high school teachers will tour William Allen White House State Historic Site Monday, June 22, to kick off a workshop on using primary sources in the classroom. William Allen White House Site Administrator Nick Gronseth will conduct the tour, which will highlight primary sources in the White home. Teachers will be asked trivia questions about White, the home, and its many famous visitors. A catered barbecue lunch will be served on the famous front porch, followed by an afternoon session that will cover the importance and benefits of using primary sources.

Dr. Darla Mallein, Director of Secondary Social Sciences Education at Emporia State University, is conducting the workshop. Mallein was awarded a \$15,000 grant from the Midwest Center for Teaching with Primary Sources at Illinois State University to provide professional development to area teachers so they can utilize the Library of Congress's vast collection of digitized primary sources to enrich their classroom instruction. Mallein will demonstrate a variety of strategies the teachers can use when teaching with primary sources. Sandra Hart, a computer teacher at Emporia Middle School, will lead the web-based activities throughout the rest of the workshop which will be held in the William Lindsey White Library on the ESU campus.

The William Allen White House State Historic Site is a National Historic Landmark and is one of 16 state historic sites operated by the Kansas Historical Society. The home is open for tours 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Wednesday – Saturday and 1 - 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors, students, and groups of 10 or more. Admission is free for KSHS, Inc. members, active military, and children five and under.

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