Help the Montana Historical Society tell the Story of MONTANA AND THE GREAT WAR

We are looking for high school teachers interested in leading their classes in a study of how World War I affected their communities.

Participating students will:
• Conduct Real Research
• Add to Our Collective Understanding
• Share Their Findings with an Authentic Audience.

The Montana Historical Society is creating an ArcGIS Story Map exploring World War I’s effect on Montanans—both those on the home front and those serving overseas—which we will publish on April 6, 2017. We would like to encourage students around the state to create similar projects (either Story Maps or websites) focusing on their own counties.

MHS will provide background information, templates, themes, and other assistance. The Society will also include a link to your students’ finished product on a website it is creating for the statewide commemoration of World War I: http://mhs.mt.gov/education/WWI. Completed student projects can be added any time through November 11, 2018.

WANT TO LEARN MORE? APPLY TO ATTEND THE MONTANA AND THE GREAT WAR WORKSHOP JUNE 12–13, 2017
The Montana Historical Society is hosting a FREE two-day workshop for high school teachers and museum curators and educators, interested in participating in this project.

Workshop participants will learn about the themes and issues of World War I, how the war directly affected Montana and Montanans, how to engage students in researching about the war, relevant digital primary source collections, information on researching in local repositories (courthouse files and county historical societies), and ways to share student research with the larger community. Participants will also spend time in the Montana Historical Society Research Center gathering primary sources to bring back to their classroom.

PIR credits and travel scholarships are available.

Apply to attend the one-and-one-half-day conference. The application deadline is April 15, 2017. Applicants will be notified on their acceptance by May 1, 2017.

The workshop is limited to 20 people. Preference will be given to established museum-school partners (including a teacher and a staff member from a local museum or historical society.) However, individual teachers and museum professionals are also encouraged to apply.

For more information, contact Martha Kohl at mkoahl@mt.gov.