



Fears of a Setting Sun
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January 27th, 2022, 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Central Standard Time

John Adams
Joann McRelland Nathan McAlister
Kansas State Department of Education

Introduction: The Why?

Our why is to enrich our content knowledge over the founding era and to enhance our instruction through the sharing of implementable learning strategies and lesson plans.

Additional objectives:

Participants will understand and discuss the complex and sometimes contradictory thoughts held by the Founders of the United States.

Participants will be given the opportunity to connect with other teachers with the shared goals of wanting to learn and improve their craft, which is vital to keeping people in the field.

Schedule of Events: Feb 3, 2022 The Zoom Mainroom will open at 6:55 pm CST

Zoom Schedule and Link:

Topic: Book Study: Fears of a Setting Sun

**Feb 3, 2022 06:30 PM
Feb 10, 2022 06:30 PM
Feb 17, 2022 06:30 PM
Feb 24, 2022 06:30 PM
Mar 3, 2022 06:30 PM
Mar 10, 2022 06:30 PM
Mar 17, 2022 06:30 PM
Mar 24, 2022 06:30 PM**

Link: <https://ksde.zoom.us/j/83514228890?pwd=NENmTFVqT3l3YnZmdm5zakE5aFRXdz09>

Meeting ID: 835 1422 8890

Passcode: Book

- 7:00-7:05: Welcome and a brief introduction by Ken S. Thomas, Executive Director Johnson County, and Kansas First Amendment Foundation**
- 7:05-7:15 John Adams**
- 7:15-7:35 Breakout Room discussions**
- 7:35-7:50 Big Room discussion of compelling questions**
- 7:50-8:00 Classroom applications and take aways to use**

Compelling Questions and Supporting Questions for John Adams

Compelling Question: Can citizens be trusted with power?

Supporting Questions:

1. What is Power? (Elem)
2. What is a citizen? (Elem)
3. How might Adams' fears of the citizens be found in modern politics? (MS)
4. How does Adams characterize power? (MS)
5. Is Adams fighting human nature? (MS/HS)
6. How does Adams define the division of power in government? (HS)
7. Is Adams' critique of the citizens civic virtue a warning or prophecy? (HS)

Documents:

[John Adams to Thomas Jefferson, March 3, 1814](#)

[John Adams to Thomas Jefferson, 15 July 1813](#)

[John Adams to Benjamin Rush, 24 July 1789](#)

[Adams, John. *The Works of John Adams*, vol. 6. Little, Brown, and Company, 1851.](#)

[John Adams to Thomas Jefferson, 6 December 1787](#)

[John Adams to Abigail Adams, 17 March 1797](#)

[John Adams to John Whitney, 7 June 1826](#)

[John Adams to Benjamin Rush, 18 April 1790](#)

[John Adams to Mercy Otis Warren, 8 January 1776](#)

Activity:

[Netflix Series](#)

**Compelling Questions for February 10th
Chapters**

Compelling Question:

Supporting Questions: