

Dear Educator/Administrator,

The Folger Shakespeare Library is home to the world's largest Shakespeare collection and a highly regarded center for the teaching and learning of literature. **I would like to become a Teacher Member of the Folger in order to deepen my content knowledge and obtain resources for helping every single student grapple skillfully and confidently with complex texts.**

I believe that learning more about the Folger Method, a recognized engine for equity, will grow my ability to engage, challenge, and support all students, especially this year.

Teacher Members of the Folger gain exclusive access to *Folger Teaching*, a website with resources on the Folger Method and hundreds of lesson plans, podcasts, and videos for teachers. In addition, *Folger Teaching* hosts ongoing virtual workshops where I can interact with experts, scholars, artists, mentor teachers, and fellow educators. Titles include "(How) Can We Talk About Race, Shakespeare, and Our Students?"; "Master Class: Teaching *Romeo and Juliet*"; "Teach *Their Eyes Were Watching God* with Rigor and Joy"; and "Building Empathy in the Literature Classroom." There are also special sessions on how to adapt successful Folger techniques to remote learning.

By joining the Folger, I will be able to

- Find engaging resources and lessons that will help ALL my students read complex texts more independently and effectively.
- Participate in ongoing professional development that directly relates to my work.
- Learn techniques that work with any student, any text.
- Learn more about how and why to pair texts in a culturally sustaining context.
- Connect our school with the Folger, a renowned institution with vast resources for teaching, learning, archival research, performance, and the digital humanities.
- Join a community of teachers working together to amplify the voice of every single student and create a more literate and just society.

Teachers consistently praise the value of working with the Folger:

- "I now have the tools to get my students inside any text." – Georgia teacher
- "With the Folger Method, my students are reading more deeply than ever before. They are breaking down language and really understanding it." – Washington, DC, teacher
- "Students voted our department the best department on campus, and it's all because we're teaching the Folger way." – California teacher
- "Connecting with the words this way empowers students to become stronger, more confident and enthusiastic readers and communicators." – Massachusetts teacher

The cost of a one-year individual Teacher Membership is a **\$40** tax-deductible donation to the nonprofit Folger Shakespeare Library. This \$40 contribution will provide me with twelve months of premium access to *Folger Teaching*.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

[insert your name here]