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Teacher of African American History, William W. Bodine School for International Affairs, Philadelphia, PA
Connects with students in a deep and meaningful way

• Begins his 10th grade classes each year by having his students trace their own origins

• Requires students to use research methods and Google, and then write and deliver powerful presentations on the information they have found

• Purchases a pocket U.S. Constitution for each student, and moves forward through history beginning with lessons on the Bill of Rights

• Ensures that all students understand the African experience in the U.S. and how we can be sure that the atrocities inflicted on their ancestors are never repeated