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Social Studies Teacher

SECONDARY SOCIAL STUDIES · DYSLEXIA & STRUCTURED LITERACY · TEXAS CERTIFIED

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Dear Hiring Committee,

I am applying for a secondary Social Studies teaching position on your campus. I love this subject because, for me, history has never been distant. My family ties to Liberia, West Africa, connect the very stories I teach. Liberia was founded in 1822 by free and formerly enslaved Black Americans, and its history runs straight through U.S. History, World History, and World Geography.

From 2019 to 2021, I lived in Liberia, caring for my mother full time and supporting community development work. I saw up close how land, climate, culture, and a nation's past shape everyday life. When my students study African independence or the human geography of Sub-Saharan Africa, they learn from a teacher who has walked those streets, and I use that to help every student see their own family's story as part of history.

> *"It is not wrong to go back for what you forgot." Sankofa, West Africa*

My work carries the name Sankofa, an Akan word and symbol that means "go back and get it." It is the best reason I know to study history: we look back so we can carry what we learn forward. That idea shapes my classroom:

- **Lessons built from the TEKS down.** I write measurable objectives, plan the assessment first, and use daily exit tickets to decide when to reteach.
- **Primary sources and real voices.** Students read speeches, photographs, and maps, then argue from evidence in discussion.
- **Every reader included.** As a dyslexia teacher trained in structured literacy, I teach academic vocabulary through word parts and build reading supports into content lessons, so students who struggle to read can still do grade-level thinking.

I am Texas certified in Social Studies 7–12 and Special Education 7–12, with five years teaching secondary Social Studies at Spring ISD, three years co-teaching Social Studies and ELA at Houston ISD, and a year as a secondary dyslexia teacher at Alvin ISD.

You can see my lessons, including three 15-minute demo lessons, at freemansocial-studies.pages.dev. I can start immediately, including mid-year, and I would welcome the chance to talk with you. You can reach me at 713-997-0193 or tennehfreeman.work@gmail.com.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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