



Mark Armato has been a history teacher at Maple Park Middle School for more than 20 years. A graduate in the Class of 1975, Armato was recognized as a S.T.A.R.R. teacher from 1995-1997, inducted into *Who's Who Among America's Teachers 2000* and led his students to two National Geographic Spelling Bee Competition Championships in 1994 and 1995. Armato has played an active role in the district's professional development program and the Missouri M.A.P. assessment program. Most recently he conducted a workshop in Washington D.C. for the National Middle School Association titled *Living History in the Classroom*.