ABC-CLIO Announces "Think Grant" Program Winners

"Think LOCAL. Make HISTORY." supports student achievement by encouraging educators to acknowledge local history

Santa Barbara, Calif. (May 11, 2016) – ABC-CLIO Solutions, a suite of award-winning digital curriculum resource collections, has announced the recipients of the 2016 "Think Grant" program, intended to inspire teachers and librarians to find primary sources in their communities related to topics of national historical significance and to consider how those primary sources can be used in an instructional setting. Grant recipients will receive $2,500 each to put towards their classrooms.

The *Think LOCAL. Make HISTORY.* grant program is the latest effort in ABC-CLIO's longstanding commitment to partnering with schools to drive student achievement. It also encouraged collaboration amongst participating teachers nationwide. To facilitate their research, all participants received complimentary access to 1 of ABC-CLIO's 15 subject-specific digital databases, each of which unites a comprehensive reference library, analytical scholarly articles, and a digital textbook to create a unique online platform that helps students to get the most out of their research.

"Local history has the capacity to show students how history matters," said ABC-CLIO President Becky Snyder. "Our company is founded on a commitment to helping students learn the best they can, so we are excited that so many educators took the initiative to conduct research in the community and share their findings with their students. It just goes to show that history really is everywhere."

Winning projects demonstrated exceptional analysis of documents, images, and artifacts as regards their relation to wider social, cultural, and political movements that have shaped the country into what it is today. Jennie Crownson, from J. Sterling Morton East High School in Cicero, IL, looked at yearbooks from the same school to investigate the role of Rose Marie Gyles in the development of local physical education programs for women. Shelly Cunningham, from Region 9 Education Service Center in Wichita Falls, TX, provided images of three artifacts—a toy called a flipper dinger, tools for cleaning cotton, and a rabbit stick for hunting rabbits—and explained how they defined life for local pioneer children, settlers, and Native Americans. Pearl Jonas, from Science Leadership Academy in Philadelphia, PA, analyzed an article titled "The Right of Colored People in Railway Cars" that appeared in the October 11, 1866 edition of the Philadelphia newspaper, *The Evening Telegraph*. The article describes a court case wherein an African-American woman, Mary E. Miles, refused to move from her seat on a railway car to a seat in the area designated for African-Americans. Timothy Kegley, from Warren Central High School in Indianapolis, IN, submitted a photo of a class at C.J. Walker's beautician school in 1950 Indianapolis, which, Kegley explained, not only provided a service to the community but also helped African-American women to develop skills and opportunities for careers.

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