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## **ABC-CLIO Solutions Wins Two 2016 BESSIE Awards**

*“Issues” and “American History” websites recognized as top educational resources*

**Santa Barbara, Calif.** (Apr. 25, 2016) – [ABC-CLIO Solutions](#), a suite of award-winning digital resource collections, is the recipient of two [BESSIE Awards](#) from [ComputED Gazette](#). *Issues: Understanding Controversy and Society*, now a four-time BESSIE winner, has won Best Social Studies Website, while *American History* has won its third BESSIE, this year in the Best American History Website category.

*Issues: Understanding Controversy and Society* and *American History* are 2 of the 15 subject-specific curriculum resource collections that compose ABC-CLIO Solutions. Each 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. Brimming with a breadth of authoritative multimedia content from credentialed contributors, the databases are updated daily with the latest expert perspectives in addition to tools that make both lesson planning and learning easier.

“We designed ABC-CLIO Solutions to meet teachers’ and librarians’ needs for high-quality, robust content that today’s digital natives will find accessible and engaging,” said Becky Snyder, president of ABC-CLIO. “We’re encouraged by the success that our subscriber schools have experienced, and our hope is that these new honors from the 2016 BESSIE Awards will spread awareness of our product to more schools to help us expand our educational impact.”

Both *Issues* and *American History* exemplify ABC-CLIO's commitment to providing innovative content that makes a real difference in today's classrooms and libraries. Ideal for teaching critical thinking, argument formation, and essay writing, *Issues* challenges students to use evidence to develop and support opinions about more than 200 topics important to today's society. In the widely popular *American History* database, students have access to more than 16,000 primary and secondary sources, as well as to the recently added Course Essentials video learning modules, which blend lectures, illustrations, informative slides, and more into short audiovisual learning sessions presented by real teachers.

The BESSIE Awards are sponsored by *The ComputED Gazette*, a leading online educational resource created by educators who have provided relevant, competitive computer education to children and adults for more than 20 years. The awards highlight digital innovation in the education industry, honoring intuitive, content-rich programs and websites that foster educational excellence in students of all ages. Winners are selected annually from titles submitted by publishers worldwide.

To learn more about ABC-CLIO Solutions, visit [www.abc-clio.com/ABC-CLIOSolutions](http://www.abc-clio.com/ABC-CLIOSolutions).

### **About ABC-CLIO Solutions**

ABC-CLIO Solutions is an online resource that offers authoritative, up-to-date coverage of essential topics in U.S. history and government, world history, geography, and a range of multicultural and popular culture subjects. Created specifically for students in middle and high school, higher education, and public library settings, the suite of 15 online databases provides comprehensive, authoritative reference content, gives students a deeper understanding of coursework, and offers critical thinking explorations of more than 500 scholarly dilemmas that challenge students to think critically and reach their own conclusions. Learn more at <http://www.abc-clio.com/ABC-CLIOSolutions.aspx>.