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## **ABC-CLIO Debuts New Research-Based Interface for Schools**

*Structured design highlights purposeful organization and features new tools to maximize student learning*

**Santa Barbara, Calif.** (Sept. 2, 2016) – [ABC-CLIO Solutions](#), ABC-CLIO’s suite of 15 social studies and humanities curriculum and research databases, now showcase an even more intuitive interface design that improves students’ inquiry skills and deepens their understanding of history, contemporary issues, and global cultures.

In an age in which resource aggregators advertise seemingly limitless information that is neither vetted nor valuable, ABC-CLIO meaningfully curates resources to create an authentic student learning environment. ABC-CLIO’s newly designed databases expand ways for learners to search and browse for information by organizing content into new topic centers that both reflect thoughtful curation by a team of subject experts and are aligned to social studies curricula. These new topic centers scaffold the learning process with three types of resources that collectively increase students’ capacity to learn: essential background information, critical analysis, and primary and secondary sources.

In every topic center, students can explore curated articles and video learning modules to build a contextual foundation for authentic learning; analyze what they have learned through scholarly perspectives; and research topics further with vetted primary and secondary sources that support them in making evidence-based claims. In addition, ABC-CLIO Solutions continues to present thousands of additional primary and secondary sources, separate from each topic center, in the library section.

“Students can get an aggregated database of historical facts and resources anywhere. That’s not enough. At ABC-CLIO, we care about creating an authentic learning environment that allows students to experience those ‘aha’ moments, the ones in which students’ eyes light up because they suddenly make a connection that shows them the relevancy of social studies to a global society,” said President of ABC-CLIO Becky Snyder. “That’s why this new design is so critical to supporting student learning; we have intentionally scaffolded our learning resources to create those ‘aha’ moments.”

Not only does the singular new design support an inquiry learning model that more vigorously pushes students to ask questions, develop arguments, and discover meaning, but it also features a number of new student research tools. Formative self-assessment quizzes enable students to assess their comprehension of important concepts, direct students to resources to review when questions are answered incorrectly, and allow students to share their results. The CLIOview tool is now available in eight databases, encouraging high-level analysis by providing students the opportunity to make demographic comparisons between states, countries, religions, and more. Additionally, options to export content to Google Drive and Dropbox make it easy to organize and share information with students. Upon its planned release in October, History Hub, a curriculum support site for social studies educators, will help educators to align and integrate resources into the classroom, support them in their educator roles with additional free content, and supply a complete inventory of video tutorials for training support.

Watch a [video tutorial](#) about the new ABC-CLIO Solutions interface.

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

Brought to you by the leading history content provider, the ABC-CLIO Solutions suite comprises 15 social studies curriculum and research databases designed to improve students’ inquiry skills and to deepen their understanding of history, contemporary issues, and global cultures. By structuring core concepts in curated topic centers around an unmatched reserve of primary and secondary sources and tools for blended learning, the Solutions databases empower students to build essential content knowledge and to embrace their intellectual curiosity. Learn more at <http://www.abc-clio.com/ABC-CLIOSolutions.aspx>.