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ABC-CLIO Debuts New Grant Program for Social Studies Teachers

“Think LOCAL, Make HISTORY” combines a local focus and primary source work to support student achievement

Santa Barbara, Calif. (Sept. 29, 2015) – ABC-CLIO, a leading publisher of reference, scholarly nonfiction, and digital curriculum resources, has launched the new *Think LOCAL, Make HISTORY* grant program. Open to practicing social studies teachers serving grades 6–12, *Think LOCAL, Make HISTORY* is designed to provide valuable digital resources and instructional opportunities to all participants, with nine monetary prizes totaling \$15,000 awarded to exceptional teacher-student collaborations.

The *Think LOCAL, Make HISTORY* grant program encourages educators and their students to apply a local lens to the study of U.S. history by identifying and researching local topics of national historical significance. The process places a heavy emphasis on collection and analysis of primary sources as well as collaboration amongst participating teachers nationwide.

“We know history comes alive for students when they can see its relevancy firsthand, and we thought, what better way to achieve that than turning the focus of study to local histories?” said ABC-CLIO President Becky Snyder. “At the heart of our company mission has always been the support of learning in all its forms, so we look forward to seeing the impact of authentic research and local topics on student achievement and its lasting effects on teachers’ approaches to instruction.”

All grant recipients benefit from complimentary access to 1 of the 15 subject-specific ABC-CLIO Solutions curriculum collections. The award-winning ABC-CLIO Solutions suite unites reference material, analytical scholarly articles, and a multimodal digital textbook to create a unique and comprehensive online venue for student learning and research.

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. *Think LOCAL, Make HISTORY* was developed as a follow-up to the overwhelming success of last year’s “Think Out Loud” Innovation Grant, which successfully equipped over 40 educators across the U.S. with instructionally impactful digital curriculum resources. The publisher has also initiated a pilot program of their Solutions product line, enabling public schools in Texas to incorporate these premier digital curriculum resources into their classrooms in exchange for valuable user insights to drive product refinement.

Now through December 1, 2015, interested teachers can apply to the *Think LOCAL, Make HISTORY* grant program online at abc-clio.com/ThinkGrant. Final participants will be announced December 15, and recipients of the cash prizes—\$2,500 or \$1,000 for the top nine submissions—will be identified in June of 2016.

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