

Glendale Unified School District  
Teaching American History Grant  
Weekly Bulletin  
11, September 2008

**GUSD/UCLA History-Geography Project Fall Presentations**

Fall Dates:	Tuesday, October 7, 2008	4:00 P.M. PDC
	Tuesday, November 18, 2008	4:00 P.M. PDC
	Wednesday, December 10, 2008	4:00 P.M. PDC

**Barnes & Noble Event:** TONIGHT-September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. Danica McKellar *Kiss My Math* will have a discussion and book signing at 210 Americana Way in Glendale. For more information contact the store at 818-545-9146. Please pass along to all your Math buddies!

**Constitution Day: Wednesday, September 17, 2008** has been declared Constitution Day and the Federal government in Washington, D.C. has declared that all teachers will teach their students about some aspect of the Constitution. Below are some websites you may wish to visit that contain lesson plans. Please feel free to contact either Jennifer or myself for additional ideas or to help copy/present lessons.

[www.BillofRightsInstitute.org/ConstitutionDay](http://www.BillofRightsInstitute.org/ConstitutionDay)

[www.crf-usa.org](http://www.crf-usa.org)

**“Genocide Defined: the Armenians and Their Impact on 20th Century Genocide”**

Utilizing current research about how students learn history, this workshop will deepen teachers understanding of the Armenian Genocide and build skills for engaging students in generating plausible, evidence-based explanations to inquiry-based questions. Both sessions will be from 4:30-8:00 P.M. at the PDC on Central Ave. in Glendale. Snacks and Dinner will be served. The October 30<sup>th</sup> session will consider how and why the Armenian genocide took place. November 6<sup>th</sup> will include a critical analysis of the model and expectations set during the Armenian genocide for the behavior and accountability of individuals and nations.

It is recommended, but not essential, that teachers attend both sessions. Glendale Unified teachers will be compensated for attending both sessions. A link will be forthcoming for you to register to attend. If you have any questions, please contact either Jennifer or Nancy.

This workshop addresses standard 10.5.5 Discuss human rights violations and genocide, including the Ottoman government's actions against Armenian citizens.

**Terra Cotta Warriors: Museum Tour and Teacher Workshop**. Sponsored by the Southern California Social Science Association at the Bowers Museum, 2002 N. Main St. Santa Ana, CA 92706. Saturday, October 4, 2008. 1:00-5:00 P.M. Cost is \$27 per person and includes a tour of the exhibit, teacher workshop, lessons, and resources for your classroom! Questions? Contact [Herczog Michelle@yahoo.com](mailto:Herczog_Michelle@yahoo.com) or 310-836-3612. Check is due by September 18. Please contact Nancy Witt if you would like a registration form.

**My Vote-Student Mock Election**

How to participate:

1. Select a school coordinator/principal to register the school online at: [www.sos.ca.gov/elections/studentmockelection.htm](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/studentmockelection.htm). If you register by September 12 you will receive the necessary materials by mail. You must register by October 29 and then you will have to print materials from the website.
2. There are standards-based curriculum and activities available at [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov).

## **2008 Election Enlightenment**

- **The KPCC** website has tons of election resources, including the “Select A Candidate” quiz, interactive maps, and audio archives of past stories. <http://www.scp.org/news/features/2008/election2008/features.php>.
- **Echoes of 1968**-An NPR (National Public Radio) special report featuring a look back to major events from 40 years ago. <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=89372462>
- **270 To Win**: Interactive electoral map that changes based on latest polling numbers. Also includes historical maps and analysis from past elections. <http://www.270towin.com/> Thank you Jennifer for all the above election info!
- **Presidential campaign simulation**: [http://teacher.scholastic.com/scholasticnews/indepth/election2008/games/candidate/?ESP=Teachers/ib/200825/awa/sa\\_election\\_games\\_1\\_5///salp/tout///](http://teacher.scholastic.com/scholasticnews/indepth/election2008/games/candidate/?ESP=Teachers/ib/200825/awa/sa_election_games_1_5///salp/tout///)
- **Resources for all grade levels** including an online version of *Upfront*, the New York Times Magazine for secondary students. <http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/learn.jsp>
- PBS has timely lesson plans on the election and other news available at: <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/teachers/>
- **This website collects current news articles** from a wide spectrum of national and international publications. <http://realclearpolitics.com/>
- **For the elementary folks check out** [www.cyberbee.org](http://www.cyberbee.org). It has some very cool stuff and a way for your students to participate in the 2008 election.

**Smithsonian's National Museum of American History** will open its doors to the public on Friday, November 21, 2008. The opening will mark the completion of a two-year renovation of the building's central spaces. The renovation project focused on three areas: architectural enhancements to the Museum's interior, including a grand staircase and a skylight; construction of a new permanent home for the Star-Spangled Banner; and updates to the 44-year-old building's infrastructure.

<http://go.si.edu/ct/H7ecE8d19XAV/>

Visitors will enter a dramatic five-story sky-lit atrium, surrounded by artifact displays filled with more than 400 objects showcasing the breadth and depth of the Museum's collection. The state-of-the-art Star-Spangled Banner gallery is adjacent to the atrium and forms a centerpiece of the Museum. Visitors will also get a rare chance to see the White House copy of President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, which will be on view in the Museum through January 4, 2009.

We are also announcing the launch of the Museum's new blog, "O Say Can You See?" The blog takes readers behind the scenes, providing insights and information about our exhibitions, events, collections, and research projects, in addition to timely reports about the work we are doing leading up to our historic reopening. <http://go.si.edu/ct/HpecE8d19XAC/>

## **Los Angeles County Office of Education**

“**The Center for History-Social Science Education at the Los Angeles County Office of Education** is dedicated to the advancement of an educated, civic minded, actively engaged citizenry for ensuring the future of democratic institutions and global interdependence.” For more information about staff development and resources check out the following websites:

<http://www.lacoe.edu/historysocialscience>

<http://www.lacoe.edu.edu/servicelearningla>

<http://www.teach-history.org>

**We the People and Project Citizen for Struggling Learners- Teacher Workshops**; Grades 4-12, Saturday, October 18, 2008. Bishop Amat Memorial High School, 14301 Fairgrove Ave. La Puente, CA 91746. 9:00A.M.-1:00 P.M. Cost is \$15 each workshop. Deadline: Friday, October 10, 2008. Teachers may attend either workshop and will receive a classroom set of textbooks. For more information contact Michelle Herczog at 562-922-6908 or [Herczoz\\_Michelle@lacoe.edu](mailto:Herczoz_Michelle@lacoe.edu).

**Rediscovering Gandhian Wisdom: Building a Peaceful Future**-Cal Poly Pomona University, Pomona, CA 91768. October 17-19, 2008. For more information go to: [www.csupomona.edu/ahimsacenter](http://www.csupomona.edu/ahimsacenter).

**California Association of School Economics Teachers: Economics in Education Conference**-Friday, October 24, 2008. 8:30 A.M.-3:00 P.M. Cuyamaca College, 900 Rancho San Diego Parkway; El Cajon,

CA 92019. Substitute/travel fee scholarships up to \$125 available to the first 100 teachers to register with conference fee of \$75. To register call: 800-845-9799 or email [bmauricia@csusb.edu](mailto:bmauricia@csusb.edu).

**Korean Cultural Center:** Will cover THE COST FOR BUS TRANSPORTATION

**UNTIL June 2009! Field trips are available for Autumn/Winter 2008**

The Korean Cultural Center, Los Angeles 5505 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90036

**Field trips are FREE and designed for 1st- 12th Grade!** Parking is available in the KCCLA parking lot in the rear of the building. Tour Hours: Monday - Friday 10 AM - 4 PM.

**65 People Maximum.** For more information or to schedule tours please contact: Rick Phillips at (323) 936-7141 or email at [fieldtrip@kccla.org](mailto:fieldtrip@kccla.org)

[<http://us.f830.mail.yahoo.com/ym/Compose?To=fieldtrip@kccla.org>](http://us.f830.mail.yahoo.com/ym/Compose?To=fieldtrip@kccla.org)

**Law Day 2009 Theme: A Legacy of Liberty Celebrating Lincoln's Bicentennial**

2009 marks the bicentennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, regarded by many as our nation's greatest and most eloquent president. Lincoln, who devoted much of his adult life to the practice of law, was the quintessential American lawyer-president. His background in the law informed both his actions and his oratory. Visit <http://www.abanet.org/publiced/lawday/2008/home.shtml> to download the 2009 brochure, and visit often over the next few months for updates and additional resources to assist you in your Law Day 2009 planning.

**California Three R's-Rights, Responsibility, and Respect:** A project of the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association and the First Amendment Center. To receive their bulletin and emails go to [http://score.rims.k12.ca.us/score\\_lessons/3rs/index.html](http://score.rims.k12.ca.us/score_lessons/3rs/index.html) or contact Dr. Peg Hill at [mhill@csusb.edu](mailto:mhill@csusb.edu)

### **Worth Checking Out:**

For government and economics teachers you may wish to receive this newsletter put out by Rich Kitchens, Director, Constitutional Law Education Project. <http://conlawed.com>  
Teacher Created Materials presents another FREE webinar event—Exploring Nonfiction.

**Live Webinar:** Exploring Nonfiction

**Date:** Wednesday, September 17, 2008

**Choose:** 1–2 p.m. Pacific Time, 4–5 p.m. Eastern Time **or** 3–4 p.m. Pacific Time, 6–7 p.m. Eastern Time

**Presenters:** Dede Dodds, M.Ed., Lori Kamola, M.Ed.

Don't miss this chance to explore ways to effectively teach your students key nonfiction reading skills and strategies. You'll follow along as presenters Dede Dodds and Lori Kamola take you through important steps to achieve reading success in the classroom.

Highlights include:

- Ways to enhance students' abilities to comprehend a variety of reading materials
- Breaking reading assignments into three comprehension-building steps
- Strategies to differentiate content-area material
- Techniques to help your students become more strategic and skilled readers
- Tips on what good readers do when they read. Call us at 800-858-7339 and we will answer your questions and sign you up!
  - Perryman Sale at Social Studies School Service is Saturday, October 27, 2008 from 8:30 A.M.- Noon. For the best selection come early! Address: 10200 Jefferson Blvd. Culver City, CA 90232. Web. [www.socialstudies.com/perry.html](http://www.socialstudies.com/perry.html).
  - Vroman's, Pasadena Offerings:  
Tuesday, October 7, 2008-7:00 P.M. Naomi Wolf discusses and signs *Give Me Liberty: A Handbook for American Revolutionaries*.  
If you have not read or listened to Sarah Vowel (*Assassination Vacation*, NPR's *This American Life*) you are in for a treat-Ms.Vowel is coming to Pasadena! Thursday, October 16, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. at All Saints Church. You can obtain two tickets by purchasing her new book: *The Wordy Shipmates* at Vroman's Main Store.
  - "Water and Politics in Southern California" LMU, October 4, 2008. Conference website: <http://www.lmu.edu/Page44727.aspx>. Registration Deadline: 19, September 2008. Conference is free.

### Haramokngna 2008 Schedule:

- Saturday & Sunday September 13-14, 2008: Fall Equinox Flute Circle/World Festival of Sacred Music. 10:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.
- Saturday, October 4: Gourd art workshop. 11:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. \$25.00.
- Sunday, November 2: Annual rabbit skin blanket workshop. 11:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. \$25.00.
- Saturday, December 6: Annual Winter Solstice Honoring day and Potluck. 10:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.
- For more info on all of the above events go to [www.haramokngna.org](http://www.haramokngna.org) or contact Kat at 310-455-1588.

### TCI eNews August 2008

In this issue:

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#### First Day Lesson Plans

Fellow teachers would like to hear from you. How do you spend the first days of school to set your classroom up for success? What do you do to create a cooperative, tolerant classroom? How do you introduce the Interactive Student Notebook? Join in three conversations taking place on these discussion boards: elementary school, middle school, and high school. (Link to elementary school:

<http://clicks.aweber.com/y/ct/?l=5Infe&m=1e8iR5QgZJ3muj&b=3Y4EGZR8XxSty5r3Sn4iTgpublic&BoardPostID=12471>; Link to middle school:

<http://clicks.aweber.com/y/ct/?l=5Infe&m=1e8iR5QgZJ3muj&b=3Y4EGZR8XxSty5r3Sn4iTgpublic&BoardPostID=12472>; Link to high school:

<http://clicks.aweber.com/y/ct/?l=5Infe&m=1e8iR5QgZJ3muj&b=3Y4EGZR8XxSty5r3Sn4iTgpublic&BoardPostID=12473>).

- Additional Web Resources

Interested in additional Web sites that can prepare you for back to school? Visit the Classroom Technology Discussion Board. Explore the recommended Web sites and add your own favorite sites.

(Link:<http://clicks.aweber.com/y/ct/?l=5Infe&m=1e8iR5QgZJ3muj&b=3Y4EGZR8XxSty5r3Sn4iTgpublic&BoardPostID=12510>).

- Unveiling the TCI Correlations Database

In June 2008, TCI released its much anticipated state standards correlations database on [www.teachtci.com](http://www.teachtci.com). In the database, you will find over 130 correlations of TCI programs to the state standards of 18 states. We will be continually adding new correlations over the next year as well. You can access the database through any program page on our site by following these easy steps:

- Click into "programs" from the top menu bar of the [www.teachtci.com](http://www.teachtci.com) home page,
- Choose any TCI program from the list,
- Click on "correlations" (located below the product photo in the list just under Table of Contents)

### Teacher Stuff:

- **National History Education Clearinghouse** puts out a History Education News biannually that you may wish to sign up to receive. [www.teachinghistory.org](http://www.teachinghistory.org).
- Last year at **California State History Day**, Olivia and I met a charming woman who was born and raised in Palestine. She is a very active member in the American Arab Muslim community. She is very willing to come to your classrooms and speak about issues both in the Middle East and in the American Arab Muslim community. Please feel to contact Nancy Witt ( I have her resume) or you may contact Nisreen Malhis directly at [nmalhis562@charter.net](mailto:nmalhis562@charter.net).

- **The University of California at Santa Barbara** has a very cool and timely website that is worth visiting: <http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/> Thank you to Chris Collins-Cross, Rosemont Middle!
  - **ProCon:** Non-partisan summaries of both sides of various issues from the Iraq War to medical marijuana with a special section on the current election. Also features media reference, news archives, and one minute overviews. <http://www.procon.org/>
  - **National Education Association Grants.** First round is due by October 15, 2008. Visit [www.neafoundation.org](http://www.neafoundation.org) for more information, including guidelines, and applications, or call 202-822-7840.
  - **Jan Reiff** used this website a lot in her Summer Institute presentation: <http://www.archive.org/index.php>
  - **California Council for the Humanities** has a very cool website (a must visit for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers) at: <http://www.californiastories.org/>
  - **American Honda Foundation:** youth education and science education. Due November 1, 2008. Website: <http://corporate.honda.com/america/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf>
  - **Teaching Tolerance Grant Program:** [www.tolerance.org/teach/grants/guide.jsp](http://www.tolerance.org/teach/grants/guide.jsp) Pre-K-12 classroom teachers to design projects to reduce prejudice among youth, improve intercultural relations in schools and/or support educator professional development in these areas.
  - Check out <http://www.apple.com/itunesu> for free k-12 content.
  - **Target Field Trip Grants:** <http://sites.target.com/site/en/corporate/page.jsp?contentId=PRD03-002537>>
  - **Best Buy Teach Grant Program:** [www.BestBuy.com/teach](http://www.BestBuy.com/teach)
  - **Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grant:** [www.toolboxforeducation.com/](http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/)
  - **Ezra Jack Keats Mini-Grant Program** for public Schools: [www.ezra-jack-keats.org/programs/minigrant.html](http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/programs/minigrant.html) Deadline: September 15, 2008.
  - **Vernier Technology Awards:** [www.vernier.com/grants/nsta.html](http://www.vernier.com/grants/nsta.html) Deadline-October 15, 2008.
  - Green Works! Grants: [http://www.plt.org/cms/pages/21\\_22\\_23.html](http://www.plt.org/cms/pages/21_22_23.html) Deadline-October 31, 2008.
  - New website: [www.archive.rockefeller.edu](http://www.archive.rockefeller.edu).
  - **Gilder Lehrman Institute** website: <http://www.historynow.org/> The latest issue now available.
  - **Space-Flown Basil Seeds Are Available for Lunar Plant Growth Chamber Design Challenge:** Through NASA Engineering Design Challenge there are space-flown seeds available. To register for the Challenge and to receive seeds visit their website at <http://www.nasa.gov/education/plantchallenge>.
  - **2008-2009 Azusa Pacific University "Keeping History Alive" Grants:** Applications are due on Wednesday, October 15, 2008. These grants are for K-12 teachers for classroom materials and resources, transportation costs of field trips, and for teachers to attend professional development opportunities such as conferences, seminars, and workshops. Grant awards range from \$250 to \$850. Contact for more information. I have applications. I encourage you to apply. Antonia Pisticelli-Carrasco at Daily was a grant winner last year!
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- **The Stock Market Game**-Time to Register! For students in grades 4-12. Go to [www.stockmarketgame.org](http://www.stockmarketgame.org) Contact Maria Suggett at [msuggett@sifma.org](mailto:msuggett@sifma.org) for more information. This curriculum has been correlated to CA state standards.
  - **Annenberg Classroom Lesson Plan Contest**-Lesson plans are due by December 1, 2008. Visit their website at [www.AnnebergClassroom.org](http://www.AnnebergClassroom.org).
  - **Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program** has scholarships available for teachers and administrators for summer institutes. Deadline for the 2009-2010 program year is October 15, 2008. For requirements and information go to: [www.fulbrightexchanges.org/base/apply.asp](http://www.fulbrightexchanges.org/base/apply.asp).

#### **Student Stuff:**

- **National WWII Museum**, New Orleans: Essay/Art Contest. Visit [www.nationalww2museum.org/education](http://www.nationalww2museum.org/education) for more information. They will announce the 2009 topic on January 1<sup>st</sup>!

- **2009 United States Senate Youth Program:** coordinated by the CA Department of Education and sponsored by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation is accepting nominations of up to two outstanding seniors or juniors. Nominations may be made by the school principal and are due Wednesday, October 1, 2008. Delegates will spend an all expenses paid week in Washington, D.C. March 7-14, 2009. They will also receive a \$5,000 college scholarship from the Foundation. More information and an application can be found at: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/eo/in/us/>. A brochure is also available at: USSYP web page.
- **Civil War Preservation Trust-2009 Poster and Essay Contest:** "It's Our Turn to Save Civil War Battlefields" Grades 4 through 12. Olivia Macaulay had one of her students enter this last spring and she won! The only winner from California!!! For more information go to [www.cwpt@civilwar.org](http://www.cwpt@civilwar.org).
- States websites: <http://www.50states.com/us.htm>.  
<http://enchantedlearning.com/crafts/books/cartravelbook/Usmap.shtml>.  
<http://enchantedlearning.com/usa/statesbw/>
- **Essay Competition: WECAN Foundation** is sponsoring its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Essay Competition. The theme for this year is, Lessons from First Nations-II.  
Grades 5&6: "What I learn from Chief Seattle about my environment."  
Grades 7&8: "What I learn from John Horse and the Black Seminoles about the struggle for freedom and justice and finding compassion in the face of the catastrophic."  
Grades 9&10: "How I can love my community, drawing from the wisdom of Black Elk."  
Grades 11&12: "What I learn from the Hopi about the importance of my dreams." Essays are due December 31, 2008. For more information go to [www.wecan-foundation.org](http://www.wecan-foundation.org).
- **"Being an American" Essay Contest** administered by the Bill of Rights Institute. This is for high school students. Lesson plans and more information is available at [www.BeingAnAmerican.org](http://www.BeingAnAmerican.org). For more information contact Rachel Bezanson at 703-894-1776, ext. 25. Essay deadline is December 1, 2008.

Our Teaching American History Grant website [www.teachingamericanhg.com](http://www.teachingamericanhg.com) has lesson plans, links to websites, and other valuable information. If you need any additional information about anything in this bulletin, the website, or require any research or assistance relating to Social Studies, please contact either Jennifer DeLadurantey at 241-3111, ext. 358; [jdeladurantey@gusd.net](mailto:jdeladurantey@gusd.net) or Nancy Witt at 241-3111 ext. 575; [nwitt@gusd.net](mailto:nwitt@gusd.net) and we'll be more than happy to help you!