



HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

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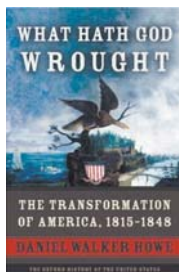
“... and the best is History.”

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Winner of the 2008 Pulitzer Prize in History to Present to San Diego Unified Teachers

Teachers from throughout the district will have the opportunity to kick off the 2008/2009 school year by attending a presentation by Daniel Howe, winner of the 2008 Pulitzer Prize in History for *What Hath God Wrought: The Transformation of America, 1815-1848*. The presentation will be held on August 28 from 3:30-5:00 at the Serra High School theater. There will also be a presentation by Dr. Howe on the historians craft intended for students and community members at Serra from 2:00-3:00.



A Good Year Comes to a Close: 1,155 Hours of PD

The history/social studies department wishes to acknowledge the hundreds of teachers who participated in our professional development workshops, inservices, and other events this year. Teachers received compensation for a total of 1,155 hours in all, and it is our sincere belief that our colleagues who earned this additional income also benefited through improvements in their professional practice. Teachers' professional libraries were also enhanced this year, as the following books were presented at various events: David Halberstam, *The Coldest Winter*; Rick DuFour, *Learning by Doing*; *The Vietnam War: A Historical Reader* (Nexttext,2000); Marcia Eymann, *What's Going On? California and the Vietnam Era*; Sam Wineburg, *Historical Thinking and Other Unnatural Acts*; Robert Dallek, *An Unfinished Life: John F. Kennedy 1917-63*, and *Kissinger and Nixon: Partners in Power*; Manuel Aguilar, *Handbook to Life in the Aztec World*; Ross Dunn, *The Adventures of Ibn Battuta: A Muslim Traveler of the 14th Century*; and Daniel Walker Howe, *What Hath God Wrought: The Transformation of America, 1815-48*.

Summer Workshops in History/Social Studies

The History Department is offering several workshops this summer for history teachers at all grade levels. In August, middle school teachers will have the opportunity to participate in follow-up workshops for the Holt middle school history textbooks, and work on other content-related strategies. Two workshops will be held: one on August 25, for World History, and one on August 26, for US History. Also on those days, there will be a workshop for high school Modern World History (August 25) and high school US History (August 26). Register for these workshops at <http://registration.sandi.net>

Summer Discover Courses

Lucy Laudate, along with district teachers Tina Rasori, Cathleen Watson, and Rochelle Schwartz, will be conducting Discover courses this summer. One, titled 4th Grade Social Studies: California History Through the Different Eras, will be held on August 5. The other, 5th Grade Social Studies: From Explorers to the Westward Movement, will be held on July 23. For information and to register, visit the Discover course website at <http://216.122.44.192/SandiNetDiscover/> then click on the "Classes at a Glance" link

Up Coming Events

Unless otherwise stated, please register on-line for the events below at <http://registration.sandi.net> Teachers will be paid at workshop rate for all after school events.

- **2008 Constitution Day Conference: Resources for Teachers, K-12:** September 4, at the San Diego County Office of Education, from 3:00-8:00. Questions: contact Kirk Ankeney at kankeney@sandi.net
- **2008 Presidential Election Workshop Featuring Robert Dallek:** September 8, 4:00-5:30 at the Ballard Center in Old Town. Receive analysis on the 2008 presidential election from the presidential historian Robert Dallek; H/SS Dept staff will distribute grade-level appropriate materials for teaching about the election. Questions: contact Kirk Ankeney at kankeney@sandi.net
- **History Day Teacher Orientation:** Elementary and middle level U.S.history teachers will receive training and information relating to the 2009 History Day initiative on September 25 at Vista Grande, 4:15-6:15. Questions: contact Lucy Laudate at llaudate@sandi.net
- **Fourth and Fifth Grade Workshops:** October 1 and 8, respectively, at the Old Town Program Campus from 4:30-6:30. For questions, contact Lucy Laudate at llaudate@sandi.net
- **Personal Financial Literacy Curriculum Training:** On October 18, teachers of grade 12 Economics courses will receive training on the district-provided Personal Financial Literacy. Time and location, TBD. Questions: contact Matt Hayes at mhayes@sandi.net
- **Historical Thinking and H/SS Literacy Strategies Featuring Sam Wineburg and Bill McBride:** October 28, 8:00-3:00 at Marina Village. Middle and high school level teachers of history/social studies will participate in a day-long workshop on historical thinking, primary sources, and history/social studies literacy strategies. For questions: contact Matt Hayes at mhayes@sandi.net
- **3rd Grade Kumeyaay/Social Studies Workshop:** October 29, 4:30-6:30 at the Old Town Program campus. Third grade teachers will participate in professional development activities focused on teaching and learning about the Kumeyaay Indians. Question: contact Lucy Laudate at llaudate@sandi.net

Mission Statement

To provide the curriculum, tools, resources, and professional development for history-social science teachers and students to succeed in the classroom.