



HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

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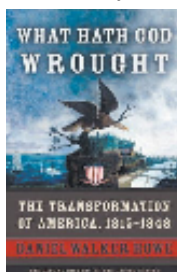
“... and the best is History.”

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

History teachers and enthusiasts from throughout the district will have the opportunity to kick off the 2008/2009 school year by attending a special presentation by Dr. Daniel Howe, who won 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 IMC in the Education Technology Classrooms. Howe is professor emeritus at both Oxford University and UCLA and has focused much of his research on the influence of religion in the early republic and antebellum periods of US history. His latest book addresses the “revolutions” in transportation and communication, and their influence on the socio-cultural, political, and economic history of the period. The content of the presentation will cover several of the eighth and eleventh grade History/Social Science state standards.



Teachers who RSVP by 4:00pm on May 30 will receive a complimentary copy of the book via school mail prior to the last day of the school year. All teachers who attend the presentation in August will receive workshop rate.

History Department Staff Selected by the CDE

Lucy Laudate received an invitation to attend the Southern California training for writing STAR test questions. The workshop will be held in mid-July. After attending the training, Lucy will be able to provide teachers with insight into the types of questions asked.

Additionally, Kirk Ankeney and Matt Hayes were selected to serve on the regional Focus Group to help advise the California Department of Education on the upcoming revision to the History/Social Science Framework for Public Schools.

Another Round of Successful Elementary Level Workshops

The History/Social Studies Department recently held two more elementary level history/social studies workshops organized by resource teacher, Lucy Laudate. Both well-attended workshops featured presentations by teachers and community members who provided lesson ideas and resources that meet the third and fourth grade content standards on local and California history.

Summer Workshops in History

The History Department is offering several workshops this summer for history teachers at all grade levels. Middle school and high school teachers can begin their summer by learning about best practices, such as the use of primary sources, on June 19 from 10:00am-3:00pm. In August, upper elementary school teachers will have the opportunity to work with Dr. Priscilla Porter, social studies expert and lead author of the Harcourt textbook series used in our schools. Lessons will focus on academic literacy strategies and the teaching of history at the upper elementary level. This workshop will be held on August 21, 22. Contact Lucy Laudate at llaudate@sandi.net Middle school teachers will have the opportunity to participate in follow-up workshops for the Holt history textbooks, and work on other content-related strategies on August 25, for World History, and 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). Contact Matt Hayes at mhayes@sandi.net for information.

Other Local Professional Development in History

The ISTEP program at SDSU is hosting an NEH seminar on The History of War and Peace in Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Participants will attend nine seminar-style meetings, once a month throughout the 2008-09 academic year (9/18; 10/16; 11/13; 12/11; 1/15; 2/19; 3/19; 4/23; and, 5/14), and will receive a \$500 stipend upon completion of the program. For more information and to apply, visit the ISTEP website at <http://istep.sdsu.edu/>

Up Coming Events

- **Distinguished Lecture:** SDSU Professor Emeritus Ross Dunn and SCPA World History Teacher, Roxanne Pompilio will be giving a presentation on *World History for Us All* on May 28 from 3:30-5:00 in the Little Theater at Marston Middle School. mhayes@sandi.net
- **Financial Literacy:** Economics teachers are invited to a training on the new financial literacy curriculum for grade 12 students on June 10 from 3:30-5:00 at Bully's (Texas St. @ I-8). kankeney@sandi.net
- **Middle and High School Workshop:** Take one last opportunity before you leave for the summer to gather ideas about using primary resources and other best practices in your class. June 19 from 10:00am-3:00pm. Teachers receive workshop rate. mhayes@sandi.net
- **Summer Workshops:** The History Department will be offering a variety of workshops on the following dates: grades 3,4,5, August 21 and 22; grades 6 and 7, August 25; grade 8, August 26; grade 10, August 25; grade 11, August 26. All workshops will be 8:00am to 3:00pm at the Mission Bay PD Center. tbetteridge@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.