



StoriesofUSA.com is Tackling the US History Education Issue Head On

"Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future." - President JFK

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The Problem:

In February 2011, the Thomas B. Fordham Institute released a report stating that almost 60% of states received a D or F in US History instruction. And recently, the National Assessment of Educational Progress released a report stating that 20% of 4th-graders, 17% of 8th-graders and 12% of 12th-graders performed at or above the Proficient level on the 2010 US History assessment. 27% of 4th-graders, 22% of 8th-graders and 24% of 12th-graders performed at or above the Proficient level on the 2010 US Government Civics assessment.

There is enough blame to go around for the lack of knowledge and understanding of US History.

The Solution:

History is more than memorizing names and dates. Its purpose is to create understanding as to who we are and where we come from. In this modern era of hand-held computers, mobile internet access and self-produced videos, it is easier than ever to create a dynamic, interactive and engaging system that not only teaches US history and government, but through a multimedia approach, students are able to envision themselves at the steps of the Lincoln Memorial listening to Martin Luther King, Jr. say, "Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"

The goal is to not only gain an appreciation for past events, but through it, gain an understanding of our American Heritage.





Who We Are:

StoriesofUSA.com is a multimedia website that provides an interactive approach towards learning about US History from ~13,000 B.C.E. to current events. It is a viable solution to the dilemma of how to effectively teach US History, in that it is a tool designed to engage and lead the student through an interactive process focused on the major transformative people, places and events in US History. The site has just celebrated its one year anniversary, and in that year, over 90% of the world's nations and territories have visited our site. The website is in 14 languages. Over the past year, we have received hundreds of thousands of website visitors, emails and comments, most of them essentially telling us "Thank you" and "Keep up the good work." The producers of this website are collectively an author, business professional, public speaker, high school teacher and technical consultant. StoriesofUSA.com is more than a US History website, it is our collective Story of America.

StoriesofUSA.com is committed to educating our youth about our American Heritage.

WE CAN HELP!

Please email us at storiesofusa@gmail.com or call us at (800)913-1359 to discuss how we can help you.

With my regards,

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