

What We Do



NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE
Humanities

BRING THE HUMANITIES TO ALL AMERICANS. NEH supports historical, literary, and cultural programs that touch large and small communities throughout the United States and its territories.

PRESERVE OUR FOUNDING DOCUMENTS. By investing in the Papers of George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, and many others, NEH keeps our historical record intact for new generations of Americans.

PROMOTE AMERICAN HISTORY. Through support of films such as *Freedom Riders* and *The Roosevelts*, and through seminars, exhibitions, and teacher training programs, NEH helps Americans understand their history and government from the Constitution to the modern era.

SPARK INNOVATION AND RESEARCH. NEH grants spark the development of cutting-edge techniques to unlock secrets of the past, preserve the nation's cultural artifacts, and promote scholarship on the human condition.

STRENGTHEN LOCAL COMMUNITIES. Together with 56 state humanities councils, NEH makes grants that offer veterans, rural families, and Americans of all backgrounds access to educational programs that range from preschool readiness to lifelong learning.

FOSTER BETTER TEACHING. In a single year, more than 2,400 teachers participated in NEH-sponsored summer seminars, institutes, and workshops, enriching the classroom experience for an estimated 357,000 students across America.

LEVERAGE PRIVATE GIVING. NEH grants deliver critical seed money to early-stage projects that go on to attract private donations to see the work through to completion. NEH matching grants over the last 40 years have generated more than \$4 billion for the humanities.

STIMULATE LOCAL ECONOMIES. NEH and state humanities councils each year help fund thousands of projects, exhibitions, and films. An NEH grant brings financial benefits to a community by stimulating cultural tourism, creating jobs, and helping local businesses.

DISCOVER IMPORTANT THINGS. With NEH grants, archaeologists found remnants of the original Jamestown fort, long thought to have been washed away. Historians at Emory University assembled the record of 12 million enslaved Africans and changed Americans' understanding of the slave trade.

SMALL INVESTMENT FOR LARGE IMPACT. For the cost of less than 50 cents per American, NEH grants highlight and support the humanities nationwide—including history, English, and civics—which are fundamental to learning and essential for full participation in a modern democracy.



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