ABC-CLIO's Online Databases: Models and Lessons for Historical Thinking

The *Analyze* section in each database builds skills in critical thinking and the processes of historical inquiry.
Teachers have all they need to present complex issues, lead class discussions, and develop assignments that build critical thinking skills, such as comparing and contrasting, analyzing and evaluating, and examining cause and effect.

Analyze presents **open-ended key questions** for students to consider and research, such as the origin of Stonehenge, whether Manifest Destiny justified the Mexican American War, and the debate on international intervention in the crisis in Darfur. Students **read differing perspectives** written by teachers and scholars, then use **authoritative primary and secondary resources** to form their own opinions and develop arguments that support their conclusions.

Assign students to read the Background and Perspectives resources to get them started in thinking about historical dilemmas. They can read online or via print outs you provide.

Let's Get Started!

Click the Analyze button or tab on the home page of any of ABC-CLIO's online databases.

- Choose from the list of dilemmas provided and view a compelling primary source image and intriguing Key Question

The left-hand menu bar offers one-click access to related resources:

- Review the historical background related to the image and key question with your students
- Point students to the Background Essay and related links found on the right side of the Need to Know section
- Read differing scholars' perspectives found on the right side of the Dilemma section

More to Explore

The Analyze section offers additional paths for research and discovery to help students broaden their understanding of the topic.

- Look for additional guiding questions and suggested activities under Investigate
- Check out Doing More to view a collection of online and print resources for further exploration

For additional support for effective educational use of ABC-CLIO's online databases, visit
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