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8-12 Grade Students

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Daniel J. Burge, Ph.D.

Manifest Destiny: The Ripple Effects of Moving West

Learn about the justifications for expansion but also opponents of the ideology, like Henry Clay, who mobilized his party to challenge it. Dr. Burge will not only illuminate the topic of western expansion, but also its impact on Kentucky, and how that expansion helped trigger the Civil War.

Chuck Welsko, Ph.D.

Civil War Era Kentucky: Emancipation and Freedom in the Bluegrass State

Learn how Kentuckians dealt with emancipation and the destruction of slavery in the commonwealth during the mid-19th century. Dr. Welsko will discuss how African Americans fought for, acquired, and struggled to maintain freedom before, during, and after the war. Students will examine the unequal process and results of emancipation, and how similar conversations about inclusion in American society and legacies of the Civil War are still present today.

Amanda Higgins, Ph.D.

Civil Rights and Racial Justice: The Long Walk Toward Equality in Kentucky

Examine racial justice in the 20th century. Linking the long history of Kentuckians' work toward greater racial justice, students will learn about school desegregation efforts and the 1966 Kentucky Civil Rights Act—the first of its kind in the South. Dr. Higgins will also discuss the role everyday Kentuckians continue to play in creating a more just and inclusive society.

Stephanie M. Lang, Ph.D.

Coal in Appalachia: Fueling Industrialization, Activism & Identity

Focus on the evolution and effects of the coal industry in Kentucky's Appalachian region. Dr. Lang will discuss the early formation of the coal industry at the turn of the 20th century, its regional impact on the residents and environment, and how Kentucky's "coal country" continues to leave a legacy. Students will have an opportunity to interact and share their thoughts.

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