Armenian National Committee of America- Western Region Education Committee presents Remembrance and Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide (Virtual Learning Tools & Lesson Plans)

This <u>package</u> of virtual learning tools serves to provide teachers, students and families with resources that support remembrance and commemoration of the Armenian Genocide. Resources are divided in groups by grade level spans. Click on the highlighted links in each set below, that will direct you to the corresponding resources.

Elementary Grade Level Span 1: Kindergarten-2nd Grade

Title: Armenian Historic Cultural Costumes

Description: In this lesson, students will discover various styles of traditional cultural dress that represent historic Armenian villages in different geographic regions. By the end of this lesson, students will recognize the differences in Armenian traditional costumes and will choose one costume to decorate.

Objectives:

- Students will:
 - Recognize differences between styles of Armenian traditional dress
 - Decorate an Armenian cultural costume of their choice

Resource:

• Follow Along Powerpoint & Activity

Elementary Grade Level Span 2: 3rd Grade- 5th Grade

Title: Under the Light of the Moon and the Work of Near East Relief

Description: This lesson is a presentation by author Laura Michael Gaboudian as she explains why she created her book *Under the Light of the Moon* and as well as a history of the work of child actor Jackie Coogan and Near East Relief during the Armenian Genocide.

Objectives:

- Students will:
 - Explore how Jackie Coogan and Near East Relief made a difference during the Armenian Genocide
 - Draw connections to the ways in which they can make a difference in their community

Events:

• Facebook Live event hosted by ANCA-WR on Tuesday April 21st at 2pm & April 22nd at 2pm

Resources:

• Follow Along Powerpoint & Student Handouts:

*If you miss the <u>Facebook Live event</u> on April 21st, this PowerPoint narrated by author Laura Michael Gaboudian (narration automatically begins in slideshow mode)

*There are three research and writing projects that students can complete after viewing the slideshow presentation.

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Middle School Grade Level Span: 6th Grade-8th Grade

Title: Memory and Commemoration: The Armenian Genocide **Description:** In this lesson, students will explore how memory of the past can be acknowledged in the present, through symbols, monuments and memorials.Students will create their own memorial dedicated

• Powerpoint with Activity

High School Grade Level Span: 9th Grade - 12th Grade

Title: Near East Relief: Selfless Service To Humanity (An Armenian Tribute to Near East Relief) **Description:** In this lesson, students will watch a short film that provides an introduction to the Armenian Genocide and will learn about the significant US humanitarian efforts for relief and empowerment of Armenian orphans and refugees, during and after this period.

Objectives:

Students will:

- Discover a brief history of the Armenian Genocide
- Recognize the significant efforts of the Near East Relief to rescue and empower Armenian survivors
- Reflect on the importance of this proud chapter in American history

Resources:

- "An Armenian Tribute to Near East Relief." America We Thank You.
 - America We Thank You Short Film (29:46)
 - <u>Student Prompt</u>

Title: *My Mother's Voice* short film based on *My Mother's Voice* the novel

Description: *My Mother's Voice* is a moving account of the Armenian Genocide through the poignant story of a teenage Armenian girl faced with unimaginable life-choices and brings an epic chapter in Armenian history to life. Her voice is that of all the victims and survivors of the Armenian Genocide...a story that must not be forgotten.

Objectives:

Students will:

- Examine multiple source texts to build understanding of the Armenian Genocide
- Explore the human impact of the Armenian Genocide through the story of a survivor
- Draw connections between the Armenian Genocide and the Holocaust

Resources:

- <u>My Mother's Voice</u> (Link to Short Film) Password: momsvoice (25 minutes)
- Teachers Guide