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Dear Lilly Filler, Lyssa Harvey, and the members of the Columbia Jewish Federation:

I would like to thank you profusely for your generous grant of \$1,000 to buy books and videos for the library at Swansea High School. After now teaching the class Prejudice, Tolerance and the Holocaust for several years, I am still continually amazed at what little students know and understand about the Holocaust.

Your money impacted the education of many Swansea High School students on the Holocaust. When we researched their individual or group topics, my students had valuable resources at their fingertips in our library. When they wanted to know more about Dr. Mengele and his infamous experiments, I could send them to the library to find that information in the *Dictionary of the Holocaust* or to get the biography on him or to check out the book *Children of the Flames* on the experiments on twins. When they wanted to know more about the victims, I could send them to the library to find information on Jews, homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, the handicapped, and children. They could find biographies of the survivors and of the rescuers. All of these new resources are such a tremendous help in educating my students about this terrible period of human history.

I believe that the Holocaust must not be forgotten, and in order for that not to happen, I, as a teacher, must teach the youth of America what happened and how they can prevent it from happening again. I do not want our students leaving Swansea High School without knowing what the Holocaust was and how to prevent such extreme forms of hate from happening again. I want to train students to be intelligent, compassionate leaders who are aware of the mistakes of the past and who have the courage to take a stand and make a difference. By teaching the Holocaust I am challenge the students at Swansea High School to do just that. My goal with this grant was to provide my students with the resources they need to learn about the Holocaust to keep it from occurring again. I felt that by providing them with the resources they need to study and understand what happen, I am preparing my students to be better citizens of the United States and the world.

Because of your grant, you have had a part in educating my students, and I thank you. These resources will impact many generations of Swansea High School students. If you would like to view some of their efforts to present information on their chosen topic, please visit <http://www.lex4.k12.sc.us/shs>. There should be a link on the main page, but if it is not there, go to departments, then English, and the link to the page (Student Holocaust Webpages) is at the bottom of the English Department page. Thank you again for your generous gift to the students of Swansea High School.

Sincerely,

Emily Taylor