

Editor's Note

“To me, history ought to be a source of pleasure. It isn't just part of our civic responsibility. To me, it's an enlargement of the experience of being alive, just the way literature or art or music is.”

— David McCullough

For us, history is a source of pleasure; it is the reason we came to school, and it is the reason for this journal. Pangaea 2013 is a result of much hard work and dedication, from our contributors, editors, faculty members, and staff.

Each contributor was able to bring a fresh perspective to the topics they covered in their respective fields, thus creating a diverse and engrossing read. Many hours of research and writing have brought us the thorough and thought provoking papers within these pages.

Papers in this journal come from a variety of historical backgrounds and cover diverse topics, from Ancient Rome to an English prison to Soviet Russia. While these papers were written for a variety of classes each and every paper reflects the individual style of its author and their personal interests.

Each editor was also able to bring their solid and differing opinions to the table giving way to many hours of discourse and many more emails. Through the selection process we were able to uncover the talents of each and every contributor and select papers that would best highlight these qualities.

I would like to extend my greatest thanks and congratulations to everyone involved in making Pangaea 2013 a great success.

Your partner in time,

Kate