



*Culturally Responsive and Inclusive 9/11 Commemoration: Guidance for Educators, VDOE's Ed Equity VA Webinar Series*

The VCHR Education Resources webpage provides access to the following:

- *Gaza Resources*
- *MENA Resource Guide for Secondary Teachers*
- *Culturally Responsive and Inclusive 9/11 Commemoration: Guidance for Educators*
- *Center for Muslim and Christian Understanding Workshops and Resources*

## Organizations participating in VCHR

Alliance of Baptists–Justice for Palestine & Israel
American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC)
American Muslims for Palestine (AMP)
AMP Richmond Chapter
Appalachian Peace Education Center
Arab American Association of Central Virginia
Central Atlantic Conference (UCC) Palestine/Israel Network
Defenders for Freedom, Justice, and Equality
Episcopal Peace Fellowship–National Capital Regional Chapter
Israel Palestine Mission Network of the Presbyterian Church
Jewish Voice for Peace
National Arab American Women's Association
New Dominion PAC
Northern Virginians for Peace & Justice
Palestinian Christian Alliance for Peace
Plowshares Peace & Justice Center
Richmonders for Peace in Israel–Palestine
Unitarian Universalists for Justice in the Middle East–Northern Virginia Chapter
United Methodists for Kairos Response
US Campaign for Palestinian Rights
Washington Interfaith Alliance for Middle East Peace

For more information visit [vchr.org/education](https://vchr.org/education).



The Virginia Coalition for Human Rights (VCHR) is a coalition of twenty-one organizations that advocates for Palestinian human rights. It supports universal human rights, free speech and academic freedom.

VCHR's Education Committee participates in webinars, conferences, film salons, as well as history textbook and history standards of learning (SOL) review cycles–in addition to offering teaching materials on the modern Middle East that are accurate and nonbiased.



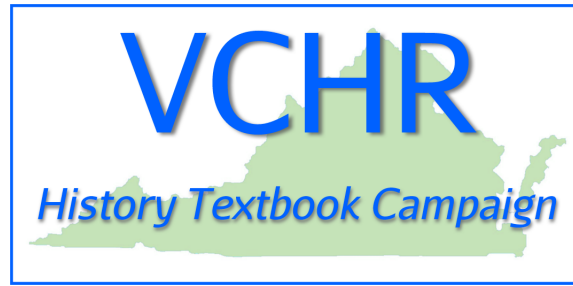
The VCHR Education Committee exhibits at the 2023 VCSS Conference in Richmond.



VCHR participated in the VFHL Film Salon: *Erasing Palestine from U.S. School Curricula*.

On September 10, 2023, VCHR's presentation "The Fight against Israeli Propaganda in Virginia Textbooks" was featured in a Voices from the Holy Land Film Salon titled "Erasing Palestine from U.S. School Curricula."

Shown together with "Between the Lines," the film reveals how Israeli affinity groups erase Palestine from the curricula of both U.S. public schools and U.S. Jewish day schools to maintain unwavering U.S. support for Israel.



In March 2018, VCHR became aware of questionable proposed changes to 13 Virginia history textbooks, Grades 3–12.

In response, VCHR proposed its own edits to the textbooks listed below:

**McGraw-Hill:**

*Geography: The Human and Physical World*  
*World History and Geography: Early Ages*  
*World History and Geography: Modern Times*  
*World History and Geography Survey*

**Houghton Mifflin Harcourt:**

*Modern World History: Virginia Edition*

**Pearson (SAVVAS):**

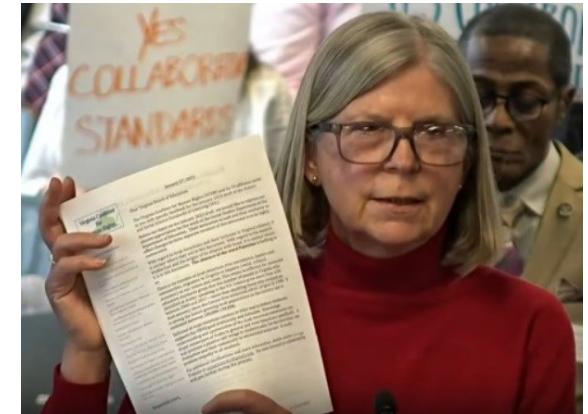
*World History and Geography: Beginnings to 1500*  
*World History and Geography: 1500 to the Present*  
*Virginia and United States History*  
*United States History: 1865 to the Present*

**Five Ponds Press:**

*Our America: 1865 to the Present*

**National Geographic Learning:**

*U.S. History: American Stories: Beginnings to 1877*  
*World History: Great Civilizations Survey*  
*World Cultures and Geography Survey*



A VCHR member presents edits to the History SOLs before the Virginia Board of Education on February 2, 2023.

An excerpt from our January 27, 2023 letter (shown above) states our concern over the lack of SOLs with information about the Arab American community in Virginia and the absence of the word "Palestine" in the newly revised SOLs.

*With regard to Arab Americans and their inclusion in Virginia's history, it is unclear where they are in this document. With regard to the modern Middle East and the origins of its dispute with Israel, it is unclear where it is in this document. The absence of the word Palestine is baffling to us.*