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Mr. W. Dean Eastman  
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Dear Mr. Eastman:

I read your letter and the material you sent with admiration. I have never seen creative imagination so wonderfully at work in high school history teaching. The projects—from tombstones to Nathan Dane to the research paper topics—are splendid, and the students' papers that resulted are sophisticated beyond anything I would have expected. I cannot think of a better foundation in history for your students or a better way for them to experience history and to discover its fascination and importance.

Thank you for writing, and for your kindness in sending the materials. And congratulations for what you have accomplished, and continue to accomplish, in teaching. The Beverly High School students are lucky indeed to have such creative instruction.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

  
Bernard Bailyn  
Adams University Professor,  
*Emeritus*