

# Albemarle students to study monuments for project sponsored by grant

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**ALBEMARLE COUNTY Va. (NEWSPLEX)** -- On Thursday, a panel of experts from various local historical organizations kicked off an Albemarle County student project surrounding historic monuments and what they mean.

During the next school year, around 80 high school juniors at all three Albemarle County high schools will explore why certain events and people are memorialized in the local region.

The project was initially inspired by the conversation surrounding Confederate monuments in Charlottesville.

Students will be asked to examine who and what is already memorialized and identify which historical stories may be missing.

The goal is for them to come up with a creative way to memorialize those stories as well.

"The students have the freedom," said Albemarle County's lead instructional coach, Angela Stokes. "They can certainly jump into the current conversation around Confederate memorials but they also have free choice to look at any period of our region's history and look for any untold stories that are missing and choose to memorialize those."

The project was made possible with a \$20,000 grant sponsored by the National Writing Project, John Legend's Show Me Campaign, and the MacArthur Foundation.

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