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Students from kindergarten through graduate school ^{professors} and ^{teachers}, and the general public ^{people of all walks of life in every corner of our country} in all parts of the nation have been touched by the Endowment's activities.

As the twentieth century draws to a close, humanities scholars ^{will continue to be an} ~~are an~~ integral part of the ^{global} information infrastructure. Projects funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities provide ~~the~~ knowledge, ~~and~~ wisdom, ~~the~~ insight and ^{ideas} ~~perspective~~ imparted by history, philosophy, literature, and ^{other} ~~humanities~~ disciplines to meet the challenges of the new millennium.

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