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## SPEECH THURSDAY AT IMAGINON



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## Historian's lesson: Teach kids history

Holy Trinity Catholic Middle School student Drew Gaertner, 14, greets historian David McCullough, who spoke Thursday morning at ImaginOn. "Something I care very deeply about is that we are raising generations of Americans who are historically illiterate," McCullough said in an interview. "It's not just that young people, say, in North Carolina don't know about Mecklenburg, but they don't know much about anything concerning the Revolutionary War. And it's our fault - we can't blame them for not knowing what they haven't been taught." — LEIGH DYER