



## CICERO: History Beyond the Textbook™ Fact Sheet

CICERO is a teacher-friendly vehicle designed in response to teacher requests for substantive resources packaged in a user-friendly format for classroom use. The driving force behind CICERO's development was the teachers' need for an educational vehicle to explore the substantive content found in their state standards and then deliver it to their students.

CICERO provides teachers with a password-protected web site that contains 15 units and more than 325 lessons across the high school, middle school, and elementary school levels. These resources include:

- Teacher professional development videos, tutorials, PowerPoints and documents
- Substantive historical content
- Methods and formulas for bringing content to the classroom
- AIHE Signature Strategies

Previously CICERO had only been available to school districts that had been awarded the Teaching American History grant, but on September 1, 2008 CICERO was released nationwide.

### ***Examples of the resources CICERO provides to teachers include:***

- Videos of university historians and scholars discussing individual topics
- Various videos, including re-enactor footage, documentaries and newsreels for classroom use
- Photos of the historical sites discussed in the unit topic
- Audios of speeches from the period
- Art pieces from the period or about the period
- Maps of the areas where the historic event takes place
- Tools to help students think historically such as:
  - Bracketing History (a method that helps students comprehend the historical event's place in time)
  - Binary *Paideia* chart and explanation
  - More than 500 primary source documents
  - Document-Based Questions (DBQs)
  - Essay questions with rubrics for each unit topic
  - Hundreds of activities and worksheets with answer keys
  - Heroes from the time period
  - Content PowerPoints from the time period
  - 15 to 20 lessons dealing with the unit topic
  - Alternative assessments for each unit topic

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