



## **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 to use in their classrooms. Their need for an educational vehicle to explore the substantive content found in their state standards and delivers that content to their students was the driving force behind CICERO's development.

CICERO provides teachers with a password protected website that contains 15 units and more than 325 lessons at each level of education (high school, middle school, elementary school). These resources include:

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- Substantive historical content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

In the past, CICERO has only been available to school districts that have been awarded the Teaching American History Grant, but on September 1, 2008 it was released nationwide.

### ***Some examples of the kind of 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
  - DBQs
  - Essay questions with Rubric for each unit topic
  - Hundreds of activities and worksheets with answer keys
  - Heroes from the time period
  - Content PowerPoint from the time period
  - 15 to 20 lessons dealing with the unit topic
  - Alternative assessments for each unit topic

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