



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 transfer that content to their classrooms was the driving force behind Cicero's development.

Cicero provides teachers with a password protected website that contains 15 units and more than 325 history lessons at the high school, middle school and elementary school levels. These resources include:

- Teacher professional development units
- Substantive historical content
- Methods and formulas for bringing content to the classroom
- Links to greater content knowledge and history education methods to enliven teaching history in the classroom.

In the past, Cicero has only been available to school districts that have been awarded the Teaching American History Grant, but soon it will be available to a larger audience.

Some examples of the kind of resources Cicero provides to teachers include:

- Videos of university historians and scholars discussing the unit topic
- Other videos from the web or re-enactor footage 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:

- Primary sources resources
- Bracketing History (a method that helps students comprehend the historical event's place in time)
- Heroes from the time period
- Binary Paideia chart and explanation
- PowerPoint about the unit topic for classroom presentation
- Three to five lessons dealing with the unit topic
- Three to five homework worksheets and answers
- Essay questions with Rubric for each unit topic
- Alternative assessments for each unit topic

Please visit www.TryCicero.com for more information.