Introduction to CICERO

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What is CICERO?
www.cicerohistory.com

- CICERO is an online resource for teachers and students that provides a vast array of materials that support the teaching of American History.

- Developed by AIHE, CICERO is an interactive resource that is constantly updated and expanded.

- Resources on CICERO can be downloaded for classroom use; many of the documents can be modified to meet the needs of students.

How does CICERO support instruction?

- The resources in CICERO:
  - Provide multiple entry points into history.
  - Are engaging for students.
  - Address diverse learning styles and modalities (written, visual and aural).
  - Support differentiated instruction (ELLs, special needs, gifted and talented).
  - Are leveled (elementary, middle and high).
  - Can be used as stand-alone resources or clustered to support an historical topic, theme, event or individual.

How is CICERO Organized?

☐ CICERO is divided into 15 historical periods/unit from The Roots of America through The New Globalization.

☐ Each CICERO unit is divided into two categories: **Teacher Resources** and **Student Resources** .

The Teacher Resources Component

- *The Teacher Resources* component offers extensive resources for teachers.

Teacher Resources
At a Glance
Binary Paideia
Lesson Design
Lessons
Links
Methods
Rubrics
Standards
Videos

- *At a Glance* contains 5 separate overviews or talking points for the unit.

- *Binary Paideia* contains a PowerPoint presentation on this signature strategy, unit examples and blank templates.

- *Lesson Design* contains lesson templates with instructions and a PowerPoint on how to create an effective, substantive history lesson.

- *Lessons* contains sample lessons developed by teachers for elementary, middle level, and high school students as well as sample resources from *Teacher Created Materials.*

- *Links* contains Internet links to key websites and additional links to "Places to Visit" related to the unit.

- *Methods* contains videos and Power Points that describe AIHE signature strategies. These strategies support the teaching of primary source documents, multiple perspectives, chronology, and a thematic (economic, social, political, cultural) approach to history.

- *Rubrics* contains a rubric template and sample rubrics that can used to assess student work such as AP document based questions, multimedia presentations, research papers, oral presentations, etc.

- The *Standards* section contains listings of state and national standards organized by grade level and subject.

- The *Videos* section incorporates short video presentations from historians and university professors highlighting important aspects of topics included in the Cicero unit.

The Student Resources Component

- *The Student Resources* component provides extensive resources for the classroom.

Student Resources
Activities
Assessments
Audio
Galleries
Heroes? You Decide
Maps
PowerPoints
Primary Sources
Timeline

- *Activities* contains samples of historical connections, dialogues and plays, guided readings by level, literacy through history applications, historical maps, multiple perspectives primary source documents, and student projects.

- *Assessments* contains rubrics and interactive quizzes with answer keys at elementary, middle and high school levels.

- *Audio* contains period songs with background articles, sheet music and a modern piece on the historical period.

- *Galleries* contains a variety of paintings or photographs from the period, portraits of historical figures, and political cartoons.

- *Heroes* features 10-12 historical "heroes", each with an animated portrait and brief biography. This section includes videos of character actors bringing the heroes to life.

- The *Maps* section contains historical maps for the unit.

- The *Power Points* section provides sample Power Point presentations that on various topics within the Cicero unit.

- *Primary Sources* includes crucial primary sources of the period, including landmark documents, speeches, journal excerpts and quotes.

- *Timeline* combines many of the resources presented in an interactive context with other events of the period.

- *Toolbox* contains an abundance of graphic organizers designed to support a variety of learning styles at all levels including charts and tables, diagrams, "foldables" and signature method outlines. Each toolbox section includes blank templates that teachers can adapt to fit their individual needs.

Using CICERO in Your Classroom

- Let's begin by creating a Cicero account using the registration directions sheet provided by AIHE!