

# The History Education Network

The History Education Network/Histoire et éducation en réseau (THEN/HiER) is a national project that began in 2005, to enrich history education in Canada through practice-informed research and research-informed practice. The network aims to connect practising teachers, academic historians, history educators in faculties of education, historians in museums and at historic sites, archivists, and provincial curriculum policy-makers.

Our 30 partner organizations include the following:

- Museum of Anthropology, University of British Columbia
- Glenbow Museum, Calgary
- McCord Museum of Canadian History, Montreal
- Ojibwe Cultural Foundation, M'Chigeeng, Ontario
- Centre for the Study of Historical Consciousness, University of British Columbia

- Association for Canadian Studies
- Canada's National History Society

Teacher organizations that have signed on are the Saskatchewan Council of Social Sciences; the Manitoba Social Science Teachers' Association; the Ontario History and Social Sciences Teachers' Association; the Ontario History, Humanities and Social Sciences Consultants' Association; the Nova Scotia Social Studies Teachers' Association; the British Columbia Social Studies Teachers' Association; and the Begbie Canadian History Contest Society.

We recently launched our interactive website at [www.thenhier.ca](http://www.thenhier.ca). There you can find information of interest to Alberta social studies teachers, including the following:

- *Benchmarks of Historical Thinking Summer Institute*. This University of British Columbia course, which will take place at Library and Archives Canada, in Ottawa, July 5–10, 2010, is open to graduate or undergraduate students at other Canadian institutions. It can also be taken for PD purposes. The

facilitators are Peter Seixas, Penney Clark, Tom Morton and Jill Colyer. THEN/HiER is offering five bursaries of up to \$2,500 each, to cover tuition, travel, meals and accommodation.

- *Small Projects Program*. We offer 10 grants of \$2,500 each year to individuals or organizations that submit a plan for a project involving history education in schools or other settings.
- *Research*. We offer databases of primary sources, literature, abstracts of history education research articles, and best practices in planning and assessment.
- *Curriculum documents*. We link to current provincial social studies, social science and history curriculum documents. Just click on the appropriate province or territory.

You can also become a member of THEN/HiER from the website, which will allow you to participate in forum questions and online polls, develop collaborative projects, and upload your own videos and podcasts. Join up!

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