

History Enriched by Technology

“Enhancing content knowledge
and 21st Century Skills”

(Whitworth 2007)

The Advantages

- ▶ Working with peers
- ▶ Decision making tasks *(Whitworth 2007)*
 - Informed choices
 - Obtaining data from multiple sources
 - Newspapers
 - Periodicals
 - Opinions
 - Encyclopedias
 - Wikis
- ▶ Increasing idea understanding *(Whitworth 2007)*
- ▶ Tech Skill proficiency *(Whitworth 2007)*
- ▶ Expediting the learning process *(Whitworth 2007)*



Potential Applications

▶ Wide Variety (*Whitworth 2007*)

- Word Processing
- Multimedia Resource
- Presentation Tool
- Webquests
- Research
 - Web Browsing
- Web Publishing
 - Blogs
- Drill/Practice
- Games
- Simulations
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)



Meeting the Standard

National Council for the Social Studies Tech Themes

- ▶ *Extend learning beyond what could be done without technology.*
- ▶ *Technology introduced in context.*
- ▶ *Opportunity for students to study relationships among science, technology, and, society.*
- ▶ *Fosters the development of the skills, knowledge, and participation as good citizens in a democratic society.*
- ▶ *Contributes to the research and evaluation of social studies and technology.*

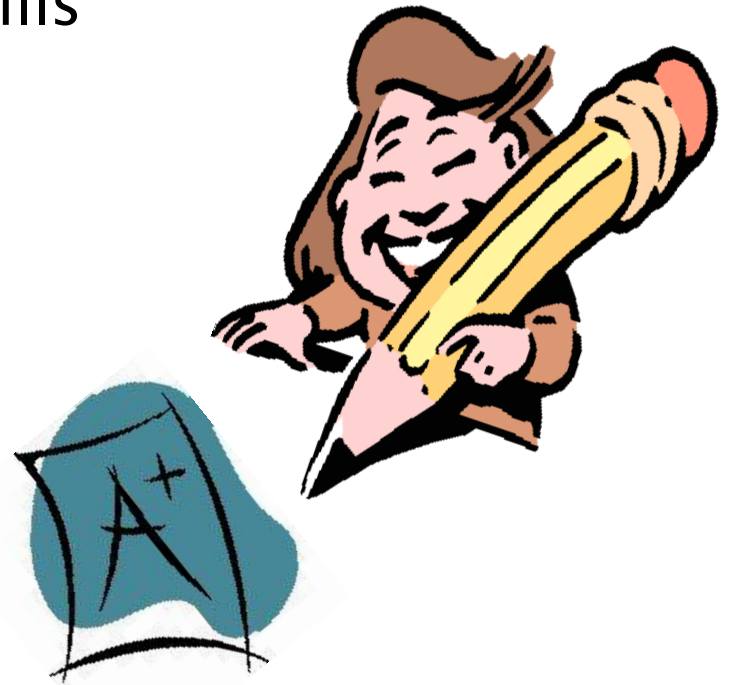
(NCSS 1994)



Teacher Feedback

Reports from high school teachers implementing technology to instruct history. (Whitworth 2007)

- Offers more than a general text
 - Defeats often Euro-centric perspectives
- Develops informed citizenship skills
 - Multiple sources of data
- Increases critical thinking
 - Judgment of sources
 - Organizing information
- Enriching background
 - Visual literacy
 - Multimedia



Additional Points

- ▶ Improve didactic teaching model
 - Interactive
 - I-Clickers
 - Entertaining
 - Multimedia
 - Stimulating
- ▶ Obtaining Meta-data
 - Analyzing democratic processes
- ▶ Needs appropriate support
 - Technological skill
 - Source analysis
 - Etc.

