

NC History Digital Textbook Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 31, 2007, 9:00 am–4:00 pm

Wednesday, August 1, 2007, 9:00 am–4:00 pm

Carolina Center for Educational Excellence, Chapel Hill, NC

Agenda

Breakfast and lunch will be provided at the CCEE on both days. We will arrange a dinner and evening social event on Tuesday.

Time **Vision**

TBA

What's a "digital textbook"? Why do we want to create one? Considering existing textbooks and websites and what LEARN NC has already created, we'll present our vision for the project to start the discussion rolling.

Time **What a teacher needs**

TBA

Teachers and students are not librarians or academic researchers, and in designing resources for them we need to understand the way they think...not train them to think like us! How can we build an online collection that lets us easily manage diverse resources yet is intuitively usable by teachers and students?

Time **How an eighth-grader thinks**

TBA

The first commandment of writing is Know Thy Audience. So we have to ask:

- How does an eighth-grader conceive of the past?
- How do they see themselves in relation to history?
- What sort of historical understanding is possible?
- How can we best attract and maintain their interest without pandering to them?

Time **Eras & topics**

TBA

The heart of the matter.

1. How do we divide North Carolina history into eras?
2. What topics or strands do we want to address across those eras?
3. For each era and topic, what resources are available? What resources do we need to create?
Who can help us create them?

Time **Access to existing collections**

TBA How can LEARN NC best work with libraries and archives to ensure access by teachers and students and to integrate materials from their collections into our “digital textbook”?

Time **Your roles**

TBA Expectations for your relationship with us. (It’s all up to you, really.)