

# EDSITEment!

## About EDSITEment

EDSITEment, “the Best of the Humanities on the Web,” is an award-winning website for educators developed by the National Endowment for the Humanities. It offers a treasure trove for teachers, students, and parents searching for high-quality material on the Internet in the subject areas of literature and language arts, foreign languages, art and culture, and history and social studies.

All websites linked to EDSITEment have been reviewed for content, design, and educational impact in the classroom. They cover a wide range of humanities subjects: from American history through art and mythology, to world literature, and have been judged by humanities specialists to be of high intellectual quality.

The site houses over 500 lesson plans, interactives, and links to podcasts, video-casts, broadcast video and sound resources, educational games, apps, and professional development opportunities. With its rich humanities content tailored to K-12 and community college educators, EDSITEment attracts more than 300,000 visitors per month from the United States and around the world.

EDSITEment also reaches educators through presentations and other types of outreach at humanities conferences, through the 50 thousand subscribers to its monthly newsletter, as well as through a robust social media presence on Twitter, Facebook, and its blog, Closer Readings.

Materials resulting from NEH-funded projects are housed on NEH Connections: Websites for Teachers and Learners, which includes a brief description of the website resource, a link to the website, and other EDSITEment-created supplemental materials. Stand-alone websites with broad educational appeal may also be housed on EDSITEment’s Websites page.

Here are some examples from Seminars and Institutes or Landmarks projects that EDSITEment makes available to its online network of teachers:

- *Virtual Oaxaca* contains teacher-created lesson plans, videos, and a Second Life recreation of the city;
- *Literatures, Religions, and Arts of the Himalayan Region* offers lesson plans and interactives in a variety of disciplines;
- *Picturing Early America: People, Places, and Events 1770–1870* consists of podcasts, videos of scholar lectures, unit plans, bibliographies, and a webography;
- *John Steinbeck: The Voice of a Region, A Voice for America* encompasses an array of curricular materials with annotated images, an interactive map, and scholarly background on the author.