

# Authentic Assessment

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Let's Make It Count!

# Panel Participants

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# Inspiration

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I hear and I forget. I see and I remember.  
I do and I understand.

-- Confucius

# Authentic Assessment Advantages

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- Enhances Critical Thinking
- Allows for Historical Thinking
- Encourages Creativity and Individuality
- Provides Experiential Learning
- Promotes Analytical Skills and Life Long Learning Traits

# Tell Me More...

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- Primary Source Analysis Guides (Political Cartoons, Music/Song Lyrics, Art, Documents, Maps, Speeches)
- Student Projects (Museum Curation, Interviews with Veterans, History Boxes, Graphic Novels, Video Creation, National History Day)
- Problem Based Learning
- Document Based Questions/Essay Writing
- Reading Recent Historic Scholarship, Encouraging students to “Be the Historian!”

# Student & Teacher Resources

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- Library of Congress [www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov)
- National History Day [nationalhistoryday.org](http://nationalhistoryday.org)
- Object of History [objectofhistory.org](http://objectofhistory.org)
- History Matters [historymatters.gmu.edu](http://historymatters.gmu.edu)
- Virginia Historical Society [virginiahistorical.org](http://virginiahistorical.org)
- The Price of Freedom: Americans at War [amhistory.si.edu/militaryhistory/](http://amhistory.si.edu/militaryhistory/)

# Regional Strength, Local Creativity

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- VCSS supports the efforts of the Consortium (VCSSSCE) and advocates regional planning and organization.
- VCSS advocates using teachers and specialists to design and evaluate authentic assessments.
- VCSS advocates clear communication and transparency with parents and students.
- VCSS advocates providing children opportunities for growth and improvement by using meaningful and measurable assessments.

# Final Thought

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*Education is not the filling of a pail,  
but the lighting of a fire.*

--William Butler Yeats

# Questions & Comments

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