

# Brain Friendly Historical Thinking Ideas

- Put quotes and pictures on color coded 5x7 cards. Short, easy to handle and organize.
- Create scenarios using maps and narratives.
- Have groups discuss and evaluate opposing courses of action (check out [www.choices.edu](http://www.choices.edu) for inexpensive lesson plans using this format)
- Create Timelines. Use differing scales to show historical context.
- Have groups tell the same story from different perspectives (perpetrator, victim, descendants of either, historian, journalist, etc...)
- Concept maps—use Inspiration software ([www.inspiration.com](http://www.inspiration.com)) or good old fashioned paper & pencil.
- Google Earth!
- GPS mapping of historical sites and landmarks (contact Richard Cooley or Edwin Joseph at GVSU for resources and assistance!)
- Multiple Causality worksheets.
- Cemetery and Community involvement projects (local veteran's organizations)
- “4-Minute-Man” propaganda speeches
- Analysis of letters to the editor
- “Unguarded Gates” - poetry as a primary source
- “Digital History” sources on the internet (use Google...)