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Award-Winning Death Penalty Curriculum Now Available as an Apple iBook

The Death Penalty Information Center's High School Curriculum on the Death Penalty is now available as a free electronic textbook for use on the Apple iPad. This balanced and dynamic resource uses an issue of public concern to teach civic responsibility, research, and critical thinking.

"Capital punishment continues to be a timely and relevant issue, as many states around the country are debating whether to keep the death penalty on their books," said Richard Dieter, Executive Director of the Death Penalty Information Center. "This new interactive format ensures that our award-winning curriculum will be readily available as textbooks move from paper to an electronic platform."

To download the e-book onto your iPad, visit www.deathpenaltycurriculum.org/ibook or go to the iBooks Store and search "Death Penalty Information Center."

The e-textbook contains all the features of DPIC's online curriculum, including summaries of arguments for and against the death penalty, case studies based on actual trials, summaries of the legal stages in a capital case, a brief history of the death penalty, color maps and interactive features. (The web version of the curriculum is available at www.deathpenaltycurriculum.org.)

The e-book combines the rich collection of resources that has been available online with the interactivity and user-friendly interface of a tablet including:

- touch-screen navigation;
- access to the full curriculum even when offline;
- use of standard iBook features, such as instant word definitions and easy note-taking functions; and
- further references to outside materials when used with wifi.

DPIC's High School Curriculum on the Death Penalty [website](http://www.deathpenaltycurriculum.org) has received numerous awards for educational value and high quality content. The site received the Awesome Library Editor's Choice recognition as being among the top 5% of educational sites on the web and a Busy Educator Award.

"This curriculum is fair and balanced, extremely easy to navigate, full of options, and does all my lesson-planning work for me," said Jennifer Bishop, an A.P. U.S. History Teacher and earlier curriculum user.

The High School Curriculum on the Death Penalty was principally designed by Michigan State Communications Technology Laboratory. Factual content was provided by DPIC. The e-book version was produced by DPIC.

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The Death Penalty Information Center is a non-profit organization serving the media and the public with analysis and information on issues concerning capital punishment. DPIC was founded in 1990 and prepares in-depth reports, issues press releases, conducts briefings for the media, and serves as a resource to those working on this issue.