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## Burning Question

### Are the Common Core K-12 State Standards final?

Yes, the final version of the national Common Core K-12 State Standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics were released on June 2, 2010. The EdGate Standards Repository includes these updates. However, are they really final?

Since the adoption of these standards play heavily on state education departments, we wanted to share a recent debate published by the Cato Institute regarding education reform and the controversy surrounding these standards and the Race to the Top funding.

Watch the "**Education Standards Throwdown!**" video at:

[Cato-at-Liberty.org](http://Cato-at-Liberty.org)



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## Welcome to The EdGate Observer!

Another school year has finished and summer begins! Time for some much-needed vacations, family fun, and nice weather! The Pacific Northwest has been especially wet this year, so bring on the sun!

In this issue of The EdGate Observer, we focus on the finalized Common Core standards and an interesting debate in the [Burning Question](#), social studies in education under [Hot Topic](#), and conclude with the [Standards Update](#) section.

We welcome any questions, thoughts or comments you may have.

Regards,  
Sandra Schugren, EdGate General Manager

## Hot Topic

It's official...After much debate, the Texas State Board of Education adopted controversial Social Studies standards to be used in classrooms beginning in the 2011-2012 school year.



Whether you consider yourself a conservative, liberal, or independent, there is no doubt that students are impacted in the area of history curriculum. Other states also wrestle with their standards in this subject area due to the sheer volume of material.

For example, World History standards alone can encompass any or all of the following topics:

- Ancient Civilizations
- Middle Ages
- Renaissance
- Reformation
- Age of Exploration
- Industrial Revolution
- Imperialism and Nationalism
- Indigenous Populations
- World Cultures
- Revolutions
- World War I
- World War II
- Holocaust
- Cold War
- Korean and Vietnam War
- Global Interdependence
- Current Conflicts and Issues

Regardless of any controversies, [EdGate Correlation Services](#) will continue to provide the most up-to-date standards in our repository as they are made available.



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## Standards Update



Updates to The EdGate Standards Repository include:

- Arizona Educational Technology (2009)
- Common Core K-12 State Standards (June 2010)
- Indiana Science (2010)
- Maine Assessment Language Arts (2009-2010)
- Maine Assessment Mathematics (2009-2010)
- Maine Assessment Science (2009-2010)
- North Carolina 2012-2013 Science (2009)
- North Carolina 2012-2013 Library/Technology (2009)
- Singapore Ministry of Education Language Arts (2010)
- Singapore Ministry of Education Mathematics (2007)
- Singapore Ministry of Education Social Studies (2008)
- Virginia 2012-2013 Language Arts (2010)
- West Virginia 2010-2011 Science Grades 9-12 (2010)

If you have any questions regarding standards, feel free to contact me and I will be happy to assist you. You can always join us on Twitter to get the most up-to-date postings regarding state standards in the EdGate Standards Repository at: <http://twitter.com/EdGate>

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