

Social Studies Update

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Questions?

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Iowa Department of Education Financial Literacy Summit

Building financially literate students is important in order to build a more secure future and ensure that our young people can navigate the world in which they live.

The Iowa Department of Education is sponsoring the Iowa Financial Literacy Summit. It will be held on **May 5, 2015** at the Iowa Events Center. Speakers include the Di-

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rector of the Iowa Department of Education, Brad Buck, as well as the Governor and Lt. Governor. Additional speakers include national and local experts on this important topic. The Summit is open to secondary students, educators, and the general public. Registration information will be available soon. License renewal credit will also be available.

Best Practices in Social Studies Institute

The Best Practices Institute is back by popular demand. The 2015 Institute will take place **June 29-30** at the State Historical Museum in Des Moines. Session topics will range from integrating technology into your social studies classroom to how to create DBQs and much more. License renewal credit will be available. Registration information will be coming soon!

Building Literacy in Social Studies Professional Development

In a survey last year, 59% of Iowa social studies teachers reported little access to social studies professional development. We have worked hard to change that and are rolling out social studies professional development statewide around building literacy in social studies. See below for the dates your AEA is offering this professional development

and click on the AEA to email your AEA social studies contact for more information about the course.

- [AEA 267](#) (June 11-12)
- [Grant Wood AEA](#) (June 16-17)
- [Great Prairie AEA](#) (April 24-25)
- [Green Hills AEA](#) (March 3-4)

- [Heartland AEA](#) (June 8-9)
- [Keystone AEA](#) (November 25, December 3, February 19, 25)
- [Mississippi Bend AEA](#) (February 2, 11, and 12)
- [Northwest AEA](#) (June 9-10)
- [Prairie Lakes AEA](#) (March 16, 25)

Social Studies News

Social Studies Teachers Asked to Participate in Survey on Visual Literacy

The University of Oklahoma is conducting a survey about the use of visual materials in history/social studies classrooms. If you wish to take the survey, click [here](#). Please contact Kristy Brugar at Kris-ty.a.brugar@ou.edu with any questions.

Call for Conference Proposals

The Iowa Council for the Social Studies (ICSS) is now accepting conference proposals for October 6, 2015 conference. Go [here](#) to submit a proposal. The deadline to submit a proposal is June 1, 2015.

The National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) is also accepting proposals for their conference which will take place November 13-15, 2015 in New Orleans. Go [here](#) to submit a proposal.

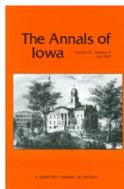
Black History Month Resources

- [African American Museum of Iowa](#)
- [Smithsonian](#)
- [National Endowment for the Humanities](#)
- [PBS](#)
- [Library of Congress](#)
- [Teaching History](#)

Social Studies Resources

The Annals of Iowa are Now Online

The Annals of Iowa tell the story of Iowa's history. The journal is published quarterly by the State Historical Society of Iowa. Anyone can now access the electronic version of the journals online at any time. Go to <http://ir.uiowa.edu/annals-of-iowa/>



Library of Congress/Teaching Tolerance Webinar on Teaching the Civil Rights Movement

Recently, the Library of Congress partnered with Teaching Tolerance to put on a free webinar about teaching the Civil Rights Movement. If you missed, it you can go [here](#) to view the recorded version. Note: You have to register in order to see the webinar.

Presidential Primary Sources Project

The Presidential Primary Sources Project is sponsored by presidential libraries, including the Hoover Library, across the country. The focus is on Civil Rights and the role of the Presidents. For more information go [here](#). To sign up go [here](#).

Constitutional Rights Foundation Webinar

The Constitutional Rights Foundation recently put on a webinar entitled, What's Being Said: Close Readings of Primary Source Documents. If you missed the webinar, you can see the recorded version by going [here](#). The link includes all of the webinar handouts and presentation itself.

Five Ways to Create Mapped Stories

Free Tech 4 Teachers recently featured five resources for creating mapped stories. They were:

- [Google Earth Tour Builder](#)
- [Map Story](#)
- [Odyssey](#)
- [Story Map](#)
- [Heganoo](#)

Fifty Nifty Econ Cards

The Federal Reserve Banks of Kansas City has created a set of 50 cards designed for students to develop a knowledge base of economic and personal finance vocabulary. You can order the cards for FREE by going to www.federalreserveeducation.org/resources/fiftynifty.

Professional Development Opportunities

IREX: Teachers for Global Classrooms

The Teachers for Global Classrooms Program is a year-long professional development experience for middle and high school teachers. Activities include an online course for teachers seeking to global their classrooms, a Global Education Symposium in Washington DC, a 2-3 week international travel fellowship, and a chance to apply for grant funding for international projects for your school. In addition, continuing education credits are offered. Go [here](#) for additional information. The deadline to apply is March 18, 2015. Questions? Contact tgc@irex.org.

Salisbury House Offers Summer Workshop

Salisbury House: An Interdisciplinary Exploration takes place on June 8 and 9, 2015 from 8-4:30. Imagine being able to explore Salisbury House as a resource for your class! This on-site interdisciplinary workshop will engage participants in art, social science, language arts, and science activities. Participants will engage in interdisciplinary activities on day one and develop their own activities to use with their classes on day two. Individual teachers or teams of teachers are encouraged to enroll. Sign up online through AEA at: www.heartlandaea.org. Heartland Activity #: IS017999991601

Russian/American Educators' Exchange

The US/Russia Peer-to-Peer Dialog Program and the Russian & East European Institute at Indiana University are sending twelve American teachers to Russia villages to learn about Russian folklore and share about American folklore. Teachers will also visit Russian schools. There will be two more experiences this year. Most expenses are covered. They are:

- May 21-June 3
- August 22-September 4

Go [here](#) for more information.

Street Law Summer Institute

Street Law will be offering two summer institute dates for teachers this year. The Institutes will be offered June 18-23 or June 25-30 in Washington DC. For more information go [here](#). The application deadline is March 16, 2015.



Social Studies Awards, Grants, and Competitions

ING Unsung Heroes Awards

Unsung Heroes Awards are given to K-12 educators pioneering new teaching methods and techniques that improve learning based on innovative methods. Each year 100 finalists are selected to receive \$2,000. Go [here](#) for more information. The deadline to apply is April 30, 2015.

Law-Related Education Teacher of the Year

Know a great teacher who teaches government, civics, or another law-related education course? Nominate them for the Law-Related Education Teacher of the Year Award. Go to www.americanlawyersalliance.org and click on Annual Awards.

Money Smart Kid Contest & Financial Know How Challenge Scholarship

Iowa Student Loan is sponsoring the Iowa Financial Know How Challenge. Students could win \$1,500 for college. Go to www.IowaStudentLoan.org/SeniorScholarship to sign up. The Money Smart Kid contest is also going on. Go [here](#) for more information about it.