

Social Studies Update

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Iowa Social Studies Update

There's a lot of exciting things happening in social studies around the state.

The Underground Railroad in Iowa

Join Professor Brian Behnken (Iowa State University) on February 26th as he discusses Iowa's role in the Underground Railroad and shows a portion of *The Abolitionists* related to the Iowa story. The event will take place from 6-7:30 at the State of Iowa Historical Museum in Des Moines. Light refreshments will also be served. The event is free and open to the public. See the attached flyer for more information.

Medal of Honor Foundation Workshop

The Medal of Honor Foundation will be coming to Des Moines on June 26th for a one-day workshop. Their materials include

lesson plans on each of the Medal of Honor recipients and a short video clip introducing that recipient. Each lesson is centered around an element of good character. This workshop will be free for any K-12 teacher who is interested. Stay tuned for more information.

The Big History Project

The Big History Project is an entirely free and open course related to the study of world history. Check out the course at <https://course.bighistoryproject.com/bhplive>. Big History is coming to Iowa to help educators learn more about the project. Join them on February 25th at the Prairie Meadows Conference Center from 10-12:30. Big History will provide lunch and

cover any sub costs. To sign up go to https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1S7n3WaE02mEfBD8Lunylcj7OY7whR1MJC3aavWx_i24/viewform.

Best Practices Institute

Mark your calendar for the Best Practices Institute. This two day institute will take place June 24-25 at the State Historical Museum of Iowa. It will be free for any K-12 social studies teacher in Iowa. License renewal credit will also be available. Registration will open in March!



SAVE THE DATE!

Literacy Corner: Thinking about the Use of Multiple Texts

Some of the instructional shifts needed to fully implement the Iowa Core include:

- An increase in the reading of informational text
- Text complexity
- Academic vocabulary
- Increase writing from sources

These "shifts" have a significant impact within the social studies. For decades, a single textbook has been relied upon as one of the main instructional resource for so-

cial studies classes.

The Iowa Core demands a wider lens when thinking about instructional materials for the social studies. Instead of the adoption of a single textbook, we must think about the use of secondary sources as important, but not the sole source of information that students should be analyzing.

Students must be able to explore multiple primary

sources and other forms of "text" such as images, songs, and maps, etc.

It is only through the use and analysis of multiple texts that students can fully deliver on the intentions of the Core and 21st century skills. Without the use of multiple texts students cannot "increase writing from sources" and develop an argument through the use of those sources.

Social Studies News

United States Senate Youth Program

Edgar Thornton (Iowa City) and Pablo Haake (Davenport) were recently selected as the Iowa representatives for the 2014 United States Senate Youth Program. This is a prestigious program in which students spend a week in Washington DC and receive a \$5,000 scholarship. Notable alumni of the program include governors, judges, and legislators. For more information check out <http://www.hearstfdn.org/ussyp/>

Honoring Nancy Peterson

Last week, Nancy Peterson, passed away after a courageous battle with cancer.



Nancy was the president of the Iowa Council for the Social Studies and a teacher at Gilbert High School. She dedicated her life to her students and the social studies profession. She will be greatly missed by us all.

Perry Teacher Selected for Normandy Institute

Eddie Diaz, a teacher at Perry High School, was selected for this year's NHD Normandy Institute. Participants get to spend time in Washington DC and Normandy, France studying WWII. Teachers also get to take a student to the Institute. Congrats Eddie! For more information about the program check out a video from Brian Connick (Algona) a past participant in the program <http://iowa.adobeconnect.com/p8lhqamsioe/>. For general information about the program check out <http://www.nhd.org/normandyinstitute.htm>

Social Studies Resources

Using History to Invigorate the Common Core

Check out Sam Wineburg's latest article in Ed Week regarding history and its connection to the Common Core (Iowa Core). He asserts that the Core's emphasis on non-fiction should only heighten our focus on the social studies.

http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2013/12/11/14wineburg_e.p.h33.html

Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom

The Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom curriculum tells the inspirational story of Nelson Mandela. The website includes a viewer's guide, mini-lessons, video clips, and links to additional resources.

<http://weinsteinco.com/mandela-education/>

California History-Social Science Project

The California History-Social Science Project (<http://chssp.ucdavis.edu/>) is dedicated to "educational excellence in the study of history and social sciences. They have lesson plans and other relevant information on their site, including a quarterly magazine. Check out the latest edition, about ELL students, at <http://chssp.ucdavis.edu/source-magazine/eld-source-1.pdf>

"I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it."

-Nelson Mandela

Teaching about Asia Webinars

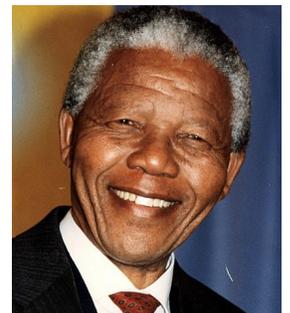
The Five College Center for East Asian Studies (FCEAS) has put on a series of webinars around the study of Asia. These webinars are all archived and available for teacher or student use. Check them out at https://www.fivecolleges.edu/fceas/webinar/completed_webinars

The Monuments Men

The Monuments Men tells the true story about a group of museum directors, curators, and artists who helped rescue and return over five million cultural items stolen by the Nazis in WWII. Check out www.monumentsmeneducation.com for resources and check out the movie, in theaters, February 7, 2014.

ChronoZoom

Students often have trouble thinking about history chronologically and figuring out "how it all goes together." ChronoZoom is a new and FREE product out of Microsoft Research where students can build interactive timelines and see how it fits in the grand scheme of time. <http://join.chronozoom.com/>



Professional Development

Smithsonian American Art Museum Summer Institute

The Smithsonian is hosting a summer institute entitled Teaching the Humanities through Art. Institutes will be held in DC from June 23-27 and July 29-August 1. The application deadline is March 31, 2014. To apply check out, <http://americanart.si.edu/education/dev/institutes/>. For additional information contact americanartinstitutes@si.edu

The Choices Program Leadership Institutes

The Choices Program is offering two summer leadership institutes. One is from July 7-11 and it is about Modern Turkey. Another is about China on the World Stage and it is taking place June 24-27. The Program covers the cost of the hotel, food, and materials. Transportation is not provided. Check out http://www.choices.edu/pd/institutes_seminars.php.

National Endowment for the Humanities Workshops

Each summer, NEH offers a variety of workshops across the country. These programs include a stipend and there is no tuition for the workshop. Check out the full list of offerings at <http://www.neh.gov/divisions/education/summer-programs>. The deadline to apply is March 4, 2014.

#SSCHAT on Twitter

Each Monday night at 6 pm Central on Twitter, using the hashtag #sschat, there is a social studies chat with educators from around the world. A different question is discussed each week. The question that will be discussed on Monday, February 3rd is "I commented on an assignment, now what?" The February 10th is around teaching academic skills in social studies.



Study Trip to Germany through the Transatlantic Outreach Program

Interested in a two week FREE study tour to Germany? The Goethe Institut offers study tours each summer. The trip focuses on modern Germany. For more information, and to apply, visit <http://www.goethe.de/ins/us/lp/prj/top/txl/enindex.htm>

C-SPAN Conference

C-SPAN offers a teacher fellowship program each summer for teachers who are highly familiar with C-SPAN resources. In addition, they offer a two-day conference for teachers who are less experienced with C-SPAN. Find out more info by going to www.c-spannclassroom.org/Teacher-Opportunities.aspx

Understanding Islam & Muslims: An Institute for Educators

Interested in learning more about Muslims and the Islamic faith? Consider applying for the Dar al Salam Institute. The institute is free and all expenses are paid for except for transportation to and from New Mexico and takes from July 30-August 10, 2014. For more information check out www.daralislam.org or email institutedirector@daralislam.org.

Federal Trials and Great Debates in US History

This summer institute will take place June 22-27, 2014 in Washington DC. Cases to be studied include the Pentagon Papers, *Olmstead vs. US*, and the Sedition Act trials. All expenses are paid for by the Institute. To apply visit, www.ambar.org/summerinstitute.org. The deadline is March 1, 2014.

Library of Congress Summer Institutes

The Library of Congress puts on three five-day summer institutes each summer. They are June 9-13, July 7-11, and July 21-25. For more information check out <http://www.loc.gov/teachers/professionaldevelopment/teacherinstitute/about-teacher-institutes.html>. The deadline to apply is March 24th.

Social Studies Awards, Grants, and Competitions

James Madison Fellowship

The James Madison fellowship was established as a living memorial to James Madison. The purpose of the program is to strengthen the teaching of history and principles of the Constitution by supporting graduate level study for secondary school teachers. The award provides up to \$24,000 towards a Master's degree. For more information go to www.jamesmadison.gov. Applications are due by March 1, 2014.

Interested in Starting a Constitution Club?

The Bill of Rights Institute is interested in helping schools start Constitution clubs. If this is something that interests you, consider applying for a \$400 grant they are offering. For more information go <http://billofrightsinstitute.org/> To apply go to <http://www.tfaforms.com/309160>.

Become a Gilder Lehrman Affiliate School

The Gilder Lehrman Institute is one of the premier history organizations "out there." They offer special access to their materials for schools who sign up to be GL "affiliate" schools. Signing up is free and easy. Go to <http://www.gilderlehrman.org/programs-exhibitions/affiliate-school-program>

Dear George Washington Essay Contest/Civil War Essay Contest

The Dear George Washington Essay Contest (<http://tinyurl.com/mulsu8y>) is open to elementary students and is a good way for them to think about what life was like for early Americans. The deadline to apply is February 28th. The Civil War essay contest is open to middle and high school students. That deadline, however, is January 31st. For more information check out <http://tinyurl.com/n8m94qg>

Teacher Fellows Program at Mount Vernon

Applications are now being accepted for the 2014-2015 Teacher Fellows Program. Fellows will be awarded \$1,000 a week as well as housing and round trip transportation. The application deadline is February 28, 2014. For more information check out <http://www.mountvernon.org/node/6724>

World of 7 Billion Student Video Contest

Create a short video (60 seconds or less) that illustrates the connection between population growth and either climate change, global poverty, or water sustainability. Four winners will be chosen in each topic area with the grand prize winner getting \$1,000. This contest is open to all students in grades 9-12. For more information go to www.worldof7billion.org. The deadline is February 21, 2014.

"America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves."

-Abraham Lincoln

February Observance Day Resources

African American History Month

- Freedoms Ring
www.freedoms-ring.com
- Legacy of a Dream
www.legacyofadream.com
- National Constitution Center
<http://tinyurl.com/kp3akxu>

- Civics in Literature Connection

<http://tinyurl.com/osm7fvd>

- *Double Victory: How African American Women Broke Race and Gender Barriers to Help Win WWII* (Cheryl Mullenbach)

Check out this resource from a fellow Iowan!

President's Day

- [Looking for Lincoln Through His Words](#) (Grade 4-5)
- [George Washington: A National Treasure](#) (Grade 6-8)
- [American Experience: The Presidents](#) (Grade 9-12)
- [Lesson from Lincoln for Today's World](#) (Grade 9-12)

