

Social Studies Update

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Questions?

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Iowa Council for the Social Studies Conference

The Iowa Council for the Social Studies conference is quickly approaching. The conference will take place October 6th at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny. This year's conference theme is Dimensions of Social Studies: The C3 Framework and Your Classroom. Keynote speakers include Dr. Ryan Wise, Director of

of Education and Stephen Armstrong, former NCSS president to discuss the C3 Framework.

The conference will also offer over 30 sessions related to the conference theme and include job alike sessions as well as access to multiple social studies exhibitors.

Participants are also eligible for license renewal if they attend

the conference and a follow up workshop on October 24th.

Register soon in order to receive the early bird discount.

Registration is now open. Go to www.iowasocialstudies.org for additional information or to register.

Constitution Day 2015

Each year schools across the nation are required to celebrate Constitution Day on September 17th.

This year we are again partnering with the Iowa Judicial Branch to invite classes of students to hear live oral arguments related to constitutional issues at the Iowa Supreme Court. We have slots available at 9 am on

September 16 and at 9 am and 1 pm on September 17th. If you are interested in bringing a class to hear oral arguments please contact me ASAP at stefanie.wager@iowa.gov. If you are unable to join in person, you can still view the cases through live streaming [here](#). The cases are:

- *State of Iowa v. Dale Dean Pettijohn*
- *In re Property Seized from Robert Pardee*
- *State of Iowa v. Zyriah Henry Floyd Schlitter*

There are several additional resources available related to the teaching of the Constitution. If you are interested in checking out any of these resources go [here](#).

Social Studies News

NHD in Iowa News

The State Historical Museum is hosting the Iowa NHD kick-off event on September 30th. Senator Harkin will give the keynote address. For more information about the Iowa competition go [here](#). Questions? Email museum.education@iowa.gov.

Department of Cultural Affairs Launches Culture App

The Department of Cultural Affairs announced the launch of the Iowa Culture app. The app gives users access to explore more than 3,500 sites across all 99 counties in Iowa. You download the app in the Google or Apple store or go to <http://www.iowacultureapp.org/> for more information.

Great Thanksgiving Listen

Interested in helping preserve the stories and voices of Americans? Storycorps is hosting the Great Thanksgiving Listen during Thanksgiving weekend. For more information go [here](#).

National History Club

National History Club inspires teachers and students to start History Club chapters in their local school. Go to www.nationalhistoryclub.org for more information. Check out an example of the History Club newsletter [here](#).

National Council for the Social Studies Conference

The National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) is holding their annual conference November 13-15 in New Orleans. The conference will include over 800 sessions, tours, workshops, etc. Speakers include members of the Little Rock Nine, Rick Steves, Stephen Bradberry and many more. Go to <http://www.socialstudies.org/conference> to register or for more information.



"Food is the moral right of all who are born into this world."

-Norman Borlaug

World Food Prize

The 2015 World Food Prize Borlaug Dialogue is being held October 14-16 in Des Moines. This year's dialogue features several notable leaders from around the world including Chelsea Clinton, Thomas Vilsack, Florence Chenoweth (Minister of Agriculture, Liberia), Sheryl WuDunn (Pulitzer Prize Winner), and several past recipients of the World Food Prize. The week also includes the Iowa Hunger Summit which takes place October 13th from 9:00-3:30 and is free to attend. The Global Youth Institute also takes place on October 17th from 8:00-3:30. Go to www.worldfoodprize.org/register for additional information or to register and go to the World Food Prize YouTube channel [here](#) to see recordings of past World Food Prize events.

Social Studies Resources

Freedom Summer Documentary

American Experience through PBS recently launched a documentary entitled "Freedom Summer." You can view the entire documentary online for free. Check it out [here](#).

Did you miss Jerry Yellin speech in May?

Jerry Yellin, an Iowan who flew the last mission in WWII, spoke to Iowa teachers and students in May at the State Historical Museum. If you were unable to make it, you can check out the recording [here](#).

Ancestry.com is Now Free for K-12 Schools

Ancestry.com, a giant in the genealogy database world is now offering FREE access to their site for K-12 schools. Go to www.ancestryk12.com for more information or check out the flyer [here](#) for more information.

"The history of the world is full of men who rose to leadership, by sheer force of self-confidence, bravery and tenacity."

-Gandhi

Zoom In Has Launched

Zoom In is a free, web-based platform that helps students build literacy and historical thinking skills through "deep dives" into primary and secondary sources. Check it out at <http://zoomin.edc.org/>.

Social Studies Research and Practice Journal

The Social Studies Research and Practice journal is a free journal dedicated to covering social studies issues. You can check out the latest issue by going [here](#).

Associated Press Launches AP Archive on YouTube

The Associated Press has launched a channel on YouTube which contains over 500,000 minutes of AP coverage. Check it out [here](#).

American History Encyclopedia from Oxford

Oxford Research has launched a digital encyclopedia of American History. You can browse by topical area or keyword search. Check it out [here](#).

World History for Us All

This site includes various resources for the teaching of world history. It is a project of San Diego State University in cooperation with the National Center for History in the Schools at UCLA. Check it out [here](#).

The Atlantic Slave Trade in Two Minutes

Check out this interactive site depicting the Atlantic slave trade in just two minutes. The interactive covers 315 years and 20,528 voyages impacting millions of lives. Check it out [here](#).

Professional Development Opportunities

Iowa Caucus MOOC

Professor Steffen Schmidt from ISU is offering a FREE MOOC course on the Iowa caucuses. Four sessions are available starting September 1st. For more information go [here](#).

Teaching American History Weekend Colloquia

Want to experience history where it was made? Apply to attend one of these weekend colloquia. Most expenses are covered. Check it out [here](#). The deadline to apply is August 30th.

Foundation for Teaching Economics Offering Fall Courses

The Foundation for Teaching Economics is offering two fall courses. They are: Economics Online for Teachers (Part I) and Teaching Economics: World Development. For more information go [here](#).

Understanding Sacrifice: World War II in the Mediterranean

National History Day, along with the Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media and the American Battle Monument Commission are looking for 18 secondary teachers to study the experience of America's WWII soldiers. These teachers will participate in a 13-day European field study in July of 2016 as well as get the chance to attend a weekend workshop in Washington DC and monthly webinars. Most expenses are covered. For more information and to apply go [here](#). The application deadline is September 3, 2015.



"They fought together as brothers-in-arms. They died together and now they sleep side by side. To them we have a solemn obligation."

-Admiral Chester A. Nimitz

NCTA Fall Online Courses

The National Consortium for Teaching about Asia is offering four online courses this fall. They are:

- [Precarious Japan: Global Issues in Contemporary Japan](#) (Sept. 17-Dec. 2)
- [China Under Mao: Modernization, Mobilization & Mass Campaigns](#) (Sept. 21-Dec. 21)
- [NCTA Book Group: China in 10 Words](#) (Oct. 5-Dec. 12)
- [Modern Chinese Literature](#) (Sept. 16-Oct. 21)

Click on the links above for additional information about each course and to register.

Professional Development Opportunities *(continued)*

Gilder Lehrman Institute Courses

The Gilder Lehrman Institute is offering three online graduate courses this spring. They are African American History since Emancipation, The Supreme Court in the 20th Century and Women and Gender in 19th Century America. Go [here](#) for more information.

Primary Source 2015-2016 Free Online Seminars

Primary Source is offering several free online seminars during the 2015-2016 school year. They include, Global Action for Social Justice, American Cultural Encounters with East Asia During the Cold War and World War I as a Global Phenomenon to name a few. Go [here](#) for more information.

Using the iPad in the Social Studies Classroom

AEA PD Online is offering a two-credit course which is being offered totally online starting in November. Go [here](#) to register and enter 22014899991601 in order to find the course.

The United States Senate Youth Program

The United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) is designed to give young Americans a working knowledge of American political life. Each state selects two student delegates to spend a week in Washington DC on an all expenses paid trip to learn about American government. Each delegate also receives a \$5,000 scholarship. Please encourage any juniors or seniors you know to apply. You can access all program materials and application materials at <https://www.educateiowa.gov/pk-12/advanced-learning-opportunities/us-senate-youth-program>.

*"Service to others is
the rent you pay for
your room here on
earth."*

-Muhammad Ali

