



## **SOCIAL STUDIES RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS**

### **FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

#### **Bureau of Curriculum and Instruction: Social Studies Education**

[http://www.fldoe.org/bii/curriculum/Social\\_Studies/default.asp](http://www.fldoe.org/bii/curriculum/Social_Studies/default.asp)

Provides links to curriculum, educator resources, and other social studies information.

#### **Next Generation Sunshine State Standards: Social Studies**

<http://www.fldoe.org/bii/Curriculum/SSS/>

The 1996 Sunshine State Standards (SSS) were revised in 2008. Search SSS by subject and grade level: <http://tools.fcit.usf.edu/sss/index.php>

#### **Sunshine Connections**

<http://www.sunshineconnections.org/Curricula/Pages/SocialStudies.aspx>

Links and documents pertaining to social studies vocabulary and resources are provided.

### **DISTRICT RESOURCES**

#### **Broward County**

Elementary Lesson Plans

<http://www.bccss.org/Pages/Home/elementary.html>

Resources for Elementary and Secondary

[http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/k12programs/Social\\_Studies\\_Site/pages/index.html](http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/k12programs/Social_Studies_Site/pages/index.html)

#### **Dade County**

Curriculum and Instruction, Social Sciences

<http://socialsciences.dadeschools.net/>

#### **Palm Beach County**

Countdown to FCAT: SMART Strategies – Social Studies Activities as Tools to Prepare Students for Overall Success on the FCAT

<http://breeze.palmbeach.k12.fl.us/p72627933/>

Learning Tools for Social Studies Teachers

[http://www.palmbeach.k12.fl.us/learning\\_tools/teachers/soc\\_studies.htm](http://www.palmbeach.k12.fl.us/learning_tools/teachers/soc_studies.htm)

### **Pasco County**

Internet Resources for Social Studies Teachers and Students

[http://cis.pasco.k12.fl.us/contentareas/social\\_studies/Intro\\_index.html](http://cis.pasco.k12.fl.us/contentareas/social_studies/Intro_index.html)

### **Pinellas County**

Social Studies Websites

<http://www.pinellas.k12.fl.us/CI/SocialStudies/links.html>

PCTAH Resources and Lesson Plans

<http://www.pinellas.k12.fl.us/CI/SocialStudies/PCTAH.html>

### **St. Johns County**

<http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/depts/is/ss/teacher.html>

Social Studies Teacher Support

## **TEACHER RESOURCES**

### **FCIT: Exploring Florida**

<http://fcit.usf.edu/FLORIDA/>

Florida social studies resources for students and teachers

### **Florida Educational Technology Clearinghouse: Social Studies Resources**

<http://etc.usf.edu/ss/index.htm>

Digital resources for Florida's schools

### **AncientWeb.org**

<http://www.ancientweb.org/>

Ancient Web is an online resource for students and teachers interested in the cultures of the ancient world.

### **Annenberg Classroom: Resources for America's Teachers**

<http://www.annenbergclassroom.org/Default.aspx>

Information on the Constitution, elections, government, history and citizenship

### **C-SPAN Classroom**

<http://www.cspanclassroom.org/>

Resources for teaching U.S. government and civics with C-SPAN

### **Digital History**

<http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/>

This site promotes the use of new technologies to enhance teaching and research.

### **Gilder Lehrman Institute: Resources for Teachers and Students**

<http://www.gilderlehrman.org/teachers/index.html>

The Institute offers a variety of resources and has pioneered new models of history schools and programs with proven success in improving academic achievement.

### **History Channel Classroom Study Guides**

<http://www.history.com/classroom/guides/>

This site provides materials to accompany The History Channel Classroom programs.

### **History Matters**

<http://historymatters.gmu.edu/>

Links to teaching assignments using Web resources, reference materials, annotated syllabi, and interviews with teachers who share strategies and techniques

### **Library of Congress: American Memory – The Learning Page**

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/ndlpedu/index.html>

Seven million historical documents, photographs, maps, films, and audio recordings are catalogued; links to lessons, and activities for using the collections in the classroom.

### **Literacy Matters: Social Studies**

<http://www.literacymatters.org/content/socialstudies.htm>

To help social studies teachers integrate literacy strategies into their teaching, this site provides instructional strategies, lesson plans, activities, and teaching materials.

### **ReadingQuest: Making Sense in Social Studies**

<http://www.readingquest.org/>

Designed to provide the philosophical bases for sound comprehension strategy instruction, this site offers a range of comprehension and content reading strategies.

### **Scholastic: Social Studies Resources**

[http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/search?isBrowse=Y&N=479&Nr=OR\(Resource\\_Type:Lesson%20Plan,Resource\\_Type:Informal%20Lesson%20Article,Resource\\_Type:Unit%20Plan\)](http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/search?isBrowse=Y&N=479&Nr=OR(Resource_Type:Lesson%20Plan,Resource_Type:Informal%20Lesson%20Article,Resource_Type:Unit%20Plan))

The resources provided are arranged by grade level, age group, social studies topic and types of resources.

### **Scholastic: Online Activities and Interactive Learning – Students**

<http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/socialstudies.jsp?FromBrowseMod=true&ActionPage=topicBrowse.jsp&CurrPage=socialstudies.jsp&TopicValue=Social>

Offers a variety of activities in social studies from economics to women's history

### **World History Connected**

<http://worldhistoryconnected.org>

World History Connected is a free online journal with a world history focus.

### **World History Sources**

<http://chnm.gmu.edu/worldhistorysources/>

Links to finding, analyzing the evidence and documents, and teaching sources for using primary sources

**Yale Law School: Avalon Project – Documents in Law, History and Diplomacy**

<http://avalon.law.yale.edu/default.asp>

Online collection of significant documents in law, history and diplomacy from the United States and the world community

**LESSON PLANS**

**Florida: Beacon Lesson Plan Library – Social Studies**

<http://www.beaconlearningcenter.com/lessons/SS.asp>

**Florida: STEPS The Lesson Architect**

Best Practices: <http://www.ibinder.uwf.edu/steps/bestprac.cfm>

Standards: <http://www.ibinder.uwf.edu/steps/standards.cfm>

**Florida: Brevard County - Creating Modern America: Secondary Lesson Plans**

<http://secondarypgms.brevard.k12.fl.us/Lesson%20Plans%20Yr1.pdf>

**Florida: Pinellas County Lesson Plans – American History**

<http://www.pinellas.k12.fl.us/CI/SocialStudies/PCTAHlessons.html>

**California State University: Lesson Plans and Resources for Social Studies Teachers**

<http://www.csun.edu/~hcedu013/index.html>

**Center for Civic Education: Resources**

<http://www.civiced.org/index.php?page=resources>

**Discovery School Lesson Plans Library**

<http://school.discoveryeducation.com/lessonplans/?pID=lesson>

**Education World**

History: [http://www.education-world.com/a\\_lesson/archives/history.shtml](http://www.education-world.com/a_lesson/archives/history.shtml)

Social Sciences: [http://www.education-world.com/a\\_lesson/archives/soc\\_sci.shtml](http://www.education-world.com/a_lesson/archives/soc_sci.shtml)

**The Educator’s Reference Desk – Social Studies**

[http://www.eduref.org/cgi-bin/lessons.cgi/Social\\_Studies](http://www.eduref.org/cgi-bin/lessons.cgi/Social_Studies)

**Federal Resources for Educational Excellence (FREE)**

<http://www.free.ed.gov/HandSS.cfm>

**Gateway to Educational Materials (GEM) – Social Studies**

<http://www.thegateway.org/browse>

**McREL**

- Lesson Plans – History: <http://www.mcrel.org/lesson-plans/history/index.asp>
- Lesson Plans – Geography: <http://www.mcrel.org/lesson-plans/geography/index.asp>

- Lesson Plans – Economics: <http://www.mcrel.org/lesson-plans/economics/index.asp>
- Lesson Plans – Civics: <http://www.mcrel.org/lesson-plans/civics/index.asp>

**National Geographic Lesson Plans and Activities**

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions/>

**National Council on Economic Education Online Lessons**

<http://www.ncee.net/resources/lessons.php>

**National Endowment for the Humanities: History & Social Studies – Lesson Plans**

[http://edsitement.neh.gov/tab\\_lesson.asp?subjectArea=3](http://edsitement.neh.gov/tab_lesson.asp?subjectArea=3)

**National Archives: Teaching with Documents: Lesson Plans**

<http://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/index.html>

**PBS Teachers: Social Studies Resources**

<http://www.pbs.org/teachers/socialstudies/>

**Smithsonian Lesson Plans**

[http://www.smithsonianeducation.org/educators/lesson\\_plans/lesson\\_plans.html](http://www.smithsonianeducation.org/educators/lesson_plans/lesson_plans.html)

**Constitutional Rights Foundation: Online Lessons**

<http://www.crf-usa.org/online-lessons-index/free-lessons-index.html>

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Annenberg Media: Social Studies and History**

<http://www.learner.org/resources/browse.html?discipline=7>

Workshops and courses consist of video, print, and Web components that can be used by individual teachers or in group sessions.

**PAEC: Got History? Effective Practices (Grades 3-6)**

<http://www.paec.org/teacher2teacher/gothistory.html>

Teachers will engage with colleagues in hands-on, experiential learning tasks to use with their students; strategies shared will be based on teachers using best practices.

**U.S. DOE: Teaching American History Grant Program**

<http://www.ed.gov/programs/teachinghistory/index.html>

This grant program is designed to raise student achievement by improving teachers' knowledge and understanding of and appreciation for traditional U.S. history.

**PAEC: Teaching American History Grant – Online Programs**

<http://www.paec.org/fec/tahg.html>

**Florida Teaching American History Grant Schools:**

<http://www.gilderlehrman.org/teachers/grants.html>

## **FAMILY INVOLVEMENT**

### **About.com: Homeschooling – History**

[http://homeschooling.about.com/od/unitssubjhis/Unit\\_Studies\\_by\\_Subject\\_History.htm](http://homeschooling.about.com/od/unitssubjhis/Unit_Studies_by_Subject_History.htm)

### **Family Education: Social Studies Skill-Builders for Grades 2-6**

<http://school.familyeducation.com/history/geography/36060.html>

### **Family Education: History and Geography Skill-Builders**

<http://school.familyeducation.com/history/geography/36080.html>

### **Family Education: Social Studies Activities**

[http://fun.familyeducation.com/tv/tvsearch.php?in=fe\\_ent%2Cfe\\_life%2Cfe\\_school&theme=activity-center%7Csocial-studies&themejoin=all&tab=educational](http://fun.familyeducation.com/tv/tvsearch.php?in=fe_ent%2Cfe_life%2Cfe_school&theme=activity-center%7Csocial-studies&themejoin=all&tab=educational)

### **Learning Is For Everyone: Online Learning – History**

[http://www.learningis4everyone.org/component/option.com\\_bookmarks/Itemid.36/mode.0/catid.19/navstart.0/search,\\*/](http://www.learningis4everyone.org/component/option.com_bookmarks/Itemid.36/mode.0/catid.19/navstart.0/search,*/)












### **Scholastic: Parents – Social Studies**

[http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/search?isParent=Y&isBrowse=Y&Nr=AND\(Audience:Parents,Subject\\_Val:Family%20Activities\)&N=2134](http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/search?isParent=Y&isBrowse=Y&Nr=AND(Audience:Parents,Subject_Val:Family%20Activities)&N=2134)

### **U.S. DOE: Helping Your Child Learn History**

<http://www.ed.gov/parents/academic/help/history/index.html>

## **SOCIAL STUDIES ORGANIZATIONS**

 Florida Council for the Social Studies <a href="http://www.fcss.org/">http://www.fcss.org/</a>	 National Council for the Social Studies <a href="http://www.ncss.org/">http://www.ncss.org/</a>
 Florida Association of Social Studies Supervisors <a href="http://www.fasss.org/">http://www.fasss.org/</a>	 National Council for Geographic Education <a href="http://ncge.org/">http://ncge.org/</a>
 Florida Council on Economic Education <a href="http://www.fcee.org/">http://www.fcee.org/</a>	 National Council for History Education <a href="http://www.nche.net/">http://www.nche.net/</a>
 Florida Humanities Council <a href="http://www.flahum.org/">http://www.flahum.org/</a>	 Save Our History <a href="http://www.history.com/minisites/saveourhistory/">http://www.history.com/minisites/saveourhistory/</a>
 Florida Geographic Alliance <a href="http://fga.freac.fsu.edu/">http://fga.freac.fsu.edu/</a>	 National Council on Economic Education <a href="http://www.ncee.net/">http://www.ncee.net/</a>
	 National Endowment for the Humanities <a href="http://www.neh.gov/">http://www.neh.gov/</a>

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