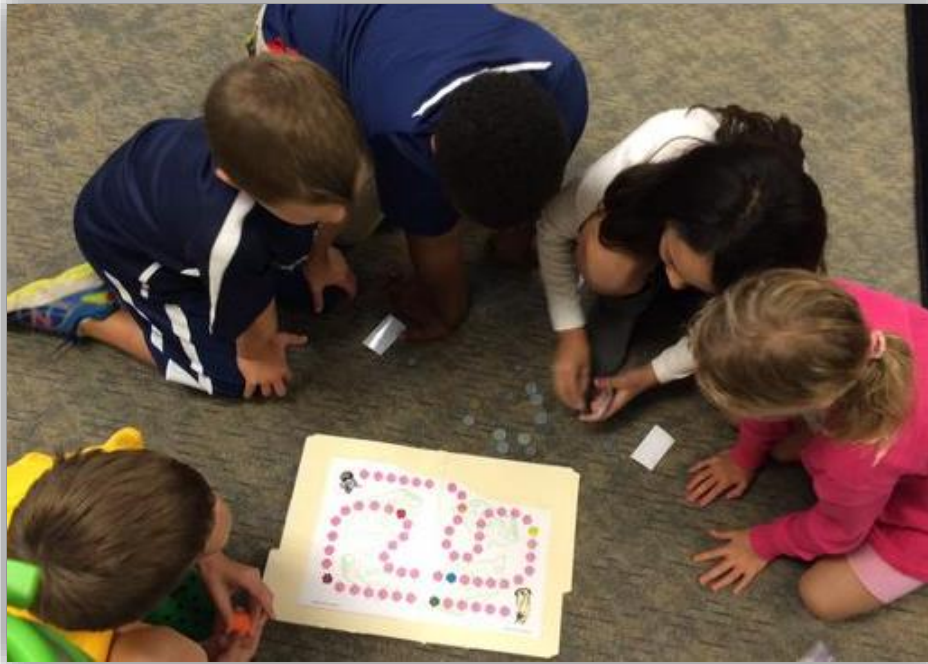




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Social Studies Snapshots

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As they begin their unit on government, third graders play games with no rules and realize it is like living in a country with no government.

APS Resources & Opportunities

History Alive!/Social Studies Alive! One-Day Overview Training

Designed for K-5, this training will be on **Thursday, December 3, 2015** from 8:30-3:30pm at the Syphax Education Center. This course is designed to provide teachers with a powerful instructional approach to keep social studies engaging, relevant, and challenging as well as to address the need for differentiation in the diverse classroom.

Contact the Social Studies Office at x6140 if you are interested in registering. Registration deadline is **November 20th**.

Literacy Integration in Social Studies

Designed for K-5, this workshop will focus on how to develop literacy integrated lessons that address social studies content. Exemplar literacy integrated social studies lessons will be shared and how iPads can be used to support and scaffold literacy.

The workshop is **Monday, Feb. 22nd**, 4:30-6pm. Register through ERO Course Number SS25114

Resources

Free Professional Learning Networks

Across the world, educators are turning to personal learning networks to get inspiration and trade best practices. Here are three that offer great resources for teachers at no cost.

[The Teaching Channel](#) The Teaching Channel is a Web site chock-full of video resources focused on teachers' classroom practices.

[Digital Is](#) Created under the direction of the National Writing Project (NWP), Digital Is is a media-literacy site created and curated by a community of educators.

[KQED Education](#) This site presents several ways to engage with its content. The KQED Teacher Mavens is a professional learning network of educators who share best practices for teaching and learning with public media resources.

Kids' Marketplace and Reality Store Simulations

These free financial simulations are run by the Virginia Cooperative Extension. Both simulations are designed to offer students an interactive way to practice making financial choices, Kids' Marketplace is geared toward Elementary students and the Reality Store toward Secondary students. Click on the following links for more information about the programs and how to set up a [Kids' Marketplace](#) or [Reality Store](#) with your class or at your school.

America's Story from America's Library

[America's Story](#) is a website from the Library of Congress and is geared for younger children. This easy-to-use, colorful and interactive site is designed to make learning about history fun. Using rare and sometimes unusual items from the collections of the Library, the site aims to introduce children to many fascinating historical materials and the stories they tell.

History Resources for Teachers

[The Bill of Rights Institute](#) has a new and improved website. The website emphasizes the importance of engaging and educating students, teachers, and communities. It features free educational resources, lesson plans, and professional development from [Voices of History](#).

Student & Teacher Opportunities

Global Folklorist Challenge

Looking for a new opportunity for your students. The Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage is sponsoring a Global Folklorist Challenge. The challenge involves students researching, documenting, and presenting the unique cultures and traditions that make up their communities and neighborhoods by creating short videos. There are individual and team submission categories, Open to legal residents, age 8-18 at time of entry. The submission deadline is **November 30**, more details can be found [here](#).

American Freedom Essay Contest

In honor of Constitution Day, The Constitutional Walking Tour wants students to give their views about American freedom. The [American Freedom Essay Contest](#) challenges educators to get their students to write a 100-300 word essay on the importance of freedom in their lives.

Entries will be judged in Elementary School, Middle School and High School categories with the winner in each category earning a free field trip of Historic Philadelphia with The Constitutional Walking Tour for his/her class. For more details or to enter your students' essays in the Essay Contest, [click here](#). The deadline is **Oct. 16, 2015**

Strong Men & Women in Virginia History - 2016 Student Writing Contest

High school students in Virginia are invited to honor outstanding African Americans by participating in Dominion Resources' and the Library of Virginia's Strong Men & Women in Virginia History student writing contest. Four winning essays will be chosen, one from each of the four regions in Virginia that Dominion serves.

Students must submit their 400-word essay by **Friday, Nov. 13, 2015**, for a chance to win an Apple iPad Air and \$1,000 for your school. More details about this opportunity can be found [here](#).

Save the Date for Regional History Day Contest!

History Day is for students grades 6 through 12. Students complete an individual or group project that relates to the year's theme in one of five categories: Historical Paper, Website, Documentary, Exhibit, or Performance. The regional competition will be March 5, 2016, hosted by Mount Vernon High School.

Online registration is opens **Jan. 10 and closes Feb. 22, 2016**. For more information about how to get started and rules, visit <http://www.nhd.org/contest.htm> NHD has posted videos about every entry type. Visit <http://www.nhd.org/classroom-connection/google-hangouts-and-webinars/> for more information—it's a great place to start if you have questions about a category after reading the rule book.

Tudor Place: Historic House and Garden Tours

Located in Georgetown, the Tudor Place offers content rich history tours for grades K-12 -- a great opportunity for a local field trip to a National Historic landmark. Program tours include: Explore the Civil War, Historical Detectives, and Shaping a Nation: an Interactive Tour of the mansion. The fee is \$3 per student and free bus transportation is provided for Title 1 schools. For more information on the tours and how to register, visit the [Tudor Place website](#).

Teacher Workshop on the Passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965

The Capitol Visitor Center is hosting a workshop featuring a talk by Kate Scott, Associate Historian for the US Senate, followed by a discussion about the role that activists, members of Congress, and President Lyndon Johnson played in the final passage of this historic bill.

The workshop will be Saturday, **Nov. 14th** from 9am-1pm. To make a reservations or for more information, contact education@visitthecapitol.gov or call 202.593.1868.

Smithsonian American Art Museum Workshops

The Smithsonian American Art Museum's collection can be a gateway to student understanding across the curriculum. This year the museum offers six upcoming workshops. Teachers may learn more about each of the workshops and register [at SAAM's website](#)

- *Engage with artwork* through activities that they could implement in the next class period;
- Enjoy food and drink while they *collaborate* with fellow teachers from across the DC area on ways to bring art into your classrooms;
- Take home *resources that will inspire* teachers and students alike.

Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University – Teacher Workshops

The Center for Contemporary Arab Studies (CCAS) at Georgetown University offers free teacher workshops on Saturdays. Visit the [CCAS Website](#) for registration information. Upcoming fall workshops include:

- Ethiopia and Eritrea: History, Migration, and Community: A Workshop for Teachers on **Oct. 10th**
- Gaza Teach-In on **Oct. 17th**
- Pirates of Three Seas: History from Below in Atlantic, Mediterranean & Indian Maritime Spaces on **Nov. 14th**

National Portrait Gallery Workshop - Using Portraiture to Teach a Socratic Seminar

The Portrait Gallery has teamed up with a secondary U.S. history teacher to consider the Socratic seminar in the context of portraiture. The Socratic method involves a shared dialogue between teacher and students—the teacher leads by posing thought-provoking questions, and students engage by asking questions of their own. In this workshop, facilitators will model the method, considering text, both visual and written, from nineteenth-century U.S. history. Participants will then participate in a Socratic seminar, and finally time will be given for participants to create their own seminar . . . all through the lens of portraiture!

Saturday, October 24, 2015, from 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Visit the [National Portrait Gallery's website](#) for more information and registration information.

Trainings & Courses

World Geography Connects: Contemporary Regions

World Geography Connects: Contemporary Regions is a self-paced online course for Virginia teachers taught by Dr. Don Zeigler, professor of geography at Old Dominion University. The course can be taken to earn recertification points or it may be taken for graduate credit.

Register by October 9 for this free online course to earn recertification points or choose to earn graduate credit through Old Dominion University. **The course runs October 19 - November 30.** For more details and registration information visit

http://geoconnectscontemporaryregions.pwnet.org/course_overview.php

Conferences

2015 Virginia Council of Social Studies Fall Conference

This year's conference will be held **October 16-17, 2015** at the **Waterside Marriott Hotel in Norfolk, Virginia**. Featuring over 170 workshops and exhibits, the conference theme is *Shifting Focus: Examining Social Studies through Multiple Perspectives* (#vashiftsfocus). Program details can be found at <http://www.vcss.org/updates-1.html> and registration and hotel information can be found at <http://www.cvent.com/d/5rq0bz>

Summer Opportunities

Germany Study Tours – Goethe Institute

Experience is what the Transatlantic Outreach Program is all about. Since 2002, TOP has sought to find the best and most qualified social studies and STEM educators and give them the opportunity to experience Modern Germany in the most dramatic way possible: in person.

The study tour's emphasis is on contemporary German issues relating especially to the political system, economy, culture, education, and environmental sustainability. Additional themes of note include the legacy of the Holocaust, German unification, and European integration. These study tours are designed to provide a comprehensive perspective of modern Germany.

Knowledge of the German language is **not** a requirement. Answers to other FAQs can be found on the [TOP website](#). Application including all attachments, postmarked on or before **January 25, 2016**.

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