



HB Woodlawn 8th graders meander along the Nile River to visit stations and analyze images about this amazing river system from source to delta.

Office & VDOE Announcements

New Curriculum: In the fall of 2016, a new curriculum will be implemented in grades K-12. The curriculum framework for this new curriculum can be found at

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/standards_docs/history_socialscience/

A crosswalk document between the old and new standards is anticipated in June.

Power Standards: A team of teachers has identified draft power standards for grades K-12 based on the new curriculum. At the secondary level, grade level teams have had an opportunity to review the drafts for their courses. At the elementary level, social studies lead teachers will be seeking feedback from K-5 teachers this spring so that the draft power standards are ready for fall implementation.

March 14 Designated as a Day of Honor for the Marquis de Lafayette in Virginia

House Joint Resolution 797, passed during the 2015 session of the Virginia General Assembly to designate March 14, of each year, as a Day of Honor for the Marquis de Lafayette in Virginia. HJR 797 can be found at <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?151+ful+HJ797>.

APS Opportunities

ESL Cohort Program for APS Teachers

The ESL Cohort Program is an exciting opportunity for APS teachers to add an ESL endorsement to their license. The Professional Development Office and Human Resources have worked with George Mason University to create an ESL endorsement cohort that will begin this fall. They are seeking highly qualified candidates with a commitment to working with ELLs in APS. More details are available in this flyer link.

<https://drive.google.com/a/apsva.us/folderview?id=0BySl24GaKHVdSWR5R19uSGpCSUo&usp=sharing>

2016 Festival of the Minds, Kenmore Middle School, June 28 - July 1

The Festival of the Minds professional learning conference occurs annually on the first week of summer vacation and provides a diversity of sessions for all PK-12 instructional staff to hone their instructional practice. At Festival of the Minds, APS staff share their knowledge, skills, and experiences as presenters and facilitators. More program details will be on the FOM website at:

<http://apsva.us/Page/28661>

Social Studies Sessions include:

- DBQ for Elementary Students
- Echoes & Reflections: Tools for Teaching the Holocaust
- Playing with Primary Sources: Game-Based Learning with Resources from The Library of Congress
- Bringing Social Studies Alive!
- Survey of Indigenous Literature and Cultures
- Teaching Economics Through Children's Literature
- You can do THAT in Google Classroom?
- Understanding the New Social Studies Curriculum
- Be The Curator! Organizing a Thematic Exhibition with Inquiry-Based Learning
- Our Global Classrooms: Strategies for Reaching HILT Students in the Secondary Classroom
- A Little Goes a Long Way, Civic Action and Reform!
- 15+ Strategies for Increased Engagement in Social Studies
- Yes, you can talk about "that": Bringing controversial topics to the classroom
- EPIC

Resources

PBS iBooks

PBS LearningMedia has released a [new series of iBooks](#) for K-8 teachers. The series promises to provide teachers with iBooks on topics in math, English language arts, social studies, and Spanish language and culture. Each iBook will include lesson plans, videos, games, and other activities aligned to NCSS, ACTFL, and Common Core standards. Two iBooks are available now and two more will be released by the end of this month. The two that are available now are [All About the Holidays](#) and [Beginning Spanish](#). [All About the Holidays](#) offers lesson plans for 61 holidays.

Teaching About Judicial Nominations – Street Law

This [set of resources](#) from Street Law include lesson plans, recent media coverage of Supreme Court Nominations, Government Websites and Interest Group Websites.

<http://www.hippocampus.org/> has free educational resources for Secondary Teachers included videos on Economics, History, Government, and Sociology.

Election 2016: Digital Resources and Primary Sources

From collections that focus specifically on the 2016 campaign, to more general U.S. government lesson plans, a wealth of digital collections are available [at this site](#). These comprehensive resources for the 2016 election come from C-SPAN, iCivics, and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.

PBS Election Central

PBS' Election Central is an online destination of election-related resources and content with age-appropriate, thoughtfully curated information to teach K-12 students about the political process. This free media-on-demand service offers more than 100,000 digital resources for classroom use, and PBS NEWSHOUR, the ELECTION CENTRAL hub is available at <http://pbseduelectioncentral.com/>

NY Times Free Resources for Teaching Election 2016

This [list](#) includes over a dozen instructional strategies and free websites that can help teach students about our nation's most pressing issues and the way our democracy works, as well encourage them to voice their opinions about the issues they care about most.

Student Opportunities

Inspire Virginia

[Inspire Virginia](#) is a year-long civic learning program for high school seniors. Teachers may nominate students for the program or interested students can apply directly. As part of the fully funded program, student will participate in the following activities:

- Lead official voter registration efforts in school.
- Be trained to work as poll workers on Election Day.
- Meet with lawmakers and community organizations.
- Participate in leadership development conferences with other student leaders.

Color the Economic Concepts Contest 2015-2026 – Virginia Council on Economic Education

Elementary students have the opportunity to learn and illustrate their knowledge of economic concepts in a creative way. Eight state winners will each received a Virginia 529 inVest account with an initial \$100 balance. Art will be displayed at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond and posted on [VCEE's website](#), where more contest information can be found.

2016 Youth Leadership Summit - Sister Cities International

The 2016 Youth Leadership Summit will help mark Sister Cities International's 60th anniversary through a specialized diplomatic simulation moderated by the U.S. Diplomacy Center, site visits, speaker sessions, and peer collaboration. Participants will learn how different national interests drive international cooperation on critical issues. Over three days, the Summit will provide students with effective problem solving strategies, leadership skills, and insights into international affairs. Summit runs July 13-16 in Washington, DC.

For more program and registration information,

Visit www.sistercities.org/YLS or contact Ted Carroll, membership manager for youth programs at (202) 347-8636 or tc Carroll@sistercities.org

Teacher Opportunities

Pamplin Historic Park - Teacher Institutes

Come join us at Pamplin Historical Park and the National Museum of the Civil War Soldier for a number of teacher professional development opportunities this summer and fall. These include:

- A five-day Teacher Institute, "Practical Applications for Teaching Slavery, the Civil War, and Reconstruction," which will be offered from June 27-July 1, 2016, and costs \$200.
- A three-day Teacher Institute, "The Old South and Slavery: Relevance for Today," which will be held July 27-29, 2016, and costs \$125.
- An overnight teacher focused Civil War Adventure Camp, which will be offered on October 1-2, 2016, for \$70.
- A "Teacher's Day Out" field trip, which will be held on November 5, 2016, for \$25.

For more information on these exciting and engaging programs and how to register, go to the [Teacher Institute](#) website page. Space is limited. All teacher programs are eligible for VDOE professional development points for license recertification. Certificates for hours completed will be issued to all participants.

Free Webinar from the Virginia Historical Society

This program will examine Richmond women immediately after the Civil War through the 1880s by looking at the letters, diaries, and artifacts they left behind. Designed to be either a classroom presentation, or a content building professional development program this webinar aligns with the state and national standards for grades 4 through 12, and the content would be appropriate for a general audience. The webinar will air on **May 11, at 2:30 EST**. Upon registration a link will be provided. Register at the following link: <http://goo.gl/forms/kynNG8qxdQ>

Virginia Historical Society's Teacher Institutes

The VHS currently offers three teachers institutes. Weinstein Properties Story of Virginia Teachers Institute is a week-long program that is offered twice each summer. The dates and subject of the E. Claiborne Robins, Jr., Teachers Institute and Primarily Virginia, the VHS on-line institute, vary from year to year. All institutes are open to private and public school teachers of any grade level. The VHS also offers teacher workshops using primary resources. Click [here](#) for more information.

Conferences

National Council for the Social Studies

NCSS 96th Annual Conference will be in **Washington, DC, Dec. 2-4, 2016** at the Washington Convention Center. This national conference with more than 4,000 attendees comes to DC every four years. Attend the conference to gain new ideas, resources, and skills in social studies education.

[Registration](#) opens in June.

In addition, organizers of the 2016 conference are seeking volunteers to help during the conference. In exchange for volunteering, participants receive a discount registration rate for the conference. The discount received directly correlates with the volunteer hours. Help is needed at beginning with preparations on Wednesday morning, November 30th and ending with closing on Sunday morning, December 4th. For more details about discounts and specific jobs, please contact Wesley Hedgepeth, wesleyhedgepeth@trinityes.org

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