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Social Studies Snapshots

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Tuckahoe students wait in anticipation for the start of their school's National Geographic Bee final competition.

Announcements & APS Opportunities

Geo Bee Season

It's that time of the year when schools across the nation hold their school level Geography Bee. Please be sure to tweet photos of your school Geo Bee with the handle @APSSocstudies so we can promote your students' success and excitement in our upcoming Vision newsletter.

Arlington House Opportunity

There is a very limited opportunity for Grade 4 classrooms to participate in an educational tour of Arlington House. The program is a 2 1/2-hour long on-site curriculum based program led by National Park Service staff. After in-class preparation, students will visit Arlington House and be immersed in the history of three groups of people who made Arlington home during its historic period: the Lee family; enslaved workers; and Union soldiers. The students will tour the site and participate in activities designed to enhance their understanding of the resource. Transportation funding is available. Please contact, diana.jordan@apsva.us, there are only a few spots available.

Read&Write Chrome Extension

Read & Write is a Google Chrome Web App that increases the accessibility of the text of documents in your Google Drive account. Here's a link

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/oBySl24GaKHVdSWR5R19uSGpCSUo> on how to install Read&Write on desktops and laptops. The iPad app has limited capabilities. After installing the app you will see a Read & Write tab appear at the top of your browser window whenever you have a document open in Google Drive. Clicking that Read & Write tab will open a menu of accessibility options. Here are two tutorials on getting started.

<https://www.texthelp.com/en-us/support/training/getting-started>

<https://www.texthelp.com/en-us/support/training/feature-videos>

Local Guest Speaker & Author Talk on Civil Rights – Nancy Silcox

Nancy Silcox is a retired librarian from Alexandria City Public Schools. She wrote a book about [Samuel Tucker](#), an African American lawyer from Alexandria who organized a sit-in to try to desegregate Alexandria libraries in 1939. The book is written at a 7th grade level and specifically targets the 7th grade SOLs. Her presentation, however, can work for any grade level. If you are interested in having her speak, you can contact her at nancynoyessilcoxbooks@gmail.com

Student Opportunities

- Academic WorldQuest Regional Qualifier – World Affairs Council
WorldQuest is a team game that tests competitors' knowledge of international affairs, geography, history, and culture. Register your team by February 1st, for information and study guides visit the [World Affairs Website](#).
- What does it mean to be a U.S. Citizen? – Essay contest by www.ncsc.org/contest
100 words or less, 1st prize is a \$100 Amazon gift card. Deadline: February 24, 2017.
- What does an impartial Judicial System mean to me? Essay contest by the Federal Bar Association. <http://www.fedbar.org/civicsessay> For middle (500 words or less) and high school (1,000 words or less) students. Deadline: January 23, 2017
- Essay Contest sponsored by the American Foreign Service Association.
Imagine you are a member of the Foreign Service, provide recommendations to address the refugee crisis facing the country in which you are posted.
www.afsa.org/essaycontest Deadline: March 15, 2017
- Video Contest – up to 60 seconds – about human population growth that highlights one of the following global challenges: Climate Change, Ocean Health, or Rapid Urbanization. www.worldof7billion.org Open to middle and high school students. Deadline: February 23, 2017.
- National Economics Challenge for high school student teams: <http://councilforeconed.org/national-economics-challenge/>
site also includes free resources, lesson plans, and interactive economics literacy quiz.
- Discovery Unsung Heroes in History sponsored by Lowell Milken Center
<https://lowellmilkencenter.org/> Applications due Feb. 1, 2017 entries due June 1, 2017.

Teacher Opportunities

- Teaching Ellie Wiesel's *Night* - Echoes and Reflections
Discover ways to prepare students to read and understand Ellie Wiesel's *Night* within the larger historical framework of the Holocaust and examine some of the moral and ethical questions raised in the memoir. [This free workshop offered by Echoes and Reflections](#) will be Saturday, March 4, 2017, from 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM at the Syphax Education Center Room 237. Register online <https://goo.gl/9Ru2gx>
- The Long Road from Brown: School Desegregation in Virginia:
<http://thelongroadfrombrownneh.weebly.com>
 - Teachers will interact with leading scholars in the field, visit historic sites and archives, and will discuss curricular and teaching techniques related to this subject.
 - Richmond, VA, July 9-14 OR July 23-28
 - Application deadline: Mar. 1
 - Participants will receive a \$1,200 NEH stipend to defray travel and related expenses
- Ford's Theatre Society www.fords.org education initiatives explore the leadership and legacy of Abraham Lincoln through performances and primary sources. They offer on-site school and teacher programs (summer institutes) and resources.
- Online U.S. History Course: Hidden in Plain Sight - Center for History and New Media (CHNM) at George Mason University - Spring 2017 - 45 Recertification Points <http://edchnm.gmu.edu/hidden>
The cost is \$60. Register by January 21, 2017: <http://edchnm.gmu.edu/hidden/recertification-course-registration>

Virginia Council on Economic Education

[Mini-Economy: Creating a Classroom Economics Experience](#): Project based learning at its best! Tap into the endless creativity of young students using a time-tested template that makes setting up your classroom economy simple. Jul 10, 2017 - Jul 12, 2017, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

[The Stock Market Game™: A multidisciplinary real-world learning simulation](#): Thinking of bringing the Stock Market Game™ to your 4th-12th grade class? This workshop helps make the most out of the experience – learning how to play the game as well as how to integrate this teaching tool into your existing classroom curriculum. Jan 17, 2017, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

[Middle School Economic and Civics Institute](#) - VCEE will host a FREE 8 week course that will result in teachers being recognized as VCEE Economics Certified Educators. Session topics are as follows –

- Economics is About Making Choices
- Why Do We Need an Economic System?
- How Our Economy Flows; Markets and Prices
- How Does Government Relate to the Economy?
- What is Globalization and How Does It Affect Me?
- Banks and the Federal Reserve System
- How the Economy Affects You Financially?

The class will meet on Wednesdays at a site to be determined from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM from February 8 to March 29, 2017. Interested teachers should sign up no later than **January 30th** on the [VCEE's website](#).

Rule of Law Project

The Virginia Law Foundation (VLF) and The Virginia Bar Association (VBA) will sponsor the seventh annual VLF/VBA Rule of Law Project (the Project) in fall 2016 and spring 2017. Begun as a pilot in 2009, the Project is an educational program taught by volunteer citizen lawyers and judges in Virginia, and is specifically designed to enhance teaching the rule of law to middle school civics students in public and private schools throughout the state. Schools in over 100 of Virginia's school divisions have already used this free, one-day educational program to help inform middle school students about the role of the rule of law as the foundation for our representative form of government and to provide them with information that will make them more active and engaged citizens.

Founders Fellowship Summer Programs

The Bill of Rights Institute is hosting two week-long seminars this summer in our nation's capital, focused on deep discussion with teachers, learning from scholars, and exploring national monuments. The seminars will each be centered on a specific topic. The first, which will take place July 10-14, 2017, will focus on [Manifest Destiny and Western Expansion](#). The second, which will take place July 24-28, 2017, will focus on the [First Amendment of the Constitution](#). The application process for both Founders Fellowship programs is now open, and is open to 7th-12th grade social studies teachers. [For application information click here.](#)

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