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## Social Studies Snapshots

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Barrett students play a card game to understand life in Virginia during Colonial times.

## Announcements

### Curriculum Work Opportunities

This summer, the Social Studies Office will be revising our K-12 curriculum to align with the new district curriculum template developed last year and to fully integrate the 2015 standards. Information about the details of the curriculum work will be included in the newsletter sent out from the Department of Teaching and Learning. We hope that many of our great teachers will sign up to work on this paid project.

### Summer School

The Social Studies Office is beginning to plan for summer school. We will be offering a four-week elementary Global Village Summit, three middle school courses, high school make-up and strengthening as well as new work for credit courses. We will continue to offer both blended and virtual courses. If you are interested in teaching summer school, sign-ups begin in February. Questions about our elementary program should be directed to Diana Jordan ([diana.jordan@apsva.us](mailto:diana.jordan@apsva.us)). Questions about our secondary programs should be sent to Cathy Hix ([cathy.his@apsva.us](mailto:cathy.his@apsva.us)).

## Resources

### DBQ Essay Resources now available.

Here are directions to [Essay Feedback](#) where students can send their essays directly to their teacher. Teachers can provide comments and feedback. Multiple drafts are possible within the DBQ Online system. Here are directions for [Sample Essays](#) where teachers can now assign sample essays to their classes. Each unit includes Non-Proficient, Basic Proficiency, and Higher Proficiency essays that students can review and annotate.

**Native Lands Interactive Map** - this link is to an interactive map for Native People territories, Languages, and Treaties of North American and Australia! Teachers can even "drill down" to specific treaty documents and details.

**Resources for Oral Histories from Diplomats** – this website by the Association of Diplomatic Studies and Training offers free lessons plans, oral histories and resources related to World History, including the Vietnam War, the Cuban Missile Crisis and the impact of [female code breakers from Arlington during World War II](#).

**All Sides.com** is a free news service focus major news stories as reported by conservative, liberal and centrist articles. There are various tools included to check media bias and for students to evaluate their own bias and see current issues for multiple perspectives.

## **Student & Teacher Opportunities**

### **More Than A Month: 3-part Online Film Series Celebrating Black History Month**

Together with ITVS, PBS Education is hosting a 3-part series of film screenings followed by panel discussions for classrooms around Black History Month. Viewers will be able to ask questions to producers and directors live through the OVEE online social screening platform, interacting in real time. Each panel discussion will be moderated by a student and teacher. **FREE but RSVP required, click here**

### **Writing to the Source Webinar**

Interested in using primary sources with the writing process to engage students in writing across the curriculum? Join teachers from around the country on **Thursday, February 15th from 1 -2 pm ET** in a discussion on how primary sources can be used to facilitate students' writing. Presenters will share strategies for writing instruction in K-8 classrooms that focuses on content area literacy and informational text. Limited Seating - [Register Now](#). Questions, contact [Barbara Kirby](#) or call 724-852-3388

### **Learning to Look Summer Teacher Institute**

Integrate portraiture into your classroom and connect your students with history, biography, visual art and more. June 25–29, 2018 | July 9–13, 2018 K-12 teachers may apply as individuals or as part of a team. Priority will be given to those who teach social studies, English language arts and visual arts. Please direct inquiries to [npgeducation@si.edu](mailto:npgeducation@si.edu) or 202-633-8503. The [applications](#) are being accepted until **April 10, 2018**.

### **Understanding Global Change Workshop – Free Workshop for Secondary School Teachers**

Sponsored by the National Geographic Society, this workshop Dr. Jessica Bean from UCMP will share materials created by the UC Museum of Paleontology at UC Berkeley to guide the design of interdisciplinary global change curricula. Additionally, National Geographic will introduce the National Geographic Learning Framework, which supports educators to teach students about the world, empowering them to succeed and make it a better place. The **workshop will be Saturday, January 27, 9:00-4:00** at the National Geographic Society 1145 17<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington DC 20036. Seats limited, [register online here](#).

### **2018 Fulbright-Hays Seminary Abroad Program – Ecuador, India, and Poland**

The Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad Program provides short-term summer seminars abroad for U.S. educators in the social sciences and humanities to improve their understanding and knowledge of the peoples and cultures of other countries. Each seminar features educational lectures and activities specifically designed for the group, including visits to local schools and organizations, meetings with teachers and students, and visits to cultural sites. Participants draw on their experiences during the program to create new curricula for their classrooms and school systems back in the U.S. In 2018, three summer programs will be offered to Ecuador, India, and Poland. A total of 48 awards are available (sixteen per program) at the elementary and middle school, high school, and postsecondary educator levels. The program covers airfare, room and board, and program costs. Teacher participants are responsible for a cost-share of \$600. Now accepting applications! **Deadline to apply: February 2, 2018.**

### **K-5 Economics and Personal Finance Online**

This six-week course is a great opportunity to deepen understanding of K-5 economic and personal finance concepts in Virginia's SOL while enhancing your own personal finance knowledge. See [VCEE](#) for information about the models and registration.

### **Spring Stock Market Game**

This game helps educators teach math, social studies, business and economics while focusing on the importance of saving and investing. The Spring semester for 4th-12th graders begins February 5. [Register](#) your team today!

### **North TIER Online Professional Development Offerings**

North TIER runs online professional development courses created for Virginia educators by Virginia educators. Registration for the spring session is now open and continues through **February 2**, with spring courses beginning on **February 15th**. Courses cost \$55/member and \$100/non-member for 30 recertification hours. Optional graduate credit is offered through Colorado State University. Additional information may be found at [North TIER](#).

### **Week-Long Summer Teacher Program – Ford’s Theater**

**Civil War Washington Program:** Explore the nation’s capital as President Lincoln would have known it during the Civil War, in this week-long summer teacher program for 3rd- through 12th-grade teachers. The **Seat of War and Peace Program:** Examine how the Civil War and Reconstruction have been remembered across time through the study of our nation’s capital’s monuments and memorials, in this week-long summer teacher program for 3rd- through 12th grade teachers. Application **deadline is April 2, 2018**. Mary Beth Donnelly from Swanson participated in this program multiple years and is glad to answer questions.

*The following Google Doc link*

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yDZOvUcjJQQJL8aF6PT\\_ajKTwDQ5TTiNvIXgCxXOLFc/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yDZOvUcjJQQJL8aF6PT_ajKTwDQ5TTiNvIXgCxXOLFc/edit) provides all summer programs/professional development opportunities that are still available to apply for. Typically, we announce and keep an opportunity in Social Studies Snapshots for two editions. You can also find older editions of Social Studies Snapshots available on the APS Social Studies website ([linked here](#)).

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