



*Swanson students participate in a mock trial at the Arlington Court House as part of their middle school court tour program. They also engaged in q-and-a discussions with judges, attorneys and court staff as they learned about the VA Judicial System. See below to schedule a tour for your class.*

## 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. Details about the curriculum work and a [sign up link](#) are in the recent Department of Teaching and Learning newsletter. We hope that many of our great teachers will sign up to work on this project.

### Summer School Positions Open

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, applications are on the [APS Website](#). 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.hix@apsva.us](mailto:cathy.hix@apsva.us)).

**DBQ Training** will be held March 1<sup>st</sup> for secondary teachers. Interested teachers should see their social studies lead teacher to sign up.

## Resources

### Google Read&Write Extension for Chrome Browser

Google's Read&Write literacy software makes the web, documents, and files more accessible— any time, any place, and on any device. From reading on-screen text aloud, to text translation, to highlighting, to annotating, to research, this tool makes everyday tasks related to reading and writing a bit easier. The ATSS Office purchased a district license, so if you think your students might benefit from this software extension, click [here](#) for installation directions.



### This Month's Issue of Library of Congress Magazine

Articles include stories on finding your roots, celebrating Frederick Douglass' birthday and hearing the voices of slavery. The Library of Congress and the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture acquired an album last year which includes what is believed to be the earliest photo of Harriet Tubman and the only known photo of John Sillis Menard, the first African-American elected to Congress. Ulysses Grant appears in the Library of Congress magazine - both a hero of the fight to free enslaved persons but also in a Valentine's Day article focusing on his love letters to his wife Julia.

### Resources for teaching Black History

National Geographic Education <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/topics/black-history-month/>

[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

### ARLINGTON COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL COURT TOUR PROGRAM 2017-2018

The Arlington County Bar Association Young Lawyers Section invites teachers to consider a field trip to the Arlington County Courthouse to enhance the curriculum educating students about the civil and criminal judicial system. As we guide your students throughout the Courthouse, they will have the opportunity to: observe real-life trials; engage in question-and-answer discussions with judges, attorneys, and court staff; and participate in their own mock trial. The program is flexible to accommodate your needs. Click here for [flyer](#) and [teacher handbook](#). Please contact Gina Marine, Court Tour Coordinator, to reserve space and/or for more information. 703-395-5079, [ginamarine@gmail.com](mailto:ginamarine@gmail.com)

### Echoes & Reflections: Teaching the Holocaust & Inspiring Students

This program will prepare teachers to initiate the important discussions and respond to the toughest questions your students have about the Holocaust. The why. The how.

Thursday, March 8, 2018, 5-8:30pm Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia. Register at [www.jccnv.org](http://www.jccnv.org) or click [here](#). Code: 9162

### Teacher Workshop -A Closer Look: Arts of Japan Educator Workshop

Saturday, March 10, 2018, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm, Freer Conference Room in the Sackler Museum

Learn how Japan's philosophies and religions influenced its artwork, and view ceramics, screens, sculptures, and more. Plus, make a work of art inspired by Japanese screens with teaching artist [Sushmita Mazumdar](#), and leave with print and digital resources for your classroom. Open to all educators, especially visual arts and social studies teachers. Free [registration](#) is required by March 5, 2018. Space is limited.

### NEH Summer Seminar

consider applying for the 2018 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar for K12 teachers on the Spanish Influenza, which will take place **July 8-28, 2018** on the Virginia Tech campus in Blacksburg and at research sites in Washington DC including the National Library of Medicine, the Library of Congress, and the National Archives. **The application deadline is March 1, 2018.** More information about the summer seminar for school teachers, including a schedule, a list of visiting scholars, and detailed guidelines related to eligibility, the \$2,700 stipend, and application procedures is available from the [seminar website](#).

**EDCampNoVA:** April 21, 2018 from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Irving Middle School-8100 Old Keene Mill Rd, Springfield, VA 22152. EdCamps are FREE, your-choice PD events where educators come to learn together from each other. Each session is planned in the morning, based on suggestions from those who come to the event. No session is led by any one person, instead it is a conversation between all participants- some experts, some newbies. Register using this link: <https://edcampnova.org/register/> Please contact EdCamp NoVA with any questions: [edcampnova@gmail.com](mailto:edcampnova@gmail.com)

### **Civil War Trust Annual Teacher Institute**

**July 12-15, 2018, Radisson Hotel Valley Forge, King of Prussia, PA**

The annual National Teacher Institute brings together educators from all over the world. This four-day event includes workshops, lectures, and tours from some of the leading experts in the history and education fields. Educators will be immersed in a friendly, fun, and engaging learning environment, where they will be able to network with other educators while learning new and innovative teaching methods. This event is free but does require a \$100, refundable, deposit be placed to reserve your spot. At the conclusion of the event, educators can apply for continuing education credits, provided by Virginia Tech University.

### **Oliver Hill/Samuel Tucker Pre-Law Institute for High School Students**

**July 08 - 13, 2018, University of Richmond, Richmond, VA**

For one week, high school students are introduced to the legal profession by living on a college campus and attending a number of mock classes (complete with overnight reading assignments) and seminars on career opportunities in the law, test taking strategies, and the college admissions process. The students meet with law school professors, judges, guest lecturers, and state and local bar association members. The students participate in other programs geared to developing them as all-round professional individuals, such as a networking social, and an etiquette dinner. At the end of the week, the students participate in a mock trial based on pre-written trial materials used in national trial competitions. The Institute culminates in a graduation banquet where a prominent minority member of the bar is the featured speaker.

[2018 Oliver Hill/Samuel Pre-Law Institute Application \(pdf\)](#) due April 1, 2018

### **Teacher Seminars at James Madison's Montpelier**

The Center for the Constitution at James Madison's Montpelier offers immersive 3-day Seminars for K-12 educators throughout the calendar year. Seminar participants engage in interactive lectures and discussions as well as tours of the Montpelier mansion and grounds. Seminars are taught at a graduate level by leading constitutional experts. Full scholarships for Virginia teachers cover accommodations, meals, seminar materials, recertification points, and a 1-year membership to Montpelier. Further, our school year programs are scheduled Friday evening to Sunday afternoon to limit the need for substitute teachers.

Upcoming seminars:

- Sex, Drugs & Rock n' Roll: "Vice" and the Constitution - March 9-11, 2018
- Constitutional Referendums: Theory, Design and Application - March 16-18, 2018
- Freedom of the Press and Constitutional Issues in Modern Media - April 13-15, 2018

Details about each seminar, including bios on guest scholars and application links, can be found on the website: [www.montpelier.org/center](http://www.montpelier.org/center). Applications require no essay; they are accepting teachers on a first-come basis.

### **Teaching with WWI-Related Primary Sources – Library of Congress**

This spring, the Library of Congress will host two free, one-day workshops for K-12 educators interested in incorporating WWI-related primary sources into their classroom instruction.

In each session, Library of Congress education specialists will model a variety of strategies for using primary sources to engage students, build critical thinking skills, and construct knowledge. Through a series of inquiry-based classroom activities, participants will work with historic photographs, prints, manuscripts, maps, multimedia, and other resources from the Library's collections. All of these items are digitized and freely available online for teachers to use with their students after the session. Certificates are available for teachers completing the workshop. Sessions are Tuesday, March 27, 2018, and Thursday, April 5, 2018. Each session will run from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm; building opens at 8:30 am. at Library of Congress;

Washington, D.C. [Register online here!](#) Apply now, as space is limited. Questions? Please contact [teachinglcsummer@loc.gov](mailto:teachinglcsummer@loc.gov)

## **Fulbright Teachers for Global Classrooms (Fulbright TGC) Program**

The Fulbright TGC program is a professional development fellowship for elementary, middle, and high school teachers from the United States to participate in a program aimed at globalizing U.S. classrooms. The fellowship includes an online professional development course, a Global Education Symposium held in Washington, D.C., and a two to three-week international field experience. Applications open in December 2017 and will be due in March.

## **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](#).

## **Conferences**

### Call for Proposals for Virginia Conference for Social Studies Educators Conference

November 2-3, 2018

Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center

The theme of this year's conference is "Harmonizing the Human Experience." The Virginia Council for the Social Studies is seeking proposals that incorporate this theme into engaging and thought provoking presentations for educators at all levels. Interpretations of the theme might include:

- How can we weave the humanities and arts into our social studies instruction?
- How do we guide students to see history through multiple perspectives?
- How do we support and enrich learners at all levels with unique strengths and needs?
- How are we integrating social studies into other content areas?
- How do we teach both skills and content in a harmonious way?

The length of each session is 50 minutes. Proposals are due by April 21, 2018.

*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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