

Resources/Websites For the Social Studies Classroom

The following list of websites has primary sources and lessons that can be easily used in the classroom.

Project T.A.H.O.E: www.projecttahoe.org

This website has lessons that have been written by teachers in Northern Nevada in conjunction with the Northern Nevada Teaching American History Project. Many of these lessons meet common core standards.

Edmodo: www.edmodo.com (“WCSD Close Reading Examples” and “WCSD Common Core SS Units”)

This website offers a variety of close reads that were created by a cohort of teachers in Northern Nevada. There are close reads for grades 6-12.

Reading Like a Historian: <http://sheg.stanford.edu/rlh>

The Stanford History Education group has created lessons that are ready to go and that teach students how to read and analyze primary sources. A variety of common core instructional strategies are used in the lessons.

Beyond the Bubble: beyondthebubble.stanford.edu

The Stanford History Education Group has created assessments that use primary source analysis.

The Authentic History Center: www.authentichistory.com

Primary sources from American popular culture can be found here. These include images, artifacts, songs, and sound recordings.

Eyewitness to History: www.eyewitnesstohistory.com

This website has eyewitness accounts of events in history.

PBS Online: www.pbslearningmedia.org

This website has a variety of multimedia sources that can be used in lessons.

Smithsonian Education: <http://smithsonianeducation.org>

Resources from the Smithsonian Museums are available here. They also have on-line lessons with some of their current exhibits.

EDSITEment: The Best of the Humanities on the web: edsitement.neh.gov

This website has resources and lesson plans on a variety of topics.

Digital History: Using new technologies to enhance teaching and research: www.digitalhistory.uh.edu

This website has primary sources, an online textbook, extensive reference resources, and interactive materials.

History Matters: <http://historymatters.com>

This website has web resources and other useful material for teaching American History.

Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History: www.gilderlehrman.org

This website has primary sources and other educational resources for teachers.

The National Archives (NARA): <http://www.archives.gov/education>

The National Archives has a variety of resources.

The Library of Congress (LOC): <http://www.loc.gov>

The Library of Congress has a wide variety of resources and lessons.

Zinn Education Project: Teaching a People's History: <http://zinnedproject.org>

A variety of teaching activities, lessons and resources are available.

Harper's Weekly: www.harpweek.com

This website has a large collection of political cartoons that were published in Harper's Weekly.

Historic Documents: <http://www.ushistory.org/documents/index.html>

This website has a list of historical documents in text form.

History: <http://www.history.com>

This website has speeches and audio files that can be used in the classroom.

NBC Learn: <http://www.nbclearn.com/finishingthedream>

A great collection of original film footage from NBC news reports. Finishing the Dream offers footage about the Civil Rights movement.

Pros and Cons of Controversial Issues: <http://www.procon.org>

This website is great if a controversial issue is being studied. It offers the pros and cons of the issue.

Oyez: <http://www.oyez.org>

This is a great website if Supreme Court cases are being studied.

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum: <http://www.ushmm.org>

This website has a variety of lessons and resources that can be used to teach about the Holocaust.