

Social Studies PLC Eblast

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Hello Everyone!

June is Immigrant Heritage Month. Established in June 2014, it gives people across the United States an opportunity to annually explore their own heritage and celebrate the shared diversity that forms the unique story of America. It celebrates immigrants across the United States and their contributions to their local communities and economy.

The [New York Public Library's site](#) for Immigrant Heritage Month is dated 2020, but the resources are still available.

*****American Immigration History*****

Gilder Lehrman is offering this course taught by Professor Madeline Y. Hsu. [Click here](#) learn more how this course explores how to better understand how immigration functions as a core aspect of US national identity.

*****American Indian Case Studies*****

Because of the popularity of *American Indian History: Recasting the Narrative*, Gilder Lehrman is pleased to announce a second 2021 teacher seminar on the topic of American Indian History! Join the Gilder Lehrman Institute and Dartmouth historian Colin Calloway for [American Indian History: Case Studies](#), a Teacher Seminar on offer August 2-5.

*****Change Makers in the Civil Rights Era*****

Check out these [short animated videos](#) with accompanying teachers guides from iCivics on some civil rights advocates you may not be aware of, but had profound impacts on the movement.

*****Holocaust Education*****

Holocaust education is an important yet challenging topic for many school districts. As part of a new initiative to assist you in strengthening your district's approach to this complex history, [Echoes & Reflections](#) offers tailored services to help your district develop a district-wide approach to Holocaust education or strengthen your existing curriculum. Echoes & Reflections can provide customized packaging of multimedia resources for Holocaust education and training to support their use. These services are offered FREE to school districts throughout the United States. Visit their [website](#) or contact Echoes & Reflections' Curriculum & Instruction Specialist, Jennifer L. Goss, M.A., NBCT, at (540) 487-1287.

*****OER Conference for Social Studies*****

A free, online social studies conference for K-12 brought to you by the OER Project. Join thousands of educators online August 3-5, 2021 to discuss how our world has changed and the impact on teaching practices as we reenter the classroom. They will explore what history can tell

us about this moment, how our view of citizenship has shifted, and what teachers should consider as they shift their practice to meet the challenge. The virtual event includes three keynote sessions, eight live discussions, and close to 70 Track Talks from K-12 educators on key social studies topics. You will leave this conference with fresh ideas you can integrate into your teaching practice this fall, and a community of support to help. [Learn more and register](#) on their website.

*****Presidential Primary Sources Project*****

[The Presidential Primary Sources Project](#) is teaming up with the Truman and Clinton Presidential Libraries to host free professional development workshops for teachers this summer. The Intersections of Injustice Institute workshop will take place June 21-25, 2021, and the Presidents and the Constitutions workshop will take place from July 12-16, 2021. These two professional development opportunities will present teachers with tools and primary sources to help them navigate historical themes in their curriculum. [Learn more and register](#) on their website.

*****Smithsonian Summer Sessions for Teachers! - Interrogating the Stories We Tell*****

Teachers, join the Smithsonian this summer for an exploration of identity through the lens of six Smithsonian collections! Register for one of their free five-day summer sessions and join an online community of educators across the country. You'll discover how museum objects and works of art can broaden perspectives, reveal silenced stories, and make relevant connections to our world today.

Museum educators will explore connections among their collections and model teaching strategies that participants can implement with their students, whether online or in the classroom. You will be introduced to the Smithsonian Learning Lab, a free, online platform for accessing digital museum resources and creating interactive learning experiences with them. Participants will discover how to teach with museum resources to engage students in deeper thinking and support content learning across disciplines. Over the course of the week, you will gain workshop ideas with this new network of colleagues to create a learning experience for your classroom.

Register Now for Summer Sessions!

[June 28–July 2 Summer Session](#)

[July 12–16 Summer Session](#)

*****America and the World ebook from National Archives*****

America and the World presents 63 political cartoons by Clifford K. Berryman that invite students to discuss American foreign policy from the Spanish American War to the start of World War II. Berryman was a remarkably creative artist who published a cartoon almost every day for more than 50 years. From 1896 to 1949, his cartoons were featured on the front pages of leading Washington, DC, daily newspapers — first the *Washington Post* and then *The Evening Star*. [This eBook](#) presents a selection of cartoons that show Berryman's insight into the people, institutions, issues, and events that shaped an important era of American history.

Summer Civics Workshops:

- The Cold War in Political Cartoons, 1946 – 1963 (June 17 at 9:00am CST) Learn how you can engage your students in analyzing political cartoons from the Cold War Era and to understand the relationship of the United States to the world in this era of fundamental changes in foreign policy.

- America and the World: Foreign Affairs in Political Cartoons, 1898-1940 (June 23 @ 9:00am CST
Learn how you can engage students in analyzing political cartoons drawn by Clifford K. Berryman between 1898 and 1948 to deepen their learning about topics and major events in U.S. foreign policy.

[Register here!](#)

*****Current Events with the Right Question Institute*****

[Visit RQI](#) for resources to help with the instruction of current events.

*****2021 PCSS Youth Court Seminar*****

The Pennsylvania Council for Social Studies recently held their 2021 Youth Court Seminar, highlighting the process of restorative justice in Pennsylvania schools across the Commonwealth. You can view the recorded seminar [here](#).

*****Investing in Civic Education and Our Democracy*****

"A healthy democracy requires citizens who have the skills and knowledge to participate fully in the democratic process." [View a discussion](#) about investing in young people and the role of civic education in cultivating a new generation of empowered citizens.

*****National History Day. Communication in History: The Key to Understanding*****

The theme this year for National History Day was "Communication in History: The Key to Understanding." Students were asked to create a documentary on how communication impacted history. If you have time (each one is 10 minutes), check out a few of these outstanding submissions from our Pennsylvania students.

- [Deaf People Can Do Anything but Hear](#)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DM900VRAs74> V-Mail during WW2
- [The Associated Press: The First Centralization of Fact-Based News](#)
- ["Knowledge is Power!": How Schoolhouse Rock! Has Helped Generations of Children to Retain Learning through Animation and Music](#)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Uk3tHA-rpk> Stamping History: The Impact of the Printing Press on Communication
- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1b1ir2FEtKbH8Bkxcr-nGoCu6kpidwIRn/view> The 1918 Flu: How Communication Can Slow or Spread a Pandemic
- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nKi5SxOnJ-2DjtcDmYbSguqNwljYq0p0/view> Yuri Levitan: The Voice of an Era
- [32 Down, 1 to Go](#)

- [“And that’s the way it is”: How Walter Cronkite Exposed the Reality of the Vietnam War](#)
 - ["Bring A Folding Chair": Shirley Chisholm's Groundbreaking Presidential Campaign](#)
 - [The Nazi Regime: How Controlled Communication Led to a Lack of Understanding](#)
 - [New York Times vs. United States](#)
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