

Social Studies Resources

The Social Studies Education resources listed below are instructional and can be utilized directly with students while others are designed to assist teachers in preparing for delivering instruction. Links may lead to additional lists of resources curated by professionals in the field.

If you have any questions about these or other resources, contact David Deitz at c-odeitz@pa.gov.

Preparing to Teach Online General Links for Educators

[Preparing to Teach Online](#)

Move from “[overwhelm to confidence](#)” in teaching online. In addition to free arts and arts integration resources, the guidebook “[Teaching Online](#)” addresses systems and setup, tools to consider, and best practices for teaching online.

[Resources for Teaching Online Due to School Closures](#)

Here’s a blogpost with easy-to-understand procedures and accompanying sources to help teachers get started with online learning.

[How to Teach Virtually...in Under 30 minutes](#)

This YouTube video provides helpful suggestions to persons new to online teaching.

[Teach from Home](#)

A well-organized step-by-step guide of practical ideas and tools.

[How to make videos, screen recordings in less than 6 minutes](#)

The title says it all!

[Teaching Effectively During Times of Disruption](#)

This document offers suggestions regarding online tools and teaching style options for shifting to online instruction.

[How to Get a Free Zoom Account](#)

It’s easy to videoconference with your students through [Zoom](#), and right now accounts are free. There are many [videos](#) you can use to [learn how to use Zoom](#).

[Canvas](#)

This free online learning platform features a variety of course management tools, including videoconferencing, resource sharing and mobile apps for students.

General Information for Social Studies Educators

[Ohio Council for the Social Studies](#)

Links to sites that offer free online resources for Economics, Financial Literacy, History, Government & Civics, and Geography.

Curriculum Resources for Social Studies Educators

[My Workspace](#)

Click on the “All Standards” drop-down menu to find resources and materials in World History/American History that can be transmitted online to students.

[Virtual Teaching Resource for Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights Education](#)

Lesson ideas and links aligned to the PBS documentary “A Wing and a Prayer.”

[Civics 101](#)

This site provide free online educational tools to teach PA students about the operations of state government. Resources include [Teacher Tools and Guides](#) that short informative videos.

[National Archives](#)

Standards-based, primary source-based lesson plans and [online access](#) to primary source documents. Online [professional development](#) is also available.

[12 Story Library](#)

Free eBooks and lesson plans on a wide variety of social studies topics are available to teachers and students.

[Academy 4SC](#)

Short videos and discussions that provide an accessible interdisciplinary civics education.

[American Archive of Public Broadcasting](#)

Discover historic programs of public funded radio and television across America.

[American Panorama](#)

American History as seen through digital maps.

[Angel Island Immigrant Journeys](#)

Curriculum guides and materials for grades 3-12 to support learning about immigration experiences.

[Virtual Field Trips](#)

Topic-based interactive site of world locations great and small.

[Big History Project](#)

A free, online social studies course that emphasizes skill development. Teachers create a “class” and invite students to join and access these world history materials.

[C-Span Classroom](#)

Free video-based materials for social studies teachers, including lesson plans, video links and “bell-ringers.”

[Civics 101: a Podcast](#)

In addition to podcasts, the educator resources include aligned [graphic organizers](#) and “[learn at home](#)” lessons.

[Curriki](#)

Online activities units, lessons and video resources organized as curriculum units.

[Discover the World Education](#)

Interactive geography education site.

[Econ Ed](#)

Online lessons and activities for learning economics standards, grades K-12.

[Help Teaching](#)

Online self-paced social studies lessons grades 3-10.

[iCivics](#)

iCivics offers a [remote learning toolkit](#) that features games, blogs, lesson plans and webquests.

[inquireED](#)

Daily 20 minute inquiry-based online social studies lessons for elementary and middle level students.

[Rise Up! An American Curriculum](#)

linquiry-designed lesson plans based on themes from the musical “Hamilton.”

[GeoHistory Map](#)

History lessons for all ages using GoogleMaps. Includes quizzes, videos and weblinks.

Limited Time Free Curriculum Resources for Social Studies Educators

[The Center for Civic Education](#)

Resources found here support civics learning for upper elementary and secondary students. Three [ebooks are available for free](#) until June 30.

[Active History](#)

Interactive online computer history simulations that permit students to work at their own pace. One month free trial.