**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.

**Preparing to Teach Online**

**General Links for Educators**

[Preparing to Teach Online](https://educationcloset.com/teaching-online/)

Move from “[overwhelm to confidence](https://s3.amazonaws.com/EducationCloset/overwhelm%2Binfographic.pdf)” in teaching online. In addition to free arts and arts integration resources, the guidebook “[Teaching Online](https://educationcloset.com/teaching-online/)” addresses systems and setup, tools to consider, and best practices for teaching online.

[Resources for Teaching Online Due to School Closures](https://www.theedublogger.com/teaching-online-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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lyI3uZ5Y6N0&feature=youtu.be)

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

[Teach from Home](https://teachfromhome.google/intl/en/?utm_source=hpp&utm_medium=owned&utm_campaign=q120_us_edu_hpp)

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

[How to make videos, screen recordings in less than 6 minutes](https://youtu.be/OqpuFFAWYhk)

The title says it all!

[Teaching Effectively During Times of Disruption](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ccsudB2vwZ_GJYoKlFzGbtnmftGcXwCIwxzf-jkkoCU/mobilebasic?fbclid=IwAR33SuXRyBW4cC2XUqdX--7GX61X2kO3iorO_xEUaUp4TQ4YJ4uSL2vIzPg#heading=h.nvtunalrrj5)

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

[How to Get a Free Zoom Account](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MN9VO86Z2zI&feature=youtu.be)

It’s easy to videoconference with your students through [Zoom](https://zoom.us/), and right now accounts are free. There are many [videos](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fMUxzrgZvZQ&fbclid=IwAR1bbZWamElIEdisvZ6OChbBF4cv9gO9A7uiCcVpt9B7iwjEDqWQUgop5jQ&app=desktop) you can use to [learn how to use Zoom](https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206618765-Zoom-Video-Tutorials).

[Canvas](https://www.instructure.com/canvas/try-canvas)

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

[kialo](https://www.kialo-edu.com/)

Create discussion for your students, where they can put their knowledge into practice, develop their own views on classroom content, and consolidate what they’ve learned.

[edpuzzle](https://edpuzzle.com/)

Introduce students to self-paced learning with interactive video lessons from YouTube, Khan Academy, Crash Course, or record and upload your own video.

[Slidesmania](https://slidesmania.com/)

Free templates and how-tos fpr Google Slides and PowerPoint presentations.

[Quizizz](https://quizizz.com/)

Free tools to teach and learn anything, on any device, in person or remotely.

[Quizlet](https://quizlet.com/)

A variety of tools (flashcards, games, diagrams and study guides) designed for a variety of social studies content areas.

[Kahoot](https://kahoot.com/)

Create learning games from scratch or through editable templates.

[Teacher Made](https://teachermade.com/)

Convert all of your paper assignment, handouts, worksheets, etc. into digital activities that can be delivered online.

**General Information for Social Studies Educators**

[Ohio Council for the Social Studies](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ycHUHA-8bUR8TRH9XAMV4j1RRMlf4fmp/view)

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

[Social Studies Collaborative Drive](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1XYv0piDPwygawHDLCfYtkWrFz8dzonGwPo59gr5E2kE/edit#slide=id.g7172c9fc07_0_97)

This is a collaborative drive of over 900 social studies teachers from across the nation.

**Curriculum Resources for Social Studies Educators**

[My Workspace](https://read.activelylearn.com/#teacher/catalog)

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](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nucgv_RiYOZ5EczqCFNpoaghNCib0KksuoaKSj6eUm4/edit)

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

[Civics 101](https://pcntv.com/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](https://pcntv.com/civics-101-supplies/) that short informative videos.

[National Archives](https://www.archives.gov/education/lessons)

Standards-based, primary source-based lesson plans and [online access](https://www.docsteach.org/) to primary source documents. Online [professional development](https://www.archives.gov/education/professional-development) is also available.

[12 Story Library](https://www.12storylibrary.com/)

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

[Academy 4SC](https://academy4sc.org/)

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

[American Archive of Public Broadcasting](https://americanarchive.org/)

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

[American Panorama](https://dsl.richmond.edu/panorama/)

American History as seen through digital maps.

[Angel Island Immigrant Journeys](https://www.aiisf.org/curriculum)

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

[Virtual Field Trips](https://vft.asu.edu/)

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

[C-Span Classroom](https://www.c-span.org/classroom/)

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

[Civics 101: a Podcast](https://www.civics101podcast.org/info)

In addition to podcasts, the educator resources include aligned [graphic organizers](https://www.civics101podcast.org/graphicorganizers) and “[learn at home](https://www.civics101podcast.org/learnathome)” lessons.

[Curriki](http://www.curriki.org/)

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

[Discover the World Education](https://www.discover-the-world.com/study-trips/classroom-resources/)

Interactive geography education site.

[Econ Ed](https://www.stlouisfed.org/education)

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

[Help Teaching](https://www.helpteaching.com/self-paced-social-studies-lessons.htm)

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

[iCivics](http://icivics.org/)

iCivics offers a [remote learning toolkit](https://www.icivics.org/toolkit) that features games, blogs, lesson plans and webquests.

[inquireED](https://www.inquired.org/distancelearning)

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

[Rise Up! An American Curriculum](https://www.riseupcurriculum.org/)

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

[GeoHistory Map](https://www.geohistorymap.com/)

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

[Allsides](https://www.allsides.com/unbiased-balanced-news)

News of the day presented from the left, the center and the right.

[The Political Compass](https://www.politicalcompass.org/)

Features enable user to compare the politics of different countries and political figures past and present.

[iSideWith](https://www.isidewith.com/)

Study and examine how your beliefs align with potential candidates at federal, state and local levels.

[Stanford History Education Group (SHEG)](https://sheg.stanford.edu/)

Free history lessons, assessments and curriculum.

[Interactive Constitution](https://constitutioncenter.org/interactive-constitution)

Learn about the text, history, and meaning of the US Constitution from leading scholars of diverse legal and philosophical perspectives. Site provided by the Constitution Center.

[Writing Rights/Rights Around the World](http://constitutionalrights.constitutioncenter.org/app/)

Explore documents and ideas that influence rights in the USA and around the world. Available on a mobile app.

[Bill of Rights Institute](https://billofrightsinstitute.org/)

Provides the tools students need and pedagogical resources teachers need to learn about current events and understand history in the context of preparing students to be problem solvers of tomorrow.

[Documents of Freedom](https://www.docsoffreedom.org/explore)

Free search tool for primary-sourced focused resources designed to support teacher lesson plans.

[Life, Liberty, & the Pursuit of Happiness](https://billofrightsinstitute.org/educate/educator-resources/free-us-history-resource/)

A free online US History resource for high school students that aligns with AP standards.

**Limited Time Free Curriculum Resources for Social Studies Educators**

[Active History](https://www.activehistory.co.uk/)

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