



Great Links for Social Studies Educators

Digital History Reader www.dhr.history.vt.edu

The Digital History Reader project is housed in the Department of History at Virginia Tech. The project is made up of two components: "United States History," which provides materials covering important themes and issues in United States history from the colonial era to the present, and "Modern Europe in a Global Context," which provides materials exploring links between European and world history in the late nineteenth and twentieth century.

Documenting the American South <http://docsouth.unc.edu>

This site is part of a digital publishing initiative at the University of North Carolina that provides Internet access to texts, images, and audio files related to southern history, literature, and culture. Currently DocSouth includes ten thematic collections of books, diaries, posters, artifacts, letters, oral history interviews, and songs.

Do History dohistory.org

"Do History" allows a student to piece together elements of the past to form an understanding of what happened in the life of a New England midwife, Martha Ballard. Additionally, the site allows students to form an understanding of the complexity of history and how no one interpretation of an historical event exists.

Fredricksburg.com www.fredericksburg.com/CivilWar/Teaching/Education

A great Civil War website containing content, primary source and artifact-based games, maps, puzzles, and much more.

Georgia Digital History Project <http://msit.gsu.edu/dhr>

Created and maintained by Professor John K. Lee at Georgia State University, this site offers pedagogical and historical resources for social studies and history teachers and students.

H.S.I.: Historical Scene Investigations www.wm.edu/hsi

This project is an attempt to bridge the potential of web-based digital resources with an instructional model to facilitate their use in K-12 classroom. The HSI project was designed for social studies teachers who need a strong pedagogical mechanism for bringing primary sources into their classroom - to launch a primary source investigation/interpretation activity. A highly interactive site that features student and teachers options.

History Scene Investigations by PBS <http://pbskids.org/historydetectives/games/hsi>

Visit this interactive website and become a History Detective!

Historical Inquiry Project (SCIM-C Process) www.historicalinquiry.com

Teaching students to engage in the doing of history involves a shift from an emphasis on a 'story well told' (or, the story as told in the textbook), to an emphasis on 'sources well scrutinized', where students pose questions, collect and analyze sources, struggle with issues of significance, and ultimately build their own historical interpretation. The focus of this project is to address this emphasis and begin bridging the gap between research and practice in terms of preparing teachers and students to engage in the doing of history. View the demonstrations and check out all of the great links.

History Matters: U.S. Survey Course on the Web historymatters.gmu.edu

Designed for high school and college teachers and students, History Matters serves as a gateway to web resources and offers other useful materials for teaching U.S. history.

History News Network hnn.us/articles/20883.html

Join GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY'S HISTORY NEWS NETWORK and receive weekly "Breaking News" emails with great historical updates and information relevant to the topics you cover in class. To subscribe to this newsletter, click on the link.

History Now www.historynow.org

Visit the *History Now* website, a quarterly journal of American History online.

Law Focused Education, Inc. (State Bar of Texas) www.texasre.org

Visit this site for great, interactive TEKS-based games, lessons, puzzles for social studies teachers. Looking for high quality training that provides GT credit and loads of take-away resources? Visit the LFEI website.

Old Red Museum of Dallas County History & Culture
www.region10.org/socialstudies/target/oldredresources

Organization of American Historians www.oah.org/teaching

This site provides links to and information about OAH publications, resources, and activities for teachers of history.

Presidential Library Interactive Timeline www.presidentialtimeline.org

The Presidential Timeline provides a single point of access to an ever-growing selection of digitized assets from the collections of the twelve Presidential Libraries of the National Archives. Among these assets you'll find documents, photographs, audio recordings, and video relating to the events of the presidents' lives. The goal of the project is to make these resources readily and freely available to students, educators, and adult learners throughout the world.

Texas History Resources

Texas Tides <http://tides.sfasu.edu/Pre/index.php?culture=0&chrono=1&index=1>

Texas Beyond History www.texasbeyondhistory.net

TSHA Lone Star Links www.tshaonline.com/lshl/texhisdocs.html

Portal to Texas History <http://texashistory.unt.edu/young/educators/lessonplana.shtml>

Avalon Project - Yale Law School www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/texmenu.htm

History of the Lone Star State www.teacheroz.com/Texas_History.htm

Texas History Web Guide <http://kclibrary.nhmccd.edu/texashistory.html>

Study of the Spanish Speaking People of Texas (UT) www.cah.utexas.edu/ssspot/about.php

Curriculum Resources

Region 10 ESC Social Studies Homepage www.region10.org/socialstudies

Visit this site to access Region 10 SS resources, downloads, links, or get information about professional development offerings.

Region 13 ESC Social Studies Resources www.esc13.net/socialstudies

Click on downloads for great TAKS materials and other teaching resources.

San Antonio ISD Social Studies Resources www.saisd.net/ADMIN/curric/SSudies/index.html

Click on Teacher Zone for lots of great materials.

Social Studies Center (TEA) www.tea.state.tx.us/ssc

Access your grade level TEKS, glossaries, biographies, and review lessons at the Social Studies Center.

Using Primary Sources

Library of Congress http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/ndlpedu/start/prim_sources.html

From the Library of Congress, use this site to check your skills and practice identifying primary sources.

American Library Association www.lib.washington.edu/subject/History/RUSA/#onecfm

Please visit this site to learn more about what constitutes a Primary Source and browse examples.

Repositories of Resources www.uidaho.edu/special-collections/Other.Repositories.html

A listing of over 5000 websites describing holdings of manuscripts, archives, rare books, historical photographs, and other primary sources for the research scholar. All links have been tested for correctness and appropriateness. Brought to you by the University of Idaho, Special Collections and Archives.

Teaching with Primary Sources <http://ncmuseumofhistory.org/workshops/cw/PrimarySources.htm>

Maps & More

BBC: The Abolition of British Slavery www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/abolition/map/index.shtml

Maps are narrated and interactive and trace the events leading to the abolition of the British Slave Trade in 1807.

History Channel www.history.com/civilwar/shermansmarch

Map of Sherman's March

History of Religion www.mapsofwar.com/images/Religion.swf

See 5,000 years of history in 90 seconds

History Now (Gilder Lehrman) www.historynow.org/12_2004/interactive.html

This site provides an interactive slavery map of the United States with access to primary sources on the topic by state.

Interactive Maps www.interactivemaps.org

Create your own interactive maps.

Mapping History <http://mappinghistory.uoregon.edu>

The University of Oregon provides interactive, historical maps for American, European, and Latin American History. This site requires Shockwave and takes a few minutes to load.

Maps of War www.mapsofwar.com

Maps with timelines that depict battles, spread democracy, etc.

National Geographic Map Machine www.nationalgeographic.com/mapmachine

Owl & Mouse www.yourchildlearns.com/geography.htm

Online maps, atlases, and map puzzles. Printable and free!