

Active Geography Strategies for Social Studies (Grades 3-11)

Embed geography into important social studies lessons using engaging strategies! Teachers will explore ways to use maps, globes, graphs and charts to help students comprehend geography concepts. Teachers will learn and practice active strategies to deepen student understanding and retention of complex concepts in the social studies classroom.

Ethical Foundations of Economics (High School)

Fallout from recent business scandals demonstrates that unethical behavior imposes long-term costs on business, negatively impacts public trust and ultimately hinders the formation of social capital. The National Council on Economic Education (NCEE) created the first national program of curricular materials for high school students that breaks new ground by infusing questions about ethics and character in the study of the market economy. Presented by TCEE.

Holocaust Conference (Grades 5-12)

This forum, designed specifically for secondary teachers, will examine the content, methodologies, and rationales for teaching the history of the Holocaust. Esteemed historians and authors, as well as staff from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum will provide training. The forum will also demonstrate effective uses of technology.

TaRGET American History Institute – *New!* (Elementary, Middle, and High School History)

Join us for breakout sessions focused on improving content knowledge and instructional practices in U.S. history. Presenters will focus on concept-based learning, the use of primary sources, and inquiry-based instruction. Resources and materials have been created and will be presented by TaRGET grant scholars 2005-2008.

TaRGET American History: Using Virtual Trunks in the History Classroom

Spend the day exploring the Region 10 TaRGET American History Trunks available online. Learn how to use a concept-based approach to history instruction and integrate dozens of primary sources and engaging analysis activities into your existing curriculum. Don't miss this hands-on opportunity to delve into this new, free resource (applicable to grades 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11).

The Stock Market Game (Grades 5-12)

Learn how to incorporate the Stock Market Game Program into your classroom. Hands on training will give teachers a chance to experience this real-life investment simulation and the online Teacher Support Center. Presented by the Texas Council on Economic Education.

The World in Transition (Secondary)

Teachers will be trained in using educational materials called *The World in Transition*, developed by the Southern Center for International Studies. The DFW World Affairs council will provide participants with a series of videotapes and maps examining the major regions of the world from economic, political, cultural, geographic and environmental perspectives. The materials have been correlated to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Social Studies.

Using Simulations in Social Studies – *New!* (Secondary)

Teachers will experience simulations of historical events and presidential decisions that teach students to use primary source evidence to analyze the past. The experience will assist teachers in finding ways of building, implementing and managing similar experiences in the classroom.

We the People Three-Day Institute – *New!* (Upper Elementary – High School)

Three days. Participants will take part in lectures and discussions on constitutional themes pertinent to the curriculum content, classroom strategies, and performance assessments that are used in Texas schools. The goal of the institute is for each participant to leave with a solid grasp of the We the People program framework and how to conduct a mock congressional hearing for the classroom and or the competition model.