



Social Studies Newsletter

Arizona Department of Education
K-12 Academic Standards

December 2019

UPCOMING TRAININGS, WORKSHOPS, AND EVENTS

- 12/3—[Empowering Students to Influence Public Policy](#)
- 12/6—[Documents and Debate: Urban Growth and the Pullman Strike](#)
- 12/7—[NextGen FinCamp](#)
- 1/4—[Teaching American Indian History Through the Themes of Strength, Resiliency, Respect, and Integrity](#)
- 1/10—[We the People: The Curriculum and the Competition](#)
- 1/18—[Bridging a Nation: The History and Economics of the U.S. Railway](#)
- 1/25—[Using Ethical Lessons to Teach Economics and Personal Finance](#)
- 1/29—[Educators' Conference on the Holocaust](#)
- 1/30—[iCivics Arizona Regional e-Tournament](#)
- 2/03—[Big History Project and the new Social Studies Standards for Middle School](#)
- 2/04—[Big History Project and the new Social Studies Standards for High School](#)
- 2/05—[Economic Episodes in American History](#)
- 2/8—[World War I Gilder Lehrman Workshop in Phoenix](#)
- 2/11—[A Teenager's Guide to Turning 18](#)
- 2/14—[Civic Education and Community Engagement Conference](#)
- 4/20/25—[Genocide Awareness Week](#)

Spotlight on Media Literacy

This month we are focused on media literacy. As the election year begins to ramp up, it is important to make sure your students know where their information is coming from and be able to discern accurate sources from those that wish to deceive. There are many great lessons that are useful for K-12 teachers to teach both media literacy and sourcing (which is part of our disciplinary skills and processes standards). Here are just a few good ones: [Newseum](#), [SHEG](#), and [Common Sense Education](#). There are also fun games that can be used in the classroom. Check out the [American Press Institute's](#) site with seven different online games.

[All Sides](#)—Current events media outlet that rates news sources and will take a current and show a left, center, and right version of the same event. It also has a media bias section to check out with students.

TEACHER TRAVEL PD

- [South Korea Research Trip](#) K-12
- [Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad](#) K-16
- [Supreme Court Summer Institute](#) 7-12
- [Keizai Koho Center Teacher Fellowship to Japan](#) 6-12
- [Fulbright-Hays IREX Teaching Research Program](#) 5-12
- [National Endowment for the Humanities](#) K-12
- [Holocaust Museum Teacher Fellowship](#) 6-12
- [Belfer National Conference for Educators \(Holocaust\)](#) 6-12
- [Global Intersection Fellowship for Teachers](#)
- [Teach Bahrain Fellowship](#)
- [Gilder Lehrman Teacher Seminars](#) K-12
- [C-Span Teacher Fellowship Program](#) 6-12
- [White House History Teacher Institute](#) K-12
- [Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge](#) K-12
- [Goethe Institute](#) K-12
- [UCCS Education Abroad Economics of the Baltics](#) K-12
- [UCCS Study Abroad Economics of Peru](#) K-12

Holocaust by Bullets Exhibition

Burton Barr Central Library:
January 26 – March 15, 2020

Scottsdale Community College:
March 17 – April 27, 2020

- Docent-led tours available
- Suitable for students in 8-12
- Free field trips and busing provided for interested schools
- [16-hour Educator Seminar Training](#)

Civics Conference
February 14, 2020

Our Sputnik Moment:
Revitalizing Civic Learning and Community Engagement throughout our Civic Spaces

[Early Bird Special](#)—Register early by **January 1, 2020** for a **\$10 discount**

[Call for Proposals](#)—Complete the forms to propose a session



TIP OF THE MONTH — TPS

The Library of Congress has created a social network called [Teaching with Primary Sources \(TPS\) Teachers Network](#). This network is a forum where teachers can gather, discuss issues and events, follow other instructors, and cull together resources for any topic and use Library of Congress resources. You are connected to teachers from all over the country that are using primary sources and can relate to the issues, difficulties of using primary sources in the classroom and offer suggestions for how to best use those primary sources.

Trending topics can range from baseball, runaway slave ads, morse code, to teaching place as a primary source. You can sign up for a free account and receive emails that showcase the latest items and groups placed on the forum.

Once you join, you can further get involved by selecting groups and contributing to them. These groups include discussions, albums, videos, links, documents, and announcements on a variety of topics. Some of these include the Civil Rights Movement, STEM, QFT (Question Formulation Technique), NASA and the Space Race. The network also offers access to professional development.

Check out this quick video about the [TPS Teachers Network](#).

National Geographic
GeoBee
Grades 4-8

Register your school to test your students' brilliance and spark their curiosity!!

Competition March 27, 2020

RESOURCES

[Interactive Constitution](#)—Great interactive resource from the National Constitution Center to learn about the text, meaning, and history of the Constitution. It even has an app.

[Be Washington](#)—Interactive online theater from George Washington's Mount Vernon organization where you get to be the leader during the revolution and make those tough decisions.

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