

# **Social Studies Newsletter**

Arizona Department of Education K-12 Academic Standards

October 2020

### **Upcoming Trainings**, Webinars, and Events

- Oct. 14—Webinar: Inquire about Inquiry, Part 1
- Oct. 20—Webinar: Incorporating Elementary Social Studies and
- Oct. 06—Part 3: Integrating Economics and Personal Finance in **Elementary Instruction**
- Oct. 08—Economics in the News Part
- Oct. 16—Economics Comedy in the
- Oct. 17—Up Your Econ Game With
- Oct. 20—Tech Tools for Teaching **Economics**
- Oct. 21—Financial Fitness for Life: K
- Oct. 21—Teaching Economic Equity Oct. 24—Financial Fitness for Life
- Grades K-2
  Oct. 29—Documents and Debates:
- Westward Expansion
- Nov. 5—TAH: The 14th Amendment and Civil Rights, Part 1
- Nov. 12—TAH: The 14th Amendment and Civil Rights, Part 2
- Nov. 14—VOTE: Retirement Security
- Nov. 19—TAH: The 14th Amendment and Civil Rights, Part 3

### **ACHE Teacher Grant Program**

The Arizona Council for History Education has \$500 grants you can apply for if you are a member. These grants are a great opportunity to add books and resources from multiple perspectives for your classroom.

### **NCSS Virtual Conference**

Advancing Social Justice December 4-6 Click here to register

Stay tuned for more updates. **Bookmark this** page.



## **Hispanic Heritage Month**

Beginning the middle of September, Hispanic Heritage Month offers a great time to bring in some of those multiple perspectives that relate to our standards and honor those voices that have contributed to the past and the future. The Smithsonian has a great 30 minute video that does a fantastic job of showing how to highlight Hispanic voices and also offers many resources that can be used in the classroom. These resources are from the Smithsonian's learning lab which also offers many more resources on a variety of topics.

Another good place to start is to educate yourself by reading books that relate experiences of many different Hispanic American. AZCentral has curated a list of novels, story collections, and young adult fiction that represent writers and points of view from all over the Americas.

Instead of reading check out some great videos streaming through PBS all related to Hispanic Heritage Month. Some are full length videos and others are clips that are great discussion starters like the clip "Why do we say 'Latino'?".

Another good place to look for inspiration is Teaching Tolerance. They have an interesting article on Hispanic identity. The article includes ways to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month.

### **ELECTION SEASON IS HERE!**

Tis the season! While we as teachers may find it difficult to navigate a politically charged atmosphere it is also our duty and obligation to teach civics and civil discourse to our students. Fortunately there are a plethora of free resources for K-12 classroom that cover all sort of topics from voting, civic participation and engagement, and current events in politics. Read a great article on Engaging Students in Civic Discourse, then look here for resources, lessons, ideas, and even ways to address controversial topics.

When We All Vote

iCivics

Kids Voting USA

Maine Department of Education

Facing History Current Events

Facing History Current Event Checklist



### Inclusion in Online teaching

Inclusion is an important factor to keep in mind as you teach. Some points to consider are your presentation and design. These will appear differently for students and affect how they access materials. Also provide students with choices. This gives them opportunities to engage. Read the whole article here.

#### **NCHE Online Conference**

April 8-11, 2021 Click here to register

### **ACSS SOCIAL STUDIES WEBINARS** SATURDAYS IN OCTOBER

Every Saturday in the month of October, beginning October 3rd, ACSS will host two webinars. Click here to register.

October 3—Hard history with Adena Astrowsky

October 10—Elections

October 17—Social Emotional Learning

October 24—Voices in History

October 31—Pandemics

Webinars will be from 2:00-3:00 and 3:30-4:30 and have elementary and secondary offerings.