

# Social Studies Newsletter

## Upcoming Trainings, Webinars, and Events

### ADE WEBINARS

- Sept. 3—[Sandra Day O'Connor Civics Celebration Day and Constitution Day Tips and Resources](#)
  - Sept. 15—[Webinar: Implementing the 2018 History and Social Science Standards for Grades K-6](#)
  - Sept. 24—[Webinar: Implementing the 2018 History and Social Science Standards for High School](#)
  - Sept. 29—[Webinar: Implementing the 2018 History and Social Science Standards for Grades 6-8](#)
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- Sept. 5—[Part 2: Middle School Economics and Personal Finance](#)
  - Sept. 10—[Part 2: Economics in the News](#)
  - Sept. 12—[Using the Video Game Industry to Teach Economics and Personal Finance](#)
  - Sept. 12—[VOTE: Health Care](#)
  - Sept. 17—[Promoting Diversity in Economics](#)
  - Sept. 26—[Part 3: Middle School Economics and Personal Finance](#)
  - Oct. 06—[Part 3: Integrating Economics and Personal Finance in Elementary Instruction](#)
  - Oct. 16—[Economics Comedy in the Crisis](#)
  - Oct. 17—[Up Your Econ Game With Cartoons](#)
  - Oct. 23—[Financial Fitness for Life: K-12](#)
  - Oct. 29—[Documents and Debates: Westward Expansion](#)
  - Nov. 14—[VOTE: Retirement Security](#)

### Sorting Truth from Fiction: Civic Online Reasoning Course

- Online course taught by Sam Wineburg (creator of SHEG) and partnered with MIT
- Begins Sept. 15th
- Only \$49.00
- Click [here](#) to register

### 2020 Virtual GeoConference

Saturday, Sept. 19 from 9:00-10:30am

Click [Here](#) to Register

Stay tuned for more updates. [Bookmark this page.](#)



## Engage Students with Questions

As the semester is progressing, you may find that students, especially those that are solely online, starting the disengage or find the novelty of this new way of learning as tedious and not being present when in class. One way to keep the interest of your students is to challenge them with questions. Choose questions that your students find interesting, questions that challenge their thinking, questions that force them to examine multiple perspectives, questions that can be answered in multiple ways.

For grades K-5 look at the [Library of Congress History's Mysteries](#). The site has a [quick video](#) you can watch that gives some tips and tricks. The best part is these mysteries use historical inquiries, tie directly to our standards, use multiple standards for each mystery, and can easily be used for online learning. Also look at grade levels above and below your grade as some mysteries may tie to the content of your grade even though they are listed in a different grade.

For grades 6-12 look at using or creating [assessments of thinking](#). SHEG has some great history ones for both U.S. and world classes. The principle is easy enough and can adapt to a government/civics or economics class.

To [create your own](#), first decide what skill you want to assess. Look at the disciplinary skills and processes standards. Then find an image, document, political cartoon, map, or chart to use. Use items that create questions rather than having an easy answer. Create a source note or background information for the item you use and create a rubric of answers. The best part—these assessments are perfect for online teaching and focus on critical thinking assessments rather than multiple choice assessments that are easier to find online answers.

Teaching American History Online Seminars  
Sept. 2, 9, 16  
Click [here](#) to register.  
Topic: Presidential Elections and Campaigns

## Virtual Tours

In this time of social distancing, find virtual tours that can increase engagement and show your students the world. Below are a few educational resources, and fortunately due to Covid-19 most museums have placed some or most of their exhibits online. It's worth the time to check out your favorites.

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| <a href="#">PHA Art Contest</a>                                       | <a href="#">Great Wall of China</a>             |
| <a href="#">Smithsonian Museums</a>                                   | <a href="#">Google Arts and Culture</a>         |
| <a href="#">Arizona Capitol Museum</a>                                | <a href="#">Discovery Education</a>             |
| <a href="#">National Constitution Center Interactive Constitution</a> | <a href="#">Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta</a> |
| <a href="#">Colonial Williamsburg</a>                                 | <a href="#">Miscellaneous Museums</a>           |

### Congratulations!!

 Katherine Reddy of Westwood High School is Gilder Lehrman's Arizona History Teacher of the Year. She is also one of the national finalists! Congratulations Katherine and good luck in September when the final selection is made. Nominations are open for next year. [Nominate a Teacher](#) and let's show the great history teachers Arizona has to offer.

### Are you new to teaching social studies?

If you are a new to teaching social studies, ADE has 3 webinars that provide a great introduction to the 2018 standards. These webinars will cover how to use the standards and give you resources that are ready to use both online and in the class.

- [Grades K-6](#)    [Sept. 15](#)
- [Grades 6-8](#)    [Sept. 29](#)
- [Grades 9-12](#)    [Sept. 24](#)

### Holocaust and Genocide Education

- [Student Writing and Art Contest](#)—entries are due by October 20th
- [Holocaust Survivor Seminars](#)
- [Surviving Humanity Seminars](#)
- [Our Parent's Stories Seminars](#)
- [Echoes and Reflections Webinars](#)
- [Facing History and Ourselves Calendar of Events and Webinars](#)—includes social justice issues as well

## September is for Civics

Don't forget that September 17th is Constitution Day and September 25th is Sandra Day O'Connor is Civics Celebration Day. Visit the ADE website for tips and valuable resources. Also don't miss our [webinar on Sept. 3rd](#) partnered with ASU with great resources!