

Morgan Schwarz

The following website gives various websites based on the different topics within the social studies. This can help both students and educators. There are some activities which allow students to expand their knowledge of certain areas. For example, the Jamestown Online Adventure allows students to be the captain of the Jamestown colony. This gives them a sense of how life was in Jamestown. On the other hand, this also gives educators a chance to develop their lesson plans off of the activities and ideas provided.

<http://www.pobschools.org/cms/lib/NY01001456/Centricity/Domain/8/BestSocialStudiesSites.pdf>

Morgan Weyhrauch

This website provides useful information from the Minnesota Historical Society and the Minnesota Center for Social Studies Education. Under the “Curriculum” page, there are links to social studies standards. There are also links to “curriculum guides and resource lists” available for teachers to use for Kindergarten through twelfth grade. There is a “general social studies resources list” for Kindergarten through sixth grade and separate resources and guides available for each grade individually. For example, under fifth grade, there is a guide addressing benchmarks, concepts, skills, essential question(s), and learning targets that could be addressed. In addition, this website provides a list of links to websites that teachers could use to plan their lessons according to specific grade levels.

<http://csse.mnhs.org/resources/classroom/curriculum>

Ashley Martinson

This is a software that I saw used in the classroom I observed in my West Clinical. This software comes in an app form that you can use on an iPad or phone. The app has map quizzes on numerous countries and geographical areas. It gives you an instant response of whether you were wrong or right when you locate a country. The way this was used in class was as a study tool. I liked it because you could hear the noises on their devices so you can monitor what the students are working on on their devices. The students seemed to like this method of studying and learning the countries. This could be useful for middle school grades through college.

<http://www.seterra.net>

Alli Songstad

This website is directly associated with the common core standards, and it is loaded with valuable social studies resources. A few of the resources lead to teaching information on primary sources, word generation, using academic vocabulary, incorporating labs and videos, and many other great web pages. This is a guide for teachers who are teaching grades K-12. The main page consists of a list of each of the separate resources, and the links are hyperlinked. Once clicking on one, you will be lead to a separate page which consists of many lesson plans to use in the classroom.

<http://www.commoncoreconversation.com/social-studies-resources>

Kristen Mielke

Sheppard Software is an online program that offers many different educational aids for students. I used it when I was in high school for my Geography classes, and I found it to be a very helpful tool. Within the realm of social studies, it offers U.S. Geography, World Geography, Government and History quizzes. There are adjustments that can be made on the quizzes to accommodate to the certain needs of the learner. It is a very easy website to use, and the quizzes are a good study strategy for students. This software is beneficial for students of any age or grade level.

<http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/>

Abby Wegner

This website is something that I would use as a resource to enhance my material throughout a social studies unit. The grades that are impacted through this website are kindergarten to 8th grade. It provides the teacher with worksheets and other online informative resources. Students can also use this website to look up articles on their own to further their own learning. They can also access games they can play to make concepts more understandable.

<https://kids.usa.gov/>

Cassie Schroer

The site I found is mainly for Middle School ages (6th to 8th grade). The site has many different categories to choose from that all have to do with social studies. The teacher can look for the topic that is being taught and then go into that folder to find an activity. Within the folder chosen are many different activities that would work for the unit. This is a good way to find new teaching tools and activities for the students. I feel this would be a helpful tool for a new social studies teacher that is looking for ideas for the class.

<http://www.sharemylesson.com/middle-school-social-studies-teaching-resources/>

Sam Ely

This website is a great unit resource. It has thematic units for different areas and time periods of social studies. A teacher can click on a topic and then be even more specific by clicking on a sub-topic such as a time period. Each section includes worksheets, suggested literature, lessons, units, and worksheets. It also has resources for life skills and activities. There is even a section to create your own timeline. The website has resources for grades 1 through 12.

http://edhelper.com/Social_Studies.htm

Rachael Heidorn

The website I found was a site that directed you to other sites for your specific need. For example, if you need a lesson plan, they have a site with a whole list of any lesson plan you could need.

http://www.findingdulcinea.com/guides/Education/Elementary-School-Social-Studies.pg_00.html

Trevor Larson

This is a great website that has many different features. For instance, you could click on the middle ages and it will give you options such as links, videos, extensions, discussion questions, and many other things. It also lays out very nicely with the objectives, materials, and procedure right away. It also gives you a way to evaluate.

<https://www.discoveryeducation.com/search/page/k-5/social-studies/lesson-plan/-/index.cfm>