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I personally think the best way to teach social studies is through real life examples. This can be done in many different ways such as video clips, speakers coming in to talk about experiences, artifacts, reading stories and many more. For me personally I learn best when I do something; this helps me to remember what I did and saw. I can then recall what was done during the tests so in the end I end up doing better on these tests. I also believe in students research a topic and then teaching the class what they found. I always liked these activities because I felt like an expert on those topics and could explain it to anyone in the class.

The one thing I did not like in social studies was having to read the textbook on my own and come ready to discuss for class. Whenever I personally read any type of history I could not comprehend what was happening and usually got bored. I also was never sure what would be on the tests from the text so then I ended up doing badly on most of the tests. When I teach social studies I plan not to do it in this way. I want the students to feel comfortable when talking about any subject of social studies and to feel like they know the material. Like I said in the beginning this can be done with hands on experiences. In some cases this can be hard but there are many resources out there that anyone can use. The internet is a large area where teachers can find ideas and maybe even people to come to the school to talk to the students.