

# ***NJ Social Studies Network News***

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## **Laura Wooten Act**

Each Board of Education must provide a middle school civics course beginning in the 2022-2023 school year. The new civics course must address the principles underlying the American system of democracy, the function and limitations of government, and the role of a citizen in a democratic society.

**The bill, which was passed by the Senate 33-0 in January 2021 and by the Assembly 75-0 on May 20, 2021, also authorizes the NJ Center for Civic Education to provide curricula, professional development, and technical assistance for middle and high school civics.**

Laura Wooten's Law, is named in honor of Mrs. Laura Wooten, a New Jerseyan who contributed a lifetime of civic service. Mrs. Wooten was born in Goldsboro, North Carolina and was the longest serving poll volunteer in the nation. She was an elder of the First Baptist Church of Princeton, was employed by Princeton Medical Center, and worked as a part-time staff member at Princeton University. Mrs. Wooten passed away on March 24, 2019 at the age of 98.

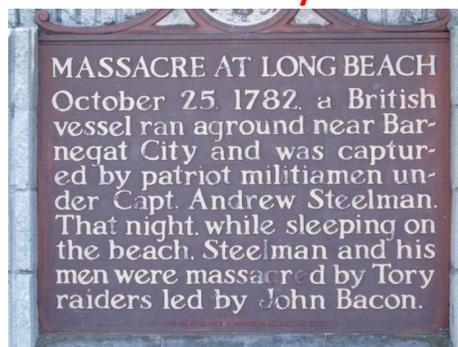
Congratulations to Arlene Gardner and Bob O'Dell for their initiative and leadership in this important educational objective. Many thanks to the sponsors of the bill and our legislators in both the Assembly and Senate for their bipartisan support of this legislation. The next steps are for Governor Murphy to sign the bill, funding to be included in the budget bill, and implementation beginning this summer with professional development and resources for educators.

## **The 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the American Revolution is Coming**

**This is an important engaging topic for your curriculum through 2033!**

**[Keep up with the latest posts!](#)**

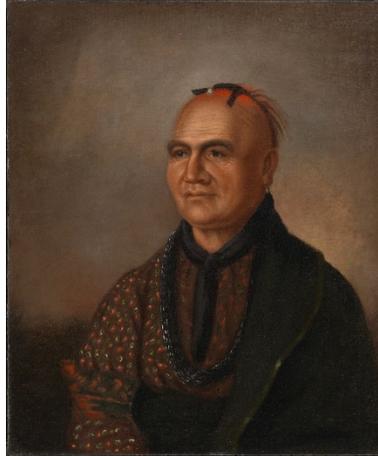
## **John Bacon – Monmouth County - Executed for Treason**



John Bacon was accused in July 1780 of “voluntarily and unlawfully” going into New York, presumably to carry out contraband trade with the British who occupied it. Many people did this to obtain money in an economy disrupted by years of war. In December 1781, John Bacon was indicted for high treason in Monmouth County waging war against the state, abetting enemy troops, and firing upon citizens of the state. One year later a proclamation offered a reward for him and two accomplices for robbing the Burlington County collector of a large sum of public money.

In December he was wounded in a skirmish with rebel militiamen at Cedar Creek Bridge. On April 3, 1783, Burlington County militiamen ambushed and killed John Bacon at a cabin at West Creek. He may be the last recorded casualty of the Revolutionary War.

## Chief Thayendanegea (Joseph Brant) Activist Against Colonists



**Chief Thayendanegea**, better known as Joseph Brant, was a member of the Mohawk Tribe, based out of Orange County, on the NY/NJ border. Claudius Smith was a Loyalist guerrilla leader during the American Revolution. Historical accounts show that the two men led raids together against colonists who settled in the area along the Appalachian Trail. Though they weren't particularly violent and were more political in nature, legend has it that loot was acquired. It is said that much of the money went to help the poor, though some still may be buried in caves and caverns in the Vernon area.

## Lord Cornwallis' Headquarters in Deptford



After the Battle of Red Bank, which occurred three miles from here on October 22, 1777, some seriously wounded Hessian soldiers were sent to Woodbury. (Hessians were German mercenary soldiers who fought for the British during the Revolutionary War.) They were cared for at the Friends Meeting House and the Deptford School House, which stood at the site where the Woodbury Public Library is now located. Those that died were buried in a strangers burial ground on nearby Wood Street. That cemetery was condemned circa 1915, and the remains and stones were moved two-and-a-half miles from here to the Old Deptford Strangers Burial Ground.

A month after the Battle of Red Bank, British troops occupied Woodbury, and General Cornwallis set up headquarters on this street across from the Court House at the house of John Cooper from November 21-24, 1777. Cooper himself was a patriot who was active in Revolutionary War era politics, and he had to flee his home when it was seized by Cornwallis. The Cooper house no longer stands. It was located where the PNC parking lot is, about 100 yards down North Broad St. John Cooper is buried in the Woodbury Friends Meeting House cemetery. [Source](#)

## Getting Ready for Your Summer Workshops

Visit the Links page at [www.njcass.org](http://www.njcass.org) for our complete Directory of Resources

[2020 'New' Social Studies Standards](#)

[2020 Social Studies Standards in Curriculum Format](#)

(Contact [Hank Bitten](#) for Interactive Spreadsheet version)

[NJDOE Social Studies Home](#)

[C-3 Framework](#)

[NCSS Standards](#)

[Human Rights-Holocaust-Genocide NJ Standards](#)

[K-4 Framework Questions for NJ Standards](#)

[Interdisciplinary Resources for Teaching Racial Injustice in US 1](#) (1600-1900)

[Interdisciplinary Resources for Teaching Racial Injustice in US 2](#) (1900-2021)

[Resources for Integrating African American History into US History in Middle School](#) (1600-1875)

[Resources for Teaching African History in World History in Middle School](#) (Beginnings to 1500)

[Digital Resources for Integrating Latinx Studies into US History](#)

[NJCSS Best Practices Curriculum \(K-12\)](#) (Curriculum Resource for NJ Schools)

[Teaching LGBTQ & Disabilities Through U.S. Supreme Court](#)

### Resources for Standard 6.3 - Climate Issues

[Climate Central](#) (Videos, Research)

[The Impact of Climate Change on Human Health](#)

[National Geographic Mapmaker Interactive](#) (National Geographic)

[NOAA](#)

[The Urgency of Climate Change in New Jersey](#) (NJCSS)

[Interdisciplinary Resources for Teaching NJ Standard 6.3](#)

[The Top Ten Sustainable Companies in the World](#) (WSJ)

[Climate Change Interdisciplinary Grid](#) (SS, Science, Visual Arts)

[Standard 6.3 NJ Climate Curriculum with Resources](#)

[Regional Impacts of Climate Change on Public Health](#) (2020)

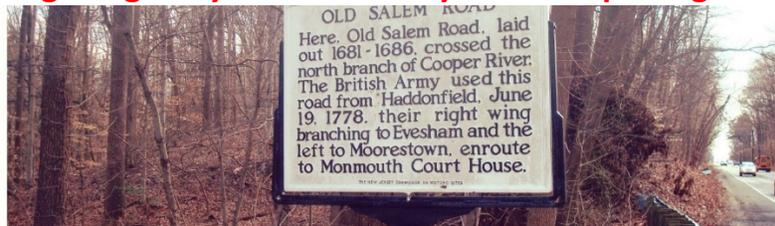
[Time Lapse Video of Melting of Arctic Ocean Glacier](#) (1975-2020)

[Time Lapse Video of Earth's Temperature Changes](#) (1880-2016)

[Climate Opinion Maps 2020](#) (Yale University)

## New Jersey and Your Morning Coffee

### King's Highway – South Jersey's first 'super highway'



Salem County, New Jersey, population 66,083. It is New Jersey's least populated county. It was established on May 17, 1694. The Lenape lived in this area and European colonists arrived in 1631. (Massachusetts Bay was settled in 1631)

Many of the current roads in Salem and Burlington counties were made from trails of the Native Americans. These trails were used as trade routes by the colonists. Along the road there were many farms and goods were transported by horse and wagon to Cooper's Ferry. (Camden)

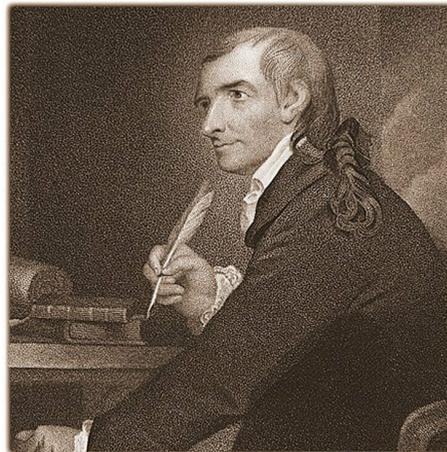
One of the earliest roads is Kings Highway. This road connects Deptford Township with Maple Shade (Route 611) and is named for King Charles II of England. The road connects with other roads leading to Perth Amboy, the first capital city of New Jersey. Since 1927 it has been renamed to Route 41.

## Dr. Norman Borlaug



Few people in the history of the world have done as much to positively impact humanity around the world as Dr. Norman Borlaug. Born on a small farm south of Cresco, Iowa, Dr. Borlaug devoted his career to saving the lives of millions of starving people around the globe. In 1970 he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of his work. He is also one of only seven people to have received the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Congressional Gold Medal in addition to the Nobel Peace Prize.

## Francis Hopkinson – Rock Star from Bordentown



Francis Hopkinson was born in Philadelphia in October 2, 1737, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, and married Anne Borden of Bordentown, New Jersey. They had five children and their son, Joseph Hopkinson, was elected to the House of Representatives (1815-1819). Anne's parents, Col. Joseph Borden & Elizabeth Rogers Borden operated a stage coach and ferry transportation company with service between New York City and Philadelphia in Bordentown.

Francis was elected to the Continental Congress and signed the Declaration of Independence. He designed the currency used during the Revolution, a flag adopted by the U.S. Navy, and designed the official seal of the State of New Jersey. His Bordentown home was looted several times

He began playing the harpsichord when he was 17 and played in concerts and in local churches in Philadelphia. He composed [\*My Days Have Been So Wondrous Free\*](#) in 1759, which is considered to be the first American song. He died in May 9, 1791 (age 53) and is buried at Christ Church in Philadelphia where he also played the organ.

## Major General Philip Kearny



Philip Kearny was born in New York City in 1815. His father was a founder of the New York Stock Exchange. The family moved to the suburbs in Essex County, where he married and had one child. He lived on Belgrove Drive in Kearny.

Although he wanted to attend West Point, his parents encouraged him to attend Columbia College where he got a law degree.

He enlisted in the U.S. Dragoons, based in Leavenworth, Kansas, and was later sent to Cavalry School in France. He was sent to fight the Arabs in Algiers. When he returned to the United States, he obtained a position on the staff of Gen. Winfield Scott as captain of a military unit that had untrained troops and no funding. During the battle of Churubusco in Mexico, he was hit in the left elbow by cannon fire and his arm was amputated.

He was known as the "One-Armed Devil," because he held the reins of his horse in his teeth and waved his sword with his hand. He fought Native Americans in California, Italians for France, and in the Crimean War (Florence Nightengale).

During the Civil War, President Lincoln made him the commander of a New Jersey regiment and fought in northern Virginia. In September 1862 his troops were ambushed by Confederate fighters and he was shot in the spine and killed.

He is buried in Arlington Cemetery and in 1888 the New Jersey Legislature chose him as one of two heroes to represent our state in Statuary Hall of Congress. Legislation was passed in the New Jersey Senate to replace Kearny with Alice Paul but the NJ Assembly has not voted on the bill.

# Teacher Resources

## **Gilder Lehrman Free PD in Partnership with the Council on Foreign Relations**

### **Each session will include**

- A lecture by an eminent historian of US foreign policy
- A pedagogical session led by a Gilder Lehrman Master Teacher
- A new, classroom-ready lesson plan presented at each session
- A Certificate of Attendance and (when applicable) CTLE Letter

**Dates and topics for each professional development workshop can be found [here](#).**

In addition to the workshops, GLI will offer “The History of American Foreign Relations,” a free five-day (Monday–Friday) digital symposium, modeled on GLI’s popular Teacher Seminars, for high school teachers.

[LEARN MORE AND REGISTER YOUR INTEREST HERE](#)

## **Gilder Lehrman Lesson on LGBTQ [The Fight for Rights After World War 2](#)**

## **Summer Institute for Climate Change Education**

### [Application Form](#)

**Date: July 28–30, 2021**

**Location: Virtual**

**Registration: \$250**

20 Hours of Continuing Education

## **Academic Literacy Workshops**

**For Non-Tenured, Pre-Service, and Veteran Educators**

Contact [Dr. Harry Stein](#), Manhattan College

## **Graduate School Opportunity at Rowan**



Rowan University is accepting NJTOP™ applications for discounted graduate online degrees and certifications beginning Fall Aug 25th 2021. The deadline to submit applications is July 1st, 2021. Teachers and staff are welcome to call, text and/or email me with questions daily until 9 p.m.

Please visit [NJTOP Program Webpage](#) or see below for a complete list of all programs:

## Kean University's Diversity Council on Global Education and Citizenship



The Diversity Council is a collaborative resource for teachers which includes more than 70 school districts. The resources, programs, courses, and annual leadership conferences are excellent. Members have access to the Holocaust Resource Center and Human Rights Institute, plus materials for reducing prejudice, harassment, bullying, and the NJ LGBTQ and Disability requirement.

[www.kean.edu/offices/holocaust-resource-center](http://www.kean.edu/offices/holocaust-resource-center)

[diversity@kean.edu](mailto:diversity@kean.edu)

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## U.S. Census Bureau - Statistics in the Schools

### State Facts for Students



### EXPLORE STATE FACTS

### For Our Psychology teachers

[Beyond IQ: Non-cognitive Factors and Achievement | Psychology Today](#)

[Coronavirus: 4 In 10 U.S. Teens Report Not Doing Online Learning : Coronavirus Updates : NPR](#)

[Many Latino and poor students stopped attending a California high school amid the pandemic - The Washington Post](#)

[Map: Where schools are reopening in the US \(cnn.com\)](#)

### For our Economics Teachers

**What is the opportunity cost of Biden's infrastructure program to improve education and housing? We are currently spending \$70 billion each year on prisons!**

*Analysis by the National Association of State Budget Officers shows that elementary and high schools receive 73 percent of their state funding from this discretionary fund; colleges and universities count on the fund for half of their budgets. However, \$9 out of every \$10 that support imprisonment come from the same pot of money. With tens of*

**billions of dollars in prison spending annually, states are finding that there is simply less discretionary money available to invest in education, especially in these lean economic times.**

\$213 Billion	Housing	Produce, preserve and retrofit over two million affordable and sustainable homes. This includes: Tax credits to rehabilitate or build 500,000 low and middle class homes (\$20 billion). Improve public housing system infrastructure (\$40 billion). Clean energy investment to upgrade homes and businesses (\$27 billion).
\$111 Billion	Water	Replace lead pipes and service lines (\$45 billion). Upgrade and modernize national drinking water, wastewater and stormwater systems; and tackle new contaminants and support rural clean water infrastructure nationwide (\$66 billion).
\$100 Billion	Schools	Upgrade and build new public schools (\$50 billion direct grants, \$50 billion leveraged through bonds). Invest in community college infrastructure (\$12 billion). Upgrade and build new child care facilities (\$25 billion).

### **For our Geography Teachers**

#### **What are the top 10 Most Populated Cities in the World?**

- Tokyo (Population: 37,435,191)
- Delhi (Population: 29,399,141)
- Shanghai (Population: 26,317,104)
- Sao Paulo (Population: 21,846,507)
- Mexico City (Population: 21,671,908)
- Cairo (Population: 20,484,965)
- Dhaka (Population: 20,283,552)
- Mumbai (Population: 20,185,064)
- Beijing (Population: 20,035,455)
- Osaka (Population: 19,222,665)

What is the most populated city in Europe?

What is the population of New York City?

How do these top 10 cities supply water to their populations?

How does the crime rate in these cities compare to American cities?

Where does the food supply come from for these cities?

## Professional Conferences

### **The New Jersey Historical Commission (NJHC) is now accepting presentation proposals for the 2021 New Jersey History Conference**

The conference will be held virtually on Friday, November 12, 2021. An in-person keynote plenary session is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, November 13, 2021, location to be determined.



This conference is dedicated to promoting and exploring the diversity of Indigenous life in contemporary and historic New Jersey. The land now known as New Jersey has been home to the Lenape for over 14,000 years. The removal and forced displacement of Indigenous communities by European colonizers resulted in a historic diaspora. The 2021 New Jersey History Conference will explore the history, cultural heritage, and contemporary issues facing diverse Native American communities through the lens of New Jersey studies.

The New Jersey History Conference is an annual program that highlights the importance of studying and sharing local history and invites established and emerging scholars, educators, public historians, and a broad spectrum of social science and humanities researchers to present new research that facilitates greater public awareness of New Jersey history.

Join us and share your research by submitting a proposal today. **The deadline to submit is June 28, 2021.**

**NJCSS - Rutgers University – October 18, 2021 – We will be virtual this year!**

### **NCSS Future Conferences – PLAN AHEAD!**

2021 – December – Washington, D.C.

2022 – Dec. 2-4 – Philadelphia

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