

NJ Social Studies Network News

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We have made some changes in our E-Newsletter for the New Year!

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Amazon Smile

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-2171019>

Support your NJCSS – If you shop with an Amazon account, consider supporting the NJCSS by using the Amazon Smile login in link above. You will be transferred to your Amazon account directly and Amazon smile will donate .05% of your order. It is a source of “free” money for our work as a non-profit educational organization.

NJSSSA (NJ Social Studies Supervisors Association)

The next meeting of the NJSSSA is January 18, 2019 at the NJ PSA complex in Monroe Twp.

NJCSS Student Recognition Awards

Applications are due on March 15, 2019

www.njcss.org

Middle School, High School, College awards

Every student nominated receives a certificate with three finalists in each category receiving awards

NJCSS Annual Fall Conference for K-12 Social studies Teachers – SAVE THE DATE!

One Small Step for Mankind and One Giant Leap for Educators!

Monday, October 21, 2019

Busch Student Center – Rutgers University

Announcements will be posted in March 2019

NCSS Future Conferences – PLAN AHEAD!

2019 - Nov. 22-24 – Austin

2020 – Dec. 4-6 - Washington, D.C.

2021 – Nov. 19-21 – Minneapolis

2022 – Dec. 2-4 - Philadelphia

NJ Historical Commission FY 2020 Project Grants

The NJHC will focus on women's history throughout 2019. An emphasis will be placed on the diverse contributions of women to all facets of life in New Jersey from its founding to the present day. Projects that reflect this theme are encouraged. 2020 will mark the centennial of the adoption of the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote.

Declarations of Intent to Apply are due January 22, 2019; full applications due February 19, 2019.

The NJHC scheduled workshops for Friday, January 11th from 10 am – 12 pm at the Cherry Hill Public Library and Tuesday, January 15th from 12:45 – 2:45 pm at the Morris County Public Library. To learn more about the workshops and register, please visit: <http://discovernjhistory.org/njhc-fy-2020-project-grant-guidelines-workshops-for-prospective-applicants/> .

Professional Development

NCHE National Conference

Exercising Power: Individuals and Institutions in History

Washington, D.C.

Crystal Gateway Marriott

March 14-16, 2019

Keynote Speaker: Bettany Hughes

NCHE welcomes Bettany Hughes, an award-winning historian, author and broadcaster, who has devoted the last 25 years to the vibrant communication of the past. Her specialty is ancient and medieval history and culture. She has taught at Oxford and Cambridge.



Register online: <http://www.nche.net/registration>

Engaging Programs at the NJ Vietnam War Memorial and Museum in Holmdel

Friday, March, 2019 - "Civil Rights and Liberties during the Vietnam War" Our keynote is **MaryBeth Tinker** (*Tinker v. Des Moines*) is the keynote speaker. Registration will be open soon on our website.

MASSACHUSETTS COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES

49TH ANNUAL NORTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES (NERC49)

MARCH 18 & 19, 2019 (with snow date of March 20, 2019)

FRAMINGHAM STATE UNIVERSITY = Framingham, Massachusetts

<http://www.masscouncil.org/>

Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge

Applications Open: www.freedomfoundation.org



Valley Forge, PA – Cold War, War on Terror, 19th Amendment, Innovative Entrepreneurs, Abraham Lincoln, WW 2
Pueblo, CO – Vietnam **Traveling Programs** – Virginia Presidents and Their Families; Revolution and Rebellion, 1756-1794

Gilder Lehrman Summer Programs/Seminars for Teachers

Apply Now!!!

Deadline is Monday, February 18, 2019

<https://www.gilderlehrman.org/teacher-seminars>



This Year the OAH Conference is in Philadelphia!

April 4-6, 2019

Philadelphia Marriott Downtown

Register online: <https://secure.oah.org/registration>

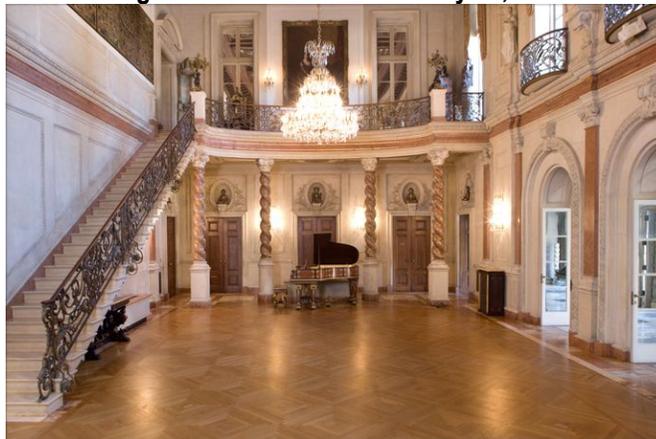
The American Revolution Institute of the Society of the Cincinnati

“Between Submission and the Sword: The American Revolution and the Cause of Independence”

July 8-12, 2019

2118 Massachusetts Ave. N.W. Washington D.C. 2008

Registration Deadline: February 22, 2019



This Master Teacher Seminar will be at the Anderson House, located at the Society of the Cincinnati's headquarters in Washington, D.C. Teachers will participate in lectures, discussions, and workshops about the American Revolution and how to incorporate key concepts of that important event into their classrooms. Each participant will receive a letter documenting 60 hours of professional development. In addition, teachers will receive a travel stipend and be treated to meals and lodging at Anderson House during the seminar. **Information: Stacia Smith, Director of Education, ssmith@societyofthecincinnati.org, 202.785.2040 ext.416.**

How to apply: Please upload a cover letter describing how your participation would benefit your students, a resume, and a draft Revolutionary War lesson plan dealing with the theme of independence to: www.americanrevolutioninstitute.org/professional-development/master-teachers-seminar/ . Applications are due by February 22, 2019.

NEH at The Historic Hudson Valley Institute in Sleepy Hollow, NY

Slavery in The Colonial North

July 14-20, 2019

Free and a \$1,200 stipend

K-12 Teachers

Application Deadline: March 1, 2019

Apply today at <http://hudsonvalley.org/nehinstitute> , application deadline March 1, 2019 and notifications will be made by March 29, 2019. Information: zslurzberg@hudsonvalley.org



Slavery in The Colonial North a 2019 NEH Teacher Institute is a learning experience where teachers can explore history at a site where 23 enslaved Africans lived and worked in 1750. Social Studies and History teachers can enrich their teaching bringing this potentially difficult content to the classroom in a thoughtful and engaging manner.

Resources for Teachers

World of 7 Billion

www.worldof7billion.org

www.populationeducation.org

We're excited to announce that the [World of 7 Billion video contest](#) is back for the 2018-2019 school year with new topics! This year's topics are: preserving biodiversity, sustainable resource use, and protecting human rights.

The [contest](#) is open to all middle and high school students worldwide, and the deadline for submissions is February 28th, 2019. We're hoping that, by giving teachers enough lead time, they'll be able to incorporate the contest into their [syllabi](#). Participating teachers receive free curriculum resources from Population Education, and the student winners receive cash prizes.

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

25th Anniversary Year

NEW EXHIBIT - Now through 2020!

AMERICANS AND THE HOLOCAUST EXPLORES AMERICANS' RESPONSES TO NAZISM

<https://www.ushmm.org/information/press/press-releases/museum-opens-new-exhibition-americans-and-the-holocaust>



The exhibition:

- Presents public opinion polling from the era to examine how World War I, the Great Depression, isolationism, and anti-Semitism shaped American attitudes and both reflected and affected leaders' decisions.
- Includes new research and artifacts illustrating the many obstacles European Jews faced on both sides of the Atlantic while they tried to flee Europe and enter the United States.
- Chronicles what the US government—from President Roosevelt to Congress and government agencies—did and did not do to respond to Nazism and the persecution and mass murder of Europe's Jews.
- Sheds light on how much information was available to Americans in their local communities both early on and during the war years about the threat of Nazism and the Holocaust.

The New York Historical Society

170 Central Park West at 77th Street

<http://www.nyhistory.org/>



[Black Citizenship in the Age of Jim Crow](#) - September 7, 2018 - March 3, 2019

[Harry Potter: A History of Magic](#) - October 5, 2018 - January 27, 2019

Also - Visit their online Exhibitions!

911 Memorial and Museum

Upcoming Free Programs

<https://www.911memorial.org/public-programs>

Tue. Dec. 18 – *VICE News on HBO: After the Fall* - Speaker: Isobel Yeung

2019 White House History Teacher Institute

Applications for next summer will open on December 1, 2018 and remain open through February 1, 2019



We will be hosting 2 sessions of 30 educators each - first session: July 8-12, 2019 and second session: July 22-26, 2019. During this five-day experience, educators examine the more than 200-year history of the White House and its impact as a home, office, and museum. Learn from experts and devise classroom applications with a group of peers from across the country. Learn more and watch a video about the program.

The Institute is open to all educators, including librarians, media specialists, curriculum coordinators, and classroom teachers. Priority will be given to middle and high school educators who work directly with students.

National Park Trust's Annual *Kids to Parks Day* National School Contest

This contest is open to all **Title I students** in grades pre-K through 12. The contest provides grants up to \$1,000 to cover transportation, park-related fees, stewardship supplies, or anything else students believe would enhance their experience. **The deadline to apply is February 14, 2019.** Details can be found at http://bit.ly/KTPsc_SC

Classroom Resources

Living Voices

<http://livingvoices.org/>



Living Voices presents dynamic solo performances combined with archival film that turns history into a personal journey

Bringing Life to History



Through the Eyes of a Friend: Anne Frank story
The New American: Journey from Ireland to Ellis Island
The Right to Dream: The Struggle for Civil Rights
Within the Silence: The internment of Japanese Americans
Our Revolution: The Revolution from one soldier's unique point of view
Hear My Voice: Women's Suffrage Movement
Journey from the Dust: The Dust Bowl and the Great Depression
Island of Hope: Fleeing injustice to find freedom in America

Are you interested in the Living Voices Program (Hear My Voice: Women's Suffrage Movement) come to your school or community?

Click on this link to request information: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/livingvoices>

We are considering scheduling Living Voices for one or two weeks in February 2020 as part of the historic commemoration of the ratification of the 19th Amendment. Cost is affordable when we can coordinate performances within a county.

There is no commitment on your part if you take the survey – we just need to know who might be interested.

Free Display to Commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment From the National Archives

<https://education.blogs.archives.gov/2018/09/19/rightfully-hers-pop-up/>

We're offering a limited number of free pop-up displays called *Rightfully Hers* to schools and cultural institutions nationwide. The display contains simple messages exploring the history of the 19th amendment's ratification, women's voting rights before and after the 19th amendment, and its impact today.



Display details:

- Free pop-up display from the National Archives
- Lightweight, easy to set up, and versatile
- Pop-up display requires no tools or walls, and can be set up in any public area
- Total assembled size is 66.5" high by 32" wide
- Total footprint is approximately 45" square
- Participating venues will receive digital educational and press materials
- Delivered to each host venue's doorstep in early March
- For initial display from March 8-June 8, 2019 to commemorate Women's History Month
- It's yours to keep! Re-use the display any time after the initial display period
- Venues will be asked to complete a brief report at the end of the initial display period

The Franklin Institute of Philadelphia



Vikings: Beyond the Legend - *October 13, 2018 to March 3, 2019*

This exhibit brings people from the Viking period to life with a wealth of unique objects, multimedia productions and interactive elements revealing the captivating story of the explorers who set sail from Scandinavia centuries ago.

Changing Earth - Our restless Earth is always changing. Tectonic plates drift, the crust quakes, and volcanoes erupt. Air pressure falls, storms form, and precipitation results. Learn how these powerful forces shape our air, land, water, and weather—and constantly transform our planet. Explore how our response to Earth's changes will impact our future on Earth and discover how your choices impact our future Earth.

PRESIDENTS AND PLACES 2019

Sign up for this free, interactive program for grades 6-12

[REGISTER NOW](#): January - March 2019



Enrich your social studies curriculum and sign up for the Presidential Primary Sources Project (PPSP) today! Learn about presidents like Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, and Ulysses S. Grant directly from National Park Service rangers and presidential historians in this live, interactive web series, which runs from January-March of 2019.

Share the presidents' stories with your social studies students through live interactive video and primary source documents.

Project Citizen – A FREE Teacher Workshop

March 27, 2019 (8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.)

5 PDC Hours

Busch Campus Center – Room 174
Rutgers University, Piscataway, NJ 08854



Project Citizen is a process-based program that actively engages students in identifying, researching, and trying to implement solutions to public policy problems in their local community or in New Jersey. **Information and examples of past projects are at: <http://civiced.rutgers.edu/projectcitizen.html>** Contact: robert.odell@rutgers.edu or call 848-445-3413.

Educating Students to Become Informed & Engaged Citizens!

A FREE Teacher Workshop (5 PDC Hours)

April 11, 2019 (8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.)

Busch Campus Center - Room 174
Rutgers University, Piscataway, NJ 08854

Vote responsibly!

Step #1

Become an informed citizen

Step #2

Cast an informed ballot!



The NJ Social Studies Supervisors Association (NJSSSA), the NJ Center for Civic Education, and the NJ Council for the Social Studies (NJCSS) are sponsoring a workshop, “**Educating Today’s Students to Sustain Tomorrow’s Democracy.**” Join Us! Register by email to: robert.odell@rutgers.edu

For Students

Euro Challenge

Register your team today! <https://www.euro-challenge.org/registration-forms>

Final Round - May 2, 2019 – NYC

For students in Grades 9-10



In 2018, the top five winning teams received monetary awards generously provided by The Moody's Foundation. The awards were \$1,250 for each member of the first-place team, \$1,000 each for second place, \$750 each for third place, \$500 each for fourth place, and \$250 each for fifth place. The Moody's Foundation also sponsored a trip to Washington, D.C. for the two top teams of 2018. We anticipate similar prize levels for 2019.

911 Memorial and Museum

Field Trip/Lesson Plans

<https://www.911memorial.org/plan-your-school-visit>



Contact the 911 Museum directly for information about tickets, which are supported by a generous grant for school groups. There are planned programs for children as young as age 8. The current exhibit, "Comeback Season: Sports After 911," the story of the rebuilding of Ground Zero, and the information in the historical artifacts are all relevant for your students. The 911 Memorial and Museum is local history as every community was impacted. Plan now for a school trip or arrange an educational trip for teachers in your school/district!

Engaging Your Students in a 'Real life' bill that will Impact Public Schools in NJ

Assembly 4376: https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2018/Bills/A4500/4376_I1.PDF

Senate 2762: https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2018/Bills/S3000/2762_I1.PDF

Get Ready, the 2019 Personal Finance Challenge is About to Begin!

<https://financechallenge.unl.edu/New%20Jersey>

The National Personal Finance Challenge is a free and fun way to bring the excitement of an athletic competition to academic excellence as students apply their knowledge of personal finance. Challenges are held at the State and National Final levels for high school students enrolled in the 2018-2019 academic school year.

JANUARY 2, 2019: REGISTRATION OPENS

Teachers may view rules and register teams of high school students.
There are no team limits so this makes a great class activity.

MARCH 18-APRIL 18, 2019: FINANCE CHALLENGE ONLINE COMPETITION

Students compete, across the state, by completing an online 30-question, rapid-fire exam.

APRIL 22, 2019: STATE CHAMPION ANNOUNCED

The State Champion is announced and invited to represent New Jersey in the National Finals.

MAY 10, 2019: NATIONAL FINALS

The champions from each participating state will compete for the national title in Lincoln, Nebraska.

For information on eligibility, rules and prizes, please visit: <https://financechallenge.unl.edu/New%20Jersey>

Interesting Facts!

UNESCO Report on Killing of Journalists

<https://en.unesco.org/unesco-condemns-killing-of-journalists>

Local journalists killed from 2006-2016: **868**
Foreign journalists killed from 2006-2016: **62**
Female journalists killed from 2006-2016: **60**
Male journalists killed from 2006-2016: **870**

Where the Government Hides in the Event of a Nuclear Attack

<https://nypost.com/2017/06/10/this-is-where-the-government-will-hide-during-a-nuclear-war/>



NYU Study of Stress in High School

“Three main themes emerged as the most dominant adaptive coping strategies, notably, sports and exercise, preventive activities such as good planning skills, and maintaining a balanced perspective on school and grades...”

<http://www.nyu.edu/about/news-publications/news/2015/august/nyu-study-examines-top-high-school-students-stress-and-coping-mechanisms.html>

First Boardwalk – June 26, 1870



In the middle of teaching Reconstruction or the beginning of the Industrial Revolution in the United States, consider having your students research the construction and economic impact of the first boardwalk in the world! It all happened right here in New Jersey with Alexander Boardman's solution of keeping sand out of the Atlantic City-Camden train. New Jersey has the most boardwalks in the world (and perhaps the best ones too!)

Movies That Can Teach Young Children (Ages 10-15) About Economics/Business

Monsters (2001) - <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0198781/>

This movie can prompt a discussion about business ethics, the products businesses distribute to people, and motivations for profits.

Singin' in the Rain (1952) - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Singin%27_in_the_Rain The movie will lead to a discussion about how technology affects us and changes the way we do things as the movie studio transitions from silent films to talkies.

Dolphin Tale (2011) - <https://www.warnerbros.com/dolphin-tale> The film gives children an understanding of how decisions are made by a Board of Directors to close an aquarium but it also provides insight into how people overcome challenges and disabilities through the story of the injured dolphin. This movie can lead to a discussion about investor accountability and how businesses cope with the business cycle.

Moneyball (2011) - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moneyball_\(film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moneyball_(film)) Although this movie is about saving the Oakland A's it is also about how businesses analyze data to make decisions and give them a competitive edge. Great lessons about the importance of math leading to opportunities that might be missed without it.

We Bought a Zoo (2011) - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/We_Bought_a_Zoo A cute story with animals but the business application is the decision of Matt Damon to buy a zoo as a result of his grief on the death of his wife. This movie can lead to a conversation about starting a business, investing, and entrepreneurship.

Did you Know?

**First Traffic Light – Cleveland, Ohio
Euclid Ave. and 105th Street
August 5, 1914**



The average person spends six months of their life waiting for a red light to turn green.

According to Answers.com, they estimate there are 50 million traffic lights in the U.S. The estimate is based on three signals at each intersection with 10,000 traffic lights in a large city like L.A. and New York. If you find a more exact answer, send it to us to publish next month!

The largest increase in carbon dioxide emissions was in 2018 with a 2.7% increase in CO2

Europe is the only continent without a desert!

The coldest recorded temperature in the world is -129 degrees F at the Russian Vostok Station in Antarctica on July 21, 1983.

The world's largest desert is in Antarctica

Bataan Death March April 9, 1942



The Bataan Death March was a 65-mile march that the Japanese forced on the American and Filipino prisoners. The march began in the southern end of the Bataan Peninsula. The prisoners walked 55 miles to San Fernando where they were put into small box cars which traveled to Capas. When they arrived in Capas the remaining prisoners walked another 8 miles to Camp O'Donnell. In 1944, the U.S. invaded the island of Leyte in the Philippines and liberated Manila in March 1945.

Read *Ghost Soldiers* (2001)

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