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| <p><u>Civics for K-2 Students</u> NJ Center for Civic Education Bob O’Dell & Arlene Gardner Register for PD Certificate</p> | <p>This video explains the importance of teaching civics to younger children. It is produced by the New Jersey Center for Civic Education. The video also meets the requirements of one hour of professional development for New Jersey teachers.</p> |
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| <p><u>Civics for Grades 3-5</u> NJ Center for Civic Education Bob O’Dell & Arlene Gardner Register for PD Certificate</p> | <p>This informative PD about teaching civics to students in Grades 3-5 provides NJ teachers with two hours of PD credit. Teachers need to register on the home page of our website, njcss.org in advance to receive a certificate. Civics is fun and this video provides resources and suggestions about engaging activities.</p> |
| <p><u>African Americans who Made a Difference</u> Kayren Carter Mjumbe, Museums in Motion Register for PD Certificate</p> | <p>Museums in Motion is a traveling exhibit (and also a virtual exhibit presentation) about African American history and culture. The professional development video provides information about effectively using this to enhance learning, inquiry, and discussion about how African Americans have impacted our history.</p> |
| <p><u>Big History Project: Planting the Seeds of Inquiry in World History in Middle Schools</u> Kathy Hays & Big History Project Register for PD Certificate</p> | <p>Teaching World History is challenging but the Big History Project is a free online course that promotes inquiry, skills, engagement, writing, testing claims, and assessments. Learn about this curriculum model for middle schools. The NJ Council for Social Studies provides one hour of PD credit for teachers who pre-register with us on our website, njcss.org</p> |
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| <p><u>Human Rights & The Constitution of South Africa</u> Malcolm Coates Register for a PD Certificate</p> | This video describes a model lesson which is a case study for evaluating the commitment of the Constitution of South Africa to protecting human rights with comparisons to water, housing, food, equality, etc. The lesson plan engages students with doing the work of historians. Although examples in the video relate to middle school students, this is adaptable to high school. |
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| <p><u>Social Studies Games – The 3-2-1 Strategy</u> Eric Huff, AQademic Register for PD Certificate</p> | Games are essential strategies for engaging students in learning and thinking. The principles of competition, collaboration, and decision-making support memory and literacy. Eric Huff presents the 3-2-1 strategy of questions. Although the targeted audience is middle school teachers, the video has relevance for all K-12 teachers. The NJCSS does not endorse or support any products or services that require payment and this online game comes with a free subscription for a semester. |
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| <p><u>From Bangkok to Bergen County</u> Alan Singer, Hofstra Univ. Register for PD Certificate</p> | <p>This video emphasizes the importance of civic education and engagement with examples of student activism in New Jersey high schools. Teachers interested in a PD Certificate for one hour need to register using the form on the home page of njcss.org or contact Hank Bitten at hb288@sasmail.rutgers.edu</p> |
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| <p><u>Human Rights & National Memory</u> Semira Markos, Hunterdon Central HS Register for PD Certificate</p> | <p>A creative and engaging study of human rights through the memories of memorials and monuments in the United States. Although the examples in this video apply to high school students, the activities are adaptable to middle school students. There are great ideas for critiques of monuments and museums, and suggestions for designing your own museum or monument.</p> |
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| <p><u>U.S. Senate: An Insider’s View</u> Zachary Cohen, National Journal Register for PD Certificate</p> | <p>Zachary Cohen is the Senate correspondent for the National Journal and was one of our keynote speakers for this year’s NJCSS conference before it went virtual. This professional development video is worth one hour of PD credit for teachers who register on our website, njcss.org. The video provides a look at how our government works today and the importance of informed students and citizens in a democracy.</p> |
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