

We hope that everyone approaches these resources with the mindset that a digital tool is only valuable if it enhances the student learning experience. We always recommend that you know your [why](#) before focusing on the how or the what. The best digital resources engage students in the [4 Cs](#) of collaboration, creativity, communication, and critical thinking as they explore content objectives. The [ISTE Standards](#) can be another great resource for building a mindset that connects content to essential digital skills.

Document Objective: The goal connected to the creation of this document is to help teachers and students explore digital resources that can enhance teaching and learning in Social Studies Classrooms. This collection of Web Resources, Chrome OS Web Apps, Chrome Extensions, Google Drive Add-ons, and Drive Apps have been explored and recommended by our PLN to enhance engagement and inspire curiosity in K-12 Social Studies Classrooms. While some of the resources do have paid plans, we primarily try to focus on free digital resources in this collection.

Navigation: We've organized the resources in different categories recommended by Social Studies teachers. To view the Categories, click on '**View**' in the menu above to turn on the '**Document Outline**' on the left. The outline categories are linked to each section of the document.

Additional Web Resources and Digital Tools for all learners can be found by exploring the [Wicked EdTech Site](#) and the [Know Your Why Blog](#). The [Google Chrome Webstore](#) also supports keyword searches for Chrome Apps and Extensions connected to education. The Common Sense Media [EdTech Reviews & Resources Page](#) is another recommended resource to explore digital resources for teaching and learning.

Please feel free to suggest additional resources using the comment feature in this [Padlet](#).



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- [Digital Literacy Resources](#)
- [Essential EdTech Resources](#)
- [Formative Assessment Resources](#)



Bookmarking and Collection Resources



[Chrome Bookmarks](#)

Let Chrome remember your favorite and frequently visited websites. When you create or change your bookmarks, they'll show in Chrome on all your devices.



[Clipular](#)

Screen capture, reinvented. Organize, search & bookmark the web.



[Diigo Web Collector](#)

Bookmark, Archive, Screenshot & Markup - All-In-One Web Collector, must-have research tool.



[Google Keep Extension](#)

Save to Google keep with one click. Organize and tag web resources.



[Padlet](#)

A collaborative digital resource or note board. Include images, videos, documents, and text.



[Save to Google Drive](#)

Save web content or screen capture directly to Google Drive.



[Save to Pocket](#)

Save articles, videos, and more from the web. You can read offline and eliminate web clutter using the [Pocket App](#) on iOS, Android, and Chrome.



[Symbaloo](#)

Organize and categorize web links in the form of buttons.



[Wakelet](#)

Save, organize and share content from across the web with Wakelet. Save articles, videos, images

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Brainstorming and Outlining



[Collabrify Map](#)

Collabrify Map is a “collabrified” concept mapping tool.



[Coggle](#)

A collaborative mind-mapping tool that simplifies complex things.



[Creately](#)

The easiest way to draw flowcharts, mind maps, UML, organizational charts, wireframes, network diagrams and 40+ other diagram types.



[GoConqr](#)

Personal learning environment that allows students & teachers to create, discover and share learning resources.



[Google Keep App](#)

Organize notes, web resources, images, and to-do lists. Use the Google Keep notepad to add keep notes directly into Google Docs and Google Slides.



[Lucidchart Diagrams](#)

Intuitive diagramming & flowcharting tool in the cloud.



[MindMup](#)

Free collaborative online mind mapping tool.



[Miro](#)

Online whiteboard for visual team collaboration. Add pictures, mockups, drawings, videos, sticky notes, office documents, and Google Drive files on an endless canvas.



[Padlet](#)

A collaborative digital resource or note board. Include images, videos, documents, and text.



[Stormboard](#)

Shared sticky notes and whiteboards.

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Creation Resources

Videos, Infographics, Audio, & Multimedia

-  **[Adobe Spark](#)**
An online and mobile design app. Easily create stunning social graphics, short videos, and web pages.
-  **[Book Creator](#)**
Book Creator is a simple tool for creating awesome digital books. Create your own teaching resources or have your students take the reins.
-  **[Canva](#)**
Easily design beautiful, professional graphics. Canva gives you all the tools you need to design.
-  **[easelly](#)**
Create and share powerful visuals (infographics, posters).
-  **[Flipgrid](#)**
Video for igniting student discussion and engagement.
-  **[Google Autodraw](#)**
Drawing tool that pairs the magic of machine learning with drawings from talented artists to help everyone create anything visual
-  **[Google Drawings](#)**
Add some color to your documents, presentations, and websites with easy to create charts and diagrams.
-  **[Google Photos](#)**
Automatically organized and searchable by the people, places, and things in them, your photos are always easy to find and share.
-  **[Lucidpress](#)**
Create stunning visual content for print, mobile or web. Make brochures, newsletters, magazines, reports, and more.
-  **[PicMonkey](#)**
Free photo editor with Collage, Touch Up, Teeth Whiten, Fonts, Effects, Filters, Frames, Stickers & more.
-  **[Piktochart](#)**
Make information beautiful using Piktochart. Create infographics.
-  **[Screencastify](#)**
Screencastify is a video screen capture software Chrome extension with some great features for teachers and students. .
-  **[Soundtrap for Education](#)**
An easy-to-use collaborative platform for audio editing and music making for all ages.
-  **[Thinglink](#)**
Make media come alive. With ThingLink you can easily create interactive image and video content.
-  **[Voicethread](#)**
Transforming media into collaborative spaces with video, voice, and text commenting.
-  **[WeVideo](#)**
WeVideo makes video editing easy for everyone and accessible from anywhere.
-  **[Wizer](#)**
Create and share free interactive worksheets with your students online.

Explore additional Creativity resources [here](#).

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Cultural and Digital Literacy Resources



[Common Sense Education](#)

Common Sense Education Digital Citizenship curriculum powered by Exploros.



[Frontier powered by eSpark](#)

Empowering students to think critically about the media they consume and practice digital citizenship.



[Google Arts and Culture](#)

Keep exploring with Google Arts & Culture. Meet the people, visit the places and learn about the events that shaped our world. Discover collections curated by experts from the most famous museums.



[Google Street View](#)

Explore world landmarks, discover natural wonders, and step inside locations such as museums, arenas, parks and transport hubs.



[Google Expeditions](#)

Google Expeditions is a virtual reality teaching tool that lets you lead or join immersive virtual trips all over the world.



[Kialo](#)

Kialo is a free website designed to foster thoughtful debate and discussion of complex issues. Users can browse for and participate in existing discussions or create their own.



[Interland](#)

Embark on a quest to deny hackers, sink phishers, one-up cyberbullies, outsmart oversharers and become a confident explorer online.



[Newsela](#)

Instructional Content Platform that supercharges reading engagement and learning in every subject.



[Online Safety and Digital Well-Being with Applied Digital Skills](#)

Video lessons engage your students in learning how to safely navigate the online world and develop skills for school, work, and life.



[PenPal Schools](#)

PenPal Schools is a website that allows classrooms and students around the world to work together on collaborative projects that connect to every school subject.



[Skype in the Classroom](#)

Online community that enables thousands of teachers to inspire the next generation of global citizens through transformative learning over Skype.



[Teaching Tolerance](#)

Teaching Tolerance supports the efforts of K-12 teachers and other educators to promote respect for differences and an appreciation of diversity.

Explore additional digital literacy and digital citizenship resources [here](#).

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Discussion Resources

Google Classroom, Google Docs, and Google Slides are great resources to engage students in digital discussions.



[Flipgrid](#)

Video for igniting student discussion and engagement.



[Google Classroom Questions](#)

Create a digital discussion board using the Google Classroom Question feature.



[Kialo](#)

Kialo is a free website designed to foster thoughtful debate and discussion of complex issues. Users can browse for and participate in existing discussions or create their own.



[Padlet](#)

It works like a sheet of paper where you can put anything (images, videos, documents, text) anywhere, from any device (pcs, tablets, phones), together with anyone.



[Miro](#)

Online whiteboard for visual team collaboration. Add pictures, mockups, drawings, videos, sticky notes, office documents and Google Drive files on an endless canvas.



[NowComment](#)

NowComment makes it easy to have rich, engaging discussions of online documents no matter how large (or small) your class or collaboration group.



[Verso](#)


Verso Campus is the teaching platform that supports educators in collaborating to build online discussions, while activating student voice as a driver for deeper, more personalized instruction.


Explore additional communication resources [here](#).


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Geography and Maps


Two great places for educators to start exploring are the [Google Maps Education Site](#) and the [Google Earth Resources Site](#).


 **[GeoGuessr](#)**
GeoGuessr connects to Google Maps Street view. Players are randomly dropped in a street view and must guess where they are on a world map. Points are earned based on how close players guesses are to real location.


 **[Google Cultural Institute - Places](#)**
Content from over 1000 leading museums and archives.


 **[Google Earth for the Web](#)**
Everything you love about Google Earth, plus new ways for you to explore, learn and share.


 **[Google Earth Engine - Timelapse](#)**
Timelapse is a global, zoomable video that lets you see how the Earth has changed over the past 32 years.


 **[Google Earth Voyager](#)**
Explore places with Carmen SanDiego, challenge your students with unique Geography Quizzes and more with Google Earth Voyager resources.


 **[Google Maps](#)**
Find local business information, directions, and street-level imagery around the world with Google Maps.


 **[Google My Maps](#)**
Create custom maps to share and publish online with Google My Maps.

 **[Geography Games](#)**
Free online education games and puzzles for Geography. Play knowledge games.

 **[Learn States](#)**
Learn the names and locations of all the states in the United States.

 **[MapHub](#)**
MapHub allows you to create, share and collaborate interactive maps online.

 **[National Geographic™ Photo Of The Day](#)**
Beautiful and Interesting colorful photos. Enjoy National Geographic's incredible photo collection. You'll get new pictures daily.

 **[World Data Atlas](#)**
Key statistics, data and visualizations about the world and world's countries and regions at your fingertips

 **[Virtual Tour Creator](#)**
Tour Creator makes it easy to build immersive, 360° tours right from your computer

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Interactive Lessons and Activities

[HyperDocs](#) are a great framework for student centered learning using G Suite for Education resources.



[Buncee for Education](#)

Create engaging content like lesson plans, digital stories, presentations etc.



[DeckToys](#)

Engaging real-time interactivity in the classroom in both teacher-led and student-paced lesson scenarios



[EdCite](#)

Interactive assignments and assessments.



[EDpuzzle](#)

Make videos into interactive lessons by adding questions and resources.



[Google Slides](#)

Collaborative and interactive presentations. Now with add-ons to enhance learning.



[Haiku Deck](#)

With Haiku Deck, anyone can create stunning, image-rich slideshows.



[Insert Learning](#)

Turn almost any website into an engaging lesson by adding questions, discussions, insight, and more into the text.



[Nearpodize](#)

Turn your Google presentations into Nearpod lessons.



[Pear Deck](#)

Interactive presentations and formative assessments.



[PlayPosit](#)

Embed rich, dynamic questions into online video to track learning.



[PowToon Presentations Edu](#)

PowToon lets you create awesome presentations and animated videos.



[Spiral](#)

Complete group assignments using Team Up.



[Symbaloo Learning Paths](#)

Create a gaming-style Learning Path using the best educational resources.



[TEDEd](#)

Create an interactive [TED-Ed Lesson](#) page with any video from YouTube.



[TES Teach with Blendspace](#)

Differentiate instruction by creating interactive engaging digital lessons.



[Wizer](#)

Create and share free interactive worksheets with your students online.

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History and Current Events



[Airing Pods](#)

Audio podcast player brings you 15000+ channels across 50+ topics.



[CuriosityStream](#)

CuriosityStream is the world's first ad-free, on-demand streaming service for premium factual shows that enlighten, entertain and inspire.



[Google News](#)

Search thousands of news stories.



[Newsela](#)

Instructional Content Platform that supercharges reading engagement and learning in every subject.



[NewsHub](#)

The NewsHub team has developed a live news timeline extension that has been designed with the users in mind.



[NPR Infinite Player](#)

NPR for Chrome: It's the smarter listening experience you expect from NPR, tailored to your personal interests.



[Opposing Viewpoints in Context](#)

Gale's Opposing Viewpoints in Context is the premier online resource covering today's hottest social issues.



[TimeMaps: World History Atlas](#)

The World History TimeMap contains over 660 history maps and 1,000 pages of high-quality supporting narrative.



[USA TODAY](#)

The latest news, scores, weather, stocks and photos you've come to expect from USA TODAY.

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Note Taking and Organization Resources

Shared Google Docs and Google Slides are great resources for shared and collaborative notes.

[DocHub](#)

Securely view, edit and sign PDFs. Fill forms. Merge documents and reorder pages. Create templates. DocHub is 100% free.

[Draftback](#)

Draftback lets you play back the revision history of any Google Doc you can edit. It's like going back in time to look over your shoulder as you write.

[Google Keep App](#)

Organize notes, web resources, images, and to do lists. Use the Google Keep notepad to add keep notes directly into Google Docs and Google Slides.

[Highly Highlighter](#)

Highlight anything. Save and share highlights, right as you read. Highly works darn near everywhere.

[Kami](#)

Best PDF and Document Annotation and Markup Tool. Works with Google Drive and Google Classroom.

[Mic Note](#)

Record voice while taking notes.

[My Study Life](#)

Online planner for students, teachers and lecturers designed to make your study life easier to manage.

[Note Anywhere](#)

You can make notes on any web page, any position. When you open that page again, the notes get loaded automatically.

[Stencil](#)

The Stencil Chrome extension lets you highlight text anywhere on the web and turn it into an image instantly.

[Sticky Notes](#)

Sticky note app for your desktop.

[Todoist](#)

To-do list and task manager.











[TurboNote](#)

Most efficient way to take & share time-stamped notes while watching videos!

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Research and Citation Resources

The [Explore Tool](#) in Google Docs, Slides, and Sheets is a great resource to support student exploration and research.

-  [Ancient History Encyclopedia](#)
A non-profit community website that provides free peer-reviewed ancient history information.
-  [Cite This for Me](#)
Automatically create website citations in the APA, MLA, Chicago, or Harvard referencing styles at the click of a button.
-  [instaGrok](#)
It's a research engine that lets you learn about any topic. A graphical concept map shows you how important ideas connect.
-  [EasyBib Toolbar](#)
Cite web sites with one click using the EasyBib Toolbar and receive advice on the credibility of the website you're citing.
-  [Google Books](#)
Search the world's most comprehensive index of full-text books.
-  [Google Scholar](#)
Google Scholar is a freely accessible web search engine that indexes the full text or metadata of scholarly literature across an array of publishing formats.
-  [Quotes Book](#)
Collect and share your favorite quotes and quotations.
-  [Research in Context](#)
Categories cover the most-studied topics like cultures, government, people, U.S. and world history, literature, and many more.
-  [StudyMode](#)
View research, get help with popular books and cite your sources all in one place.
-  [World Cloud Website Preview](#)
Summarize and share the content of any website or article using very popular word tag cloud technology.

Explore additional resources for curiosity in the classroom [here](#).

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Rubrics and Grading Resources



[JoeZoo Express](#)

Built for teachers and students to install, it's a single add-on that makes self, peer and teacher feedback EASY!



[Kaizena \(Voice Comments\)](#)

Kaizena saves teachers time assessing digital student work in Google Drive while improving the quality of feedback students receive.



[Orange Slice](#)

An add-on built for teachers that will increase grading productivity and professional present a scored rubric/grade for students.



[Goobric](#)

A rubric based assessment tool that works with the [Doctopus Add-on](#) that enables flexible, efficient rubric-based grading of Google Drive resources.



[Goobric for Students](#)

A rubric based assessment designed to guide student learning and revision. Goobric for Students provides reminders and a button in the Google Docs editor designed to encourage students to review the teacher's scoring rubric as they are creating or revising an assignment.



[Flubaroo](#) (Google Sheets)

Flubaroo helps you quickly grade and analyze online assignments and assessments, as well as email scores to students.



[Super Quiz](#)

Super Quiz adds brilliant functionality and assessment tools to a quiz made with Google Forms.

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Timeline Resources



[Google Autodraw](#)

Drawing tool that pairs the magic of machine learning with drawings from talented artists to help everyone create anything visual



[Google Drawings](#)

Add some color to your documents, presentations, and websites with easy to create charts and diagrams.



[Sutori](#)

Sutori is a free digital learning tool for the classroom. It enables teachers and students to create interactive stories through a simple and intuitive interface.



[Timeglider](#)

Create, collaborate, and publish zooming and panning interactive timelines. It's like Google Maps, but for time.



[Timeline JS](#)

Open-source tool that enables anyone to build visually rich, interactive timelines.



[Tiki-Toki](#)

Create beautiful interactive timelines that you can share on the internet.

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Additional Apps, Addons, and Extensions

Google Docs and Google Sheets in Google Drive are great collaborative resources that can be enhanced with different Add-ons, Apps, and Chrome Extensions. To learn more about how to find and connect Drive Add-ons please visit the [Drive Add-on Tutorial](#).

[CK-12](#)

CK-12 is an app to help students, and teachers improve K-12 learning globally by providing self-paced learning content & tools.

[Move It](#)

Busy working on your computer? Spending hours searching the internet? Get active with Move It.

[Quizlet](#)

Quizlet makes simple tools that let you study anything, for free.

[Share to Classroom](#)

Get your class on the same (web)page, instantly.

[TickTick](#)

To-do & task list to make all things done and get life well organized.

[Gliffy Diagrams](#) (Google Docs)

Create professional-looking diagrams quickly and easily in Google Docs. Draw flowcharts, wireframes, UML, ERD and more.

[Thesaurus](#) (Google Docs)

Thesaurus for Google Documents revolutionizes your experience by helping you explore synonyms, antonyms and more.

[Keywords](#)

This add-on provides a easy way for teachers to create keyword lists for their classes, and for students to view them.

[Speech Recognition](#)

The Speech Recognition add-on will allow you to use speech recognition to write your Google Docs documents. **Google Docs also has built in Voice Recording in the tools menu.**

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Additional Resources to Support Teachers & Learners

- [Formative Assessment Resources](#)
- [Common Sense Media for Educators](#)
- [Google for Education](#)
- [HyperDocs and Learner-Centered Classrooms](#)
- [ProCon.org - Pros and Cons of Controversial Issues](#)
- [Google Secrets - Even More Google Resources](#)
- [Developing a Future Ready Classroom With the 4 Cs](#)
- [Curiosity Resources for the Classroom](#)
- [Content Resources for Teaching and Learning](#)
- [Gapminder - Fact Based World Views](#)

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