



AI for Social Studies Teaching & Learning

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General Resources

- Slideshow - "AI for Social Studies" - [View Slides](#) - [Copy Slides](#)
- All Eric's AI Resources - controlaltachieve.com/ai or bit.ly/eric-ai

Social Studies AI Prompts

In this section we explore resources that offer AI prompt tools specifically for social studies topics and content.

TeacherServer

- teacherserver.com - [Blog post](#)
- At the moment TeacherServer has 160 prompt tools specifically for Social Studies.
- Categories include:
 - History
 - Geography
 - Civics and Government
 - Economics
 - Culture and Society
 - Current Events
 - Individuals, Groups, and Institutions
 - Science, Technology, and Society

General Chatbots

- Google Gemini - gemini.google.com - bit.ly/curts-gemini
- Sample prompts for social studies - [Google Docs link](#)
- Eric's collection of Gems - edugems.ai

Media Creation Tools

In this section we explore how AI can be used to generate media that can be used to teach science concepts.

Images

- Gemini allows you to include images in the prompts you submit, and can analyze and respond to the image.
- Gemini can include images in the responses it generates to add context to the information.
- Gemini can generate images from your text prompts - [Help page](#)
- Examples - [Resource link](#) - [Resource link](#)
- You can also use Gemini to create Infographics - [Resource link](#)

Graphic Novels

- NotebookLM - notebooklm.google.com - [Blog post](#) - [Demo video](#) (6 minutes)
- Free AI-powered tool to help you interact with and learn from your own documents
- Create Notebooks with up to 50 sources - Docs, PDFs, text, images, URLs, Slides, Sheets, YouTube, and more
- 500,000 words per source
- Generate reports, mind maps, infographics, slideshows, flashcards, quizzes, audio & video overviews
- You can create Graphic Novels with NotebookLM - [Resource link](#)

Music

- Suno - suno.com - [No Taxation with Tea](#) - [Continents and Oceans](#)
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Tutoring and Support Tools

In this section we explore resources that offer AI tools that can provide tutoring and academic support for students learning social studies.

SchoolAI

- schoolai.com - [Blog post](#) - [Demo video](#) (12 minutes)
- Free tool that allows your students to have safe, monitored interactions with AI learning activities.
- View student chats and AI summaries and insights
- Social Studies Tutor - <https://student.schoolai.com/dot/spaces/join?code=6VC1-YH7S>

Gemini Gems

- AI Tutor - edugems.ai/gem/ai-tutor
 - Common Misconceptions - edugems.ai/gem/common-misconceptions
 - Concept Analogies - edugems.ai/gem/concept-analogies
 - Guided Notes - edugems.ai/gem/guided-notes
 - KWL Interactive - edugems.ai/gem/kwl-interactive
 - Learner Scaffolds - edugems.ai/gem/learner-scaffolds
 - Project Breakdown - edugems.ai/gem/project-breakdown
 - Student Brainstorming - edugems.ai/gem/student-brainstorming
 - Teach a Robot - edugems.ai/gem/teach-a-robot
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AI Role Playing

In this section we explore how AI can be used for role playing activities, where the AI takes on the role of someone from history and the students can chat with the AI in the role to learn about that person from history.

Role Playing Ideas

- AI can take on any role. This can include specific people or general people from a certain time and place.
- Test this activity before doing this with your students to evaluate the AI chatbot you will be using for any possible issues with accuracy or bias (gender, racial, etc.).
- Make it clear to students that the AI is only roleplaying and may respond with incorrect information.
- Encourage students to evaluate the AI responses for accuracy, bias, relevance, and alignment with known facts.

AI Chatbots

- AI Special Classroom Guest - bit.ly/curts-aiguest - [Webinar](#) (28 min) - [Blog post](#)
- Use [Gemini](#) - [ChatGPT](#) - [Claude](#)
- Eric's prompt template for role playing - [Prompt template](#) - [Gem link](#) - [Interview Ideas](#)

SchoolAI

- schoolai.com - [Blog post](#) - [Demo video](#) (12 minutes)
- Chat with Abraham Lincoln - [Space link](#)
- Chat with Alexander the Great - [Space link](#)
- Chat with Cleopatra - [Space link](#)
- Chat with Frederick Douglass - [Space link](#)

MagicSchool AI

- [magicschool.ai](#) - [Blog post](#) - [Demo video](#) (6 minutes)
- MagicSchool AI Rooms for Student Learning - [Blog post](#) - [Video](#)
- Chat with Samuel Adams and Thomas Hutchinson (Causes of the Boston Tea Party) - [Room link](#)
- Chat with the Sphinx (write your own riddle) - [Room link](#)

Brisk Teaching

- [briskteaching.com](#) - [bit.ly/curts-brisk](#) - [1-hour Webinar](#)
- Boost Student Learning with Brisk Teaching - [Blog post](#) - [Video](#)
- Chat with Abraham Lincoln (focus on [The Gettysburg Address](#)) - [Boost link](#)
- Chat with Gilgamesh (focus on [ancient Mesopotamia](#)) - [Boost link](#)
- Chat with a pioneer on the Oregon Trail (focus on [this article](#)) - [Boost link](#)

Other AI tools to consider for AI role playing activities:

- Mizou - [mizou.com](#) - [Blog post](#) - [Demo video](#)
 - Fobizz - [fobizz.com/en](#)
 - Humy - [humy.ai](#)
 - Flint - [flintk12.com](#)
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AI Debates

In this section we explore how AI can be used for debates, where the AI is given a debate topic and a position to take. The students can then engage the AI in a debate on that topic, helping them to think critically about the subject area content.

Debate Topic Ideas

- Should the colonists have fought for independence from Britain?
- Were the European explorers primarily heroes or villains in their treatment of Indigenous peoples?
- Should we replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples' Day?
- Was the New Deal an effective solution to the Great Depression?
- Should the United States have used atomic weapons to end World War II?
- Did Reconstruction go far enough to help formerly enslaved people?
- Was containment an effective policy during the Cold War?
- Should the Electoral College be abolished?
- Should voting be allowed for kids under 18?
- Did the Civil Rights Movement achieve its goals?

- Should the government be responsible for providing free healthcare to all citizens?
- Is capitalism the best economic system?
- Should ancient monuments, like the pyramids, be open to tourists?
- Should our town spend more money on parks or on libraries?
- Was George Washington right to refuse a third term as president?
- Should the United States intervene in foreign conflicts to promote democracy?
- Was Susan B. Anthony's decision to vote illegally right or wrong?
- Should the United Nations have the power to enforce its resolutions on sovereign nations?
- Should students have to wear school uniforms?
- Was the creation of national parks a good decision?
- Did Prohibition do more harm than good?
- Which caused more significant changes in American society: the Great Depression or World War II?
- Who had a more significant impact on American history: George Washington or Abraham Lincoln?
- Who had a greater influence on the direction of the Civil Rights Movement: Martin Luther King Jr. or Malcolm X?
- Which was a more important invention: the cotton gin or the steam engine?



LLM Chatbots

- AI Special Classroom Guest - bit.ly/curts-aiguest
- Webinar Recording - [YouTube link](#) (48 min) - [Blog post](#)
- Use [Gemini](#) - [ChatGPT](#) - [Claude](#)
- Eric's prompt template for AI Debate - [Prompt template](#) - [Gem link](#) - [Debate Topic Ideas](#)



MagicSchool AI

- magicschool.ai - [Blog post](#) - [Demo video](#) (6 minutes)
- MagicSchool AI Rooms for Student Learning - [Blog post](#) - [Video](#)
- Debate on Voting Age - [Room link](#)
- Debate on Tourists at Ancient Monuments - [Room link](#)



Brisk Teaching

- briskteaching.com - bit.ly/curts-brisk - [1-hour Webinar](#)
- Boost Student Learning with Brisk Teaching - [Blog post](#) - [Video](#)
- Debate on the National Parks (based on [this article](#)) - [Boost link](#)
- Debate on the Atomic Bomb (based on [this video](#)) - [Boost link](#)

Other AI tools to consider for AI debate activities:

- Mizou - mizou.com - [Blog post](#) - [Demo video](#)
- Fobizz - fobizz.com/en

- Flint - flintk12.com
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AI Simulations

In this section we explore how AI can be used for simulation activities, games, and stories. This can include "Choose Your Own Adventure" style stories, simulations similar to "Text Adventure" games, and more. This can allow students to immerse themselves in a scenario to learn more about the topic in an engaging and open-ended format.

LLM Chatbots

- AI Special Classroom Guest - bit.ly/curts-aiguest - [Webinar](#) (28 min) - [Blog post](#)
- Use [Gemini](#) - [ChatGPT](#) - [Claude](#)
- Eric's Prompt template for CYOA - [Prompt template](#) - [Gem link](#) - [CYOA Story Ideas](#)

Prompts from Benjamin Breen

- "Simulating History with ChatGPT" - [Article link](#)
- The Fall of the Ming Dynasty (Nanjing, May, 1645) - [ChatGPT link](#)
- Voyage of the Beagle (Galápagos Islands, December 17, 1835) - [ChatGPT link](#)
- Nixon-Khrushchev "Kitchen Debate" (Moscow, July 24, 1959) - [ChatGPT link](#)
- Simulate your hometown (Location and date up to you) - [ChatGPT link](#)
- Medieval Plague Simulator: Damascus Edition - [Google Docs link](#)
- Medieval Plague Simulator: Parisian Quack Edition - [Google Docs link](#)
- Medieval Plague Simulator: Pistoia Edition - [Google Docs link](#)

SchoolAI

- schoolai.com - [Blog post](#) - [Demo video](#) (12 minutes)
- CYOA - The Silk Road - [Space link](#)
- CYOA - The American Revolution - [Space link](#)

Other AI tools to consider for AI simulation activities:

- Mizou - mizou.com - [Blog post](#) - [Demo video](#)
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AI Content Aggregation

NotebookLM

- notebooklm.google.com - [Blog post](#) - [Demo video](#) (6 minutes)

- Cold War Examples
 - Cold War Briefing Document - [Google Docs link](#)
 - Cold War Study Guide - [Google Docs link](#)
 - Cold War FAQ - [Google Docs link](#)
 - Cold War Timeline - [Google Docs link](#)
 - Cold War Audio Overview (focus on Red Scare) - [Audio link](#)
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Custom Maps with AI

- "Make Educational Maps with AI" - [Blog post](#) - [Tutorial Video](#) (14 minutes)
- Google My Maps - www.google.com/mymaps
- Example map - [ChatGPT Revolutionary Battles Map](#)
- ChatGPT - chat.com
- Gemini - gemini.google.com - bit.ly/curts-googleai - [Video](#) (1 hour) - [Blog post](#)
- Claude - claude.ai

Eric's Prompt:

*Generate a CSV file that can be imported into Google My Maps.
Be sure to include double-quotes around any data that contains commas.
The topic of the map is [topic].
Each location should be [related to topic].
Include at least [number] locations.
Include the following headers in the CSV file with corresponding data for each location:
[item] - [details]
[list as many as needed]*

Eric's EduGem - "Educational Map Maker" - [Gem link](#)



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