

Best Tools for SS Teachers

@davejwallace	Schoology	www.schoology.com	
@ingeniousteach	Ingenious Teaching	http://www.google.com/url?q=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.schoology.com&sa=D&sntz=1&usg=AFQjCNHX6Pqq8VaLQbGJz81p6TzzPvFTCA	EXCELLENT site for creative teaching strategies, games, instructional technology, and great teaching tips
@bpasquale	iCivics	www.icivics.org	Interactive games, webquests, lessons with readings/powerpoint presentations; can create classes or not but my students enjoyed the creating an avatar and such(@ballardam)
@jk_coffee	Library of Congressp (Teacher Resources)	http://www.loc.gov/teachers/	Just an amazing site full of lesson plans, resources, themed sources, etc.
@shawnmccusker	Flow of History Website	http://www.flowofhistory.co_m/	A great site with helpful flowcharts that connect ideas in History. Great for breaking free from the textbook.
@dianadell	Qwiki	Qwiki	Create amazing interactive stories about social studies topics in minutes.
@teachpleau	Avalon Project	http://avalon.law.yale.edu/	Documents in law, history, and diplomacy.

@Brian_ThomasTCI	ToonDoo	www.toondoo.com	Empowers you and students to be visually creative in preview or response to content.
@Brian_ThomasTCI	Visuwords	www.visuwords.com	Gives students a chance to see content vocabulary as a visual thesaurus.
@edukeeshan	Living Room Candidate	http://goo.gl/864w http://www.livingroomcandidate.org/	excellent archive of television political advertisements.
@mrsbeck25	Google Earth		
@mraabbe	Go Animate	www.goanimate.com	Create customized cartoons where students can choose characters, scene, props, voices, effects, etc. Great for historical dialogues (Used for 9/11 assessment.
@mraabbe	Popplet, Mindmeister	www.popplet.com www.mindmeister.com	Free and easy to use to make graphic organizers prior to writing paragraphs
@mrbrianbobbitt	A-Z Resource List	A-Z List	Several resources listed by category with a description of what they do.
@snipit	Snip.it	Crusades example http://snip.it/collections/874-The-Crusades	FREE! Snip.it is a great tool for creating subject-based collections and interacting with your students online.
@nolansclass	Budget game	www.playspent.org	students try to make it through a month living at a minimum wage job.

@nolansclass	Compound Interest Calculator	http://lei.councilforeconed.org/interactives/compound/	Kids are fascinated at how compound interest really works
@nolansclass	Staying ahead	http://www.stayingahead.org/	Real life budgeting
@historyfriend	collaborative writing platform	http://sync.in	great for kids working together to keep notes
@mrstaubstem	JSTOR	www.jstor.com	Not free, but as with other scholarly journal databases, this enriches the content students receive. A must for a connected classroom.
@volumeoflogic	Mind Meister	www.mindmeister.com/	Nice interactive mind maps. Embeddable into blogs, great features for attaching media into mind maps - pretty cheap
@RobFinkill	Teaching American History	http://teachingamericanhistory.org/	Document libraries, lesson plans, interactives that are great for smart boards, topics include all eras of American history
@sgormanyogi	quizlet	quizlet.com	great vocabulary building tool. Create online flash cards and play vocab games.
@ron_peck	Stratalogica	stratalogica.com	Google Earth API with layers of content. Add photos, text, videos, timelines. Great for presentations!
@ron_peck	Dipity	www.dipity.com	Timeline generator

@ron_peck	David Rumsey Historical Maps	http://www.davidrumsey.com/	Amazing collection of maps and can be added in the gallery of Google Earth.
@ron_peck	Scribble Maps	http://www.scribblemaps.com/	Allows students to draw on maps, add images, etc.
@ron_peck	National Archive: Digital Vaults	http://www.digitalvaults.org/#	Amazing collection of primary resources.
@ghkcole	IWitness	iwitness.usc.edu	online video testimonies - (currently Holocaust survivors and witnesses, but adding other genocides) - students can save and edit together videos with online streaming video editor - there is a growing library of activities, not all about Holocaust - adding a Civil Rights activity soon too
@johnsonmaryj	What Was There?	http://www.whatwasthere.com/	Anyone can easily upload a photograph with two straightforward tags to provide context: Location and Year. Love the slider bar to fade from past to present and back again. Great for architectural changes over time and to study the "built environment" through primary source photos. "Explore Photos" to view some of the possibilities.
@ron_peck	Skype	www.skype.com	A powerful tool for bringing in authors, historians or other classes from around the world.
@johnsonmaryj	ThingLink	http://www.thinglink.com/	Rich media tags can be added to images and other media. Add text,

			video, music, or web content. Use for annotating primary sources and linking them to bib info.
@ballardam	Mission U.S.	http://www.mission-us.org/	“Mission US is a multimedia project that immerses players in U.S. history content through free interactive games”. Two missions: For Crown or Colony? & Flight for Freedom (planning to have five missions); lessons & primary sources which can be used in conjunction or not. Be sure to look at Educators tab
@kls4711	Stanford History Education Group	http://sheg.stanford.edu/?q=node/45 http://historicalthinkingmatters.org/	Curriculum around Sam Wineburg’s ideas of getting students to do the work of historians in the classroom
@kls4711	George Mason and Fordham	http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/modsbook.asp http://historymatters.gmu.edu/browse/wwwhistory/	Primary source repositories
@ballardam	QR Code Treasure Hunt	http://www.classtools.net/QR/	Use QR codes to create a scavenger hunt-great review tool but very flexible
@ballardam	Fakebook generator	http://www.classtools.net/fb/home/page	Create a historical fakebook; can embed video. See http://bit.ly/iF9azR

@i_teach_history	Civil War Today	http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/the-civil-war-today/id428812156?mt=8	This app costs \$2.99, but if you teach the Civil War, it is well worth the money.
@joykirr	You Are Your Words	http://www.youareyourwords.com	Create a self-portrait, using your words - the words that tell the world who you are. Can do this with characters from history.
@joykirr	Voki	www.voki.com	Create an avatar of a character from history and speak for 60 sec. something profound s/he would say, or a motto s/he would have, or a short bio of her/himself.
@ron_peck	School Time Games	http://www.schooltimegames.com/Social_studies.html	A variety of games that teach history and geography.
@joykirr	Today's Meet	www.todaysmeet.com	Have students log in during class under a pseudonym of a person from history and have them discuss an idea as if they were that person with their beliefs.
@i_teach_history	Museum Box	http://creator.museumbox.e2bn.org/	So many possibilities...biographies, topics, etc...Students fill each side of a cube with text, images, sound, video, or links. Free!
@i_teach_history	Animaps	http://www.animaps.com/#!/home	Create and view animated maps for free! Students could create a map of the Lewis & Clark Expedition or any other historical

			event.
@i_teach_history	TimeRime TimeToast	http://www.timerime.com/ http://www.timetoast.com/	Students can put historical events on a timeline using images and facts. Both sites are free!
@ron_peck	Socrative	socrative.com	Student response system for feedback in the classroom
@i_teach_history	My top 3 resources for teaching Lewis and Clark.	http://www.pbs.org/lewisandclark/ http://lewisandclarkjournals.unl.edu/ http://lewis-clark.org/content/content-channel.asp?ChannelID=62	My favorite site is the last link. Students can read excerpts from the journals with all the links, but the 3rd also includes information about the Native American tribes. Biographical information about the Corps is also included. Great maps and pictures.
@johnsonmaryj	I'd like to add this to @i_teach_history Lewis and Clark resources	http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/presentationsandactivities/presentations/lewisandclark/	Interactive presentation from the Library of Congress with timeline of Lewis and Clark expedition as well as primary sources related to each stage of the exploration.
@SarahJaneRaines	Google Drive	http://www.google.com	Unified system for students to collaborate on work (through documents), for teachers to collect assignments & grade (through spreadsheets), and to get quick feedback on instruction effectiveness (through forms). Result: less paper in my life!
@ingeniousteach			

@draketellier	Celly	http://cel.ly/schools	Free group messaging, instant polling for student response/voting simulations, QR code sharing, and more. Celly works with any regular phone (SMS) or from any web enabled device (laptop, ipad, etc.) making it easy to implement in a school setting.
@Meghann415	TweenTribune/TeenTribune	http://tweentribune.com/	Free class creation, students can comment on AP Articles and have discussions with others about news.
@mspuskarz	Flocabulary	http://www.flocabulary.com	Songs and videos on a variety of topics (mainly in the style of rap/hip hop). Not just Social Studies. You do have to pay, however there is a free trial. I have used "This Week in Rap" with my current event Fridays in Civics (located in their blog section). Current week is free and offers a lesson plan and activities.
@dcmm14	Why Won't You Just Tell Us the Answer? Teaching Historical Thinking in Grades 7-12 Bruce Lesh	Stenhouse Publishing http://www.stenhouse.com/html/home.htm	Book has some great ideas and lessons on how to implement primary sources in classroom.
@Folmerica	Choices Program	http://choices.edu	Great set of lessons available for purchase with supporting online content. Units on various topics with 21st century skills focus.

@Folmerica	World history for Us All	http://worldhistoryforusall.sdsu.edu/	Online World History Curriculum based on the National Standards for History.
@Folmerica	National History Education Clearinghouse	http://teachinghistory.org	Spectacular source for history methodology and lessons.
@Folmerica	National Archives - DocsTeach	http://docsteach.org	Large collection of National Archives documents and related activities.
@Folmerica	EDSITEment	http://edsitement.neh.gov/subject/history-social-studies	Collection of over 400 lessons and materials for Social Studies teachers.
@mseideman "One of the BEST tools I use in my classroom"	My Big Campus	http://www.mybigcampus.com/	My Big Campus provides an engaging online environment to promote blended learning within a safe monitored platform that balances educational use of Web 2.0 with network and student safety. The standalone version of My Big Campus is perfect for single teachers, project-based learning activities, professional networks, or group projects.
@timemaps	The TimeMap of World History	www.timemaps.com	A free World History Atlas made digital. Over 650 Maps and 1000 pages of content for each and every civilization, nation and empire placed on a timeline and with accompanying written narrative. Lesson plans available to use with it.
@mrnesi	InstaGrok	www.instagrok.com	- Finds age-appropriate

			educational content on any topic presented with interactive multimedia interfaces - Generates quiz questions based on student's research activity and skill level - Supports creation of research journals and concept maps for learning assessment
@mseideman	Infuse Learning	http://www.infuselearning.com/	InfuseLearning provides a simple, powerful platform to streamline the facilitation of learning. Engage every student, on any device.
@hiphughes	HipHughes History	http://www.youtube.com/hiphughes	Video Lectures from Mr. Hughes, a YouTube EDU Next Guru & resident professor of cool at PoliPop. Keith Hughes has taught US History and Government and AP American Government for the past 14 years as well as education classes in New Literacy and Technology for the Graduate School of Education at the University of Buffalo. HipHughes History is a series of upbeat, personable and educational lectures designed for students and lifelong learners. Videos primarily focus on US History and Politics but span across World History and general

			interest. So sit back and enjoy the antics of HipHughes as he melds multimodality into a learning experience.
@tom_shields	The DBQ Project	http://www.dbqproject.com/	DBQ units provide students with the opportunity to engage in the same historical thinking and writing students use in Mini-Qs. The main difference is that with DBQs (often referred to as the "Mother-Qs"), students wrestle with more documentary evidence. Each unit provides students with a longer version (14-26 documents) and a shorter version (8-12 documents). Teachers make their choice of what version to use based on time and student reading level. When students construct their DBQ essays, they often use several documents per paragraph to prove each part of their thesis.
@misssssearcy	Spotify	http://www.spotify.com/us/	Teachers or students can use Spotify to enrich social studies lessons with regional or historical music for free. If you already know a genre or an artist, you can find full playlists/albums to use as primary sources, hooks, or background music for activities. It's used almost everyday in my classroom!

@misssssearcy	Flubaroo	http://www.flubaroo.com/	If you use Google Forms to make assignments or quizzes, you can run this easy Flubaroo script to create self-grading assignments.
@SFO650	Historical Scene Investigation	http://web.wm.edu/hsi/cases.html	This site has CSI-esque “mysteries” for US History that students solve using primary source documents. Fun stuff!
@jhensley_dphs	clip grab	http://clipgrab.org	Free YouTube and other video type downloader. Absolutely free, easy to use, and eliminates trying to find or add videos to a playlist.
@MrsJones_Merton	Google Hang Out (GHO)		Don't forget about this amazing tool! We have done GHO's with authors of books we are reading, we've done a competitive math game with another class, We've read books w/ another class. The possibilities are endless. For SS you could do a GHO w/ veterans, or other classes that are studying the same topic.
@MrsJones_Merton	Kahoot	@getkahoot	great tool to use for review of vocabulary
@lamoureuxr	NearPod	https://www.nearpod.com/	Customizable, interactive live presentation tool
@lamoureuxr	Zaption	https://www.zaption.com	Create video lessons. This is going away on September 30th.

@arlo616	Quizizz	www.quizizz.com	FREE - Can be used for homework, quizzes, or anything else. Great for quick, real time data, and formative assessments. Students need a device.
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