

Social Studies Technology Tools

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Tech Tool	Function
Websites & Apps	
Remind 101	To communicate with students and parents regarding homework, upcoming tests, etc.
Jeffco Schoology	See Jeffco's comparison chart at this link. This chart describes all of the functions of Jeffco Schoology and Google Classroom.
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GSuite	Google Apps Education Edition is a package of Google applications that live on the internet "cloud." The applications contained in Jeffco's Google Apps are Docs, Sites, Calendar, Google+ Photos, YouTube (for staff), Gmail and Contacts - all within a safe and secure domain for students and staff of Jeffco Schools.
Edgenuity	Edgenuity's self-paced learning and pretesting allow students to spend more time on what they need and less time on content they've already mastered. Course content can be customized to meet the standards of the school or district.
Newsela	Newsela is a website that allows students to access news stories from several sources that match their reading level as well as age appropriateness.
Thinglink	Students develop interactive projects using images, videos, and text.
Pear Deck	With Pear Deck, each student in your class will connect to your presentation on any device, answer your interactive questions, and learn from their peers. Sign in w/ Google to Get Started
EdPuzzle	Engages students during videos by activating questions and tasks.
Smithsonian Learning Lab	The Smithsonian Learning Lab is a digitized collection of education resources and videos that were previously spread across different online locations.
Esri Story Maps	Esri Story Maps lets you combine authoritative maps with narrative text, images, and multimedia content. They make it easy to harness the power of maps and geography to tell your story.
Explorer for ArcGIS	Explorer for ArcGIS: Search, explore and discover maps, View information about your assets, Search for places and features in your map, Share maps with other Explorer users, Sketch on the map to highlight important aspects of your data, Tell stories and brief stakeholders via map presentations.
iCivics	iCivics teaches students how government works by having them experience it directly. Through games, the player steps into any role to experience the government firsthand.
Google Tour Builder	Tour Builder allows students to show people places they visit and experiences they have along the way using Google Earth. Students can pick locations on the map, add in photos, text, and video, and then share their creations. Students log in using their

	Google account.
Piktochart	Students use Piktochart to create infographics that represent research they have done in a more visual manner.
Canva	Students use Canva to create infographics that represent research they have done in a more visual manner.
Kahoot!	Kahoot allows users to create game based formative assessments using multiple choice questions. Kahoot provides a fun interactive platform for students which includes avatars, leaderboards, themes, etc.
Poll Everywhere	Poll Everywhere gives shy or reluctant students a way to respond freely alongside their peers. Use interactive questions to gauge understanding and adjust your lecture based on feedback from the entire room. Students respond simultaneously from the privacy of their devices.
Quizlet	Quizlet is a free resource providing learning tools for students, including flashcards, study and game modes. It contains over 400 million user-generated study sets. Use a pre-made study set or create your own.
Shmoop	Shmoop - Test Prep Resources, and Learning Guides
Lucid Press	Quickly create and share visual content for print or digital format. Create brochures, flyers, newsletters, reports, Digital Publications and magazines.
Anchor	Anchor is an audio recording and podcasting tool. Record or upload high-quality audio, host unlimited episodes, and distribute everywhere with just one click. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned pro.
CommonLit	CommonLit is free reading passages for grade 5-12. They are common core aligned and offer paired text and text based questions and discussions online. You can assign reading passages to groups of students and have them complete the assignments online.
Actively Learn	Actively Learn is the interactive reading platform that makes reading meaningful for every student.
World History for Us All	World History for Us All is a national collaboration of K-12 teachers, collegiate instructors, and educational technology specialists. It is a project of the National Center for History in the Schools, a division of the Public History Initiative, Department of History, UCLA. World History for Us All is a continuing project. Elements under development will appear on the site as they become available.
TedX/Ted Ed	TED Ed is a site that is focused on teaching and inspiring learners. It has TED Ed lessons which learners can use to complete lessons, series of lessons with a common theme, and clubs for student voices to be heard.
SHEG	The Stanford History Education Group is an award-winning research and development group that comprises Stanford faculty, staff, graduate students, post-docs, and visiting scholars. SHEG seeks to improve education by conducting research, working with school districts, and reaching directly into classrooms with free materials for teachers and students. SHEG's Reading Like a Historian curriculum and Beyond the Bubble assessments have been downloaded more than 5 million times...

SoundTrap	Soundtrap is a digital audio workstation (DAW) accessible directly in your browser from a variety of devices, such as Windows, Mac, Chromebook, Linux, Android phones and tablets and iPads. Use Soundtrap by yourself to create your next hit or collaborate in the music making with people from all over the world.
Discovery Education	Discovery Education partners with school districts to provide Digital textbooks, standards-aligned curricular resources, and transformative professional development to support schools as they make their digital transition and conversion.
Listenwise	Listenwise is an award-winning listening skills platform. We harness the power of listening to advance literacy and learning in all students. Our collection of podcasts and public radio keeps teaching connected to the real world and builds student listening skills at the same time.
Colorado Story	The Colorado Story- Customized social studies program aligned with state standards.
This Day in History	A chronological timetable of historical events that occurred on this day in history. Historical facts of the day in the areas of military, politics, science, music, sports, arts, entertainment and more. Discover what happened today in history.
Code.org	Code.org is a tool that teaches students simple scripting and development. Students gain exposure to computer science in a fun and interactive manner.
Adobe Spark Video	Spark Video helps anyone create compelling animated videos in minutes. Easily add and trim video clips to make your videos stand out. Pick from over 25,000 iconic images or add your own photos to highlight what you have to say. Select the soundtrack that works best.
Adobe Spark Post	Adobe Spark Post is the fun and fast way to create stunning graphics for all occasions. Get started in seconds with professionally designed, eye-catching templates you can tweak in simple steps. Pick a photo, add some text and apply themes to instantly create beautiful images. Each tap gives you completely new layouts, color palettes, typography styles and filters; no design experience required.
Book Creator	"Book Creator is the simple way to make your own publishable ebooks. Add video and music, and even record your voice. Use the pen tool to draw and annotate your book.
Powtoon	Powtoon is a tool students can use to create animated videos and presentations. Students can use Powtoon to easily explain their thinking in a creative cartoon.
Storyboard That	Storyboard That is an online storyboard creator that helps visually communicate ideas and concepts to quickly tell a story. It provides templates in which you can create your stories in a comic strip style along with hundreds of scenes, characters, and text bubbles to fill your storyboards frames.
Time Toast	TimeToast is an online interactive timeline. Can add text, images, and links to each event.
Gimkit	Gimkit is a formative assessment, live quiz tool similar to Kahoot and Quizizz, but with additional features. Allows players to earn money, review questions individually multiple times, and provides a student report with detailed information (how many attempts, which wrong answers most common etc).
ZipGrade	ZipGrade turns your phone or tablet into an optical grading machine similar to a

	Scantron. It reads free-to-download answer sheets in multiple sizes. Provide instant feedback to students by grading exit tickets, quizzes, and formative assessments as soon as they finish.
BreakoutEDU	BreakoutEDU is a learning games platform that transforms teaching. This web version gives teachers an opportunity to create classes, share games and review games submitted by students.
Animoto	Animoto is a cloud-based video creation service that produces video slideshows from photos, video clips, and music. Teachers and students can utilize this tool as a way to develop digital storytelling projects.
Flipgrid	Flipgrid - Create video responses and ignite presentations.
FutureMe	FutureMe allows the authors to pen letters to themselves which the site will then send in the future to them. It will send them a year or more away. It can be private or be published publicly.
AnswerGarden	AnswerGarden is a new minimalistic feedback tool. Use it for real time audience participation, online brainstorming and classroom feedback.
Add-Ons & Extensions	
EasyBib	EasyBib is an online resource to help students generate citations and create bibliographies.
Autocrat	Autocrat creates reports from Google Sheets and allows users to mail the reports.
Form Mule	FormMule uses Google form responses or spreadsheet data to send personalized emails to users. With options for up to 15 email templates based on various send conditions, FormMule can help make tedious administrative tasks a lot easier.
Flippity	Flippity addon for Google Sheets, allows you to convert spreadsheet data into games and flashcards.
DocHub	DocHub is a workflow tools that streamlines document signing, distribution and form completion.
Screencastify	Screencastify - Allows you to record your screen activity for creating tutorials, etc...
Read & Write	Read & Write for Google - Assistive technology for reading, writing, and language learning. Great for people with learning disabilities, dyslexia, or visual impairments.
Share to Classroom	Share to Classroom - Use in conjunction with Google Classroom. Allows you to push web pages to any of your Classroom classes so they open instantly on your students computers.
Web Paint	A digital annotation tool for any page on the web.
WriQ	WriQ is a writing assessment tool that tracks students' writing skills and helps provide feedback.

*All resources used by the Social Studies department have been approved to be used by the district.