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K-12 Social Studies Lesson Plans, Activities, & Resources

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General Resources	OCSS Guidance/FAQs around Digital Learning	Guidance/FAQ around Digital Learning
	Free Subscriptions due to School Closings	OCSS Webinar Series Education Companies (Free Resources) https://www.infohio.org http://www.gutenberg.org/wiki/Main_Page https://www.khanacademy.org/ Ohio Test Prep (Grades K-12)
	Teaching about Pandemics	Living through Coronavirus: A Journaling Activity Why social distancing works? Hans Rosling's 200 Countries, 200 Years, 4 Minutes - The Joy of Stats 1918 Influence: PBS Video Taking to students about coronavirus "Documents Related to the Spanish Flu" (Pandemic of 1918) A seventh-grade world history unit on the Black Death
	CDC Recommendations: for Educators and Families	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html
Offline Line resources	ODE: Off-Line Social Studies Resources	http://education.ohio.gov/getattachment/Topics/Learning-in-Ohio/Social-Studies/Resources-

		for-Social-Studies/Low-No-Tech-Distance-Learning -K-6-Grade.pdf.aspx?lang=en-US http://education.ohio.gov/getattachment/Topics/Learning-in-Ohio/Social-Studies/Resources-for-Social-Studies/Low-Low-No-Tech-Distance-Learning -7-12-Grade-Span-Content-Strand.pdf.aspx?lang=en-US ODE: Social Studies Exam Questions https://oh.portal.airast.org/resources/student-practice-resources
	Choice Boards (Example)	https://www.perry.kyschools.us/userfiles/-12/My%20Files/Teacher%20Leadership%20Academy/Lesson%20Planning%20Resources/Choice%20Boards%20Packet.pdf?id=1708
	Big History Project (download pdfs)	https://www.bighistoryproject.com/home
	Free U.S. History Textbook (Open Source & pdf)	https://d3bxy9euw4e147.cloudfront.net/oscms-prodcms/media/documents/USHistory-OP_I djNctE.pdf
	Offline Teaching OCSS Webinar	https://ocss.org/Online-Professional-Development

Economics & Financial Literacy		
Economics & Financial Literacy	Freakonomics	https://freakonomics.com/
	Moving Economics Online	https://community.mru.org/
	EconEd Link	https://www.councilforeconed.org/resources/econedlink/
	Everfi: Financial Literacy (videogame)	https://platform.everfi.net/new_registration?role=teacher
	Geni I Revolution (videogames)	https://www.councilforeconed.org/resources/gen-i-revolution/
	Federal Reserve Education	https://www.federalreserveeducation.org/
	Facing the Future	https://www.facingthefuture.org/
	UC Economics Center	https://www.economicscenter.org/teaching-resources.aspx
	Teaching K-5 Economics	https://www.unomaha.edu/college-of-business-administration/center-for-economic-education/teacher-resources/k-5/k-5-lessons.php
	What gives a dollar bill its value?	https://ed.ted.com/lessons/what-gives-a-dollar-bill-its-value-doug-levinson
	CLEVELAND FED: Escape from Barter Island (Game)	https://www.clevelandfed.org/en/learningcenter/escape-from-barter-island.aspx
	CLEVELAND FED: Learning @ Home Tools	https://drive.google.com/file/d/19Y3g7wKHE_Kfd8OsdsYtV7uU7RtS_8hq/view
	Take Charge Today	https://www.takechargetoday.arizona.edu/
	Next Gen Personal Finance	https://www.ngpf.org/

	EduTopia	https://www.edutopia.org/financial-literacy-resources-guide
	Young Entrepreneur Institute	https://www.youngentrepreneurinstitute.org/k-12-programs/pitch-challenge-overview/
	Ohio Means Jobs: Career Education	https://jobseeker.ohiomeansjobs.monster.com
	TV for Economics	http://tvforecon.blogspot.com/
	National Stock Market Game	https://www.nationalsms.com/
	Practical Money Skills (Applications)	http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/play/peter_pigs_money_counter
	Monopoly Game: Different Econ. Systems	https://www.heylistengames.org/monopoly
	Social Studies School Services	https://go.socialstudies.com/coronavirus
History (US & World)		
	Reading Like a Historian	https://sheg.stanford.edu/history-lessons
	C3 Teachers	http://www.c3teachers.org/inquiries/
	Smithsonian	https://www.common sense.org/education/website/smithsonians-history-explorer
	Library of Congress	http://www.loc.gov/teachers/
	Beyond the Bubble	https://sheg.stanford.edu/history-assessments
	Zinn Project	https://www.zinnedproject.org/
	US Holocaust Memorial & Museum	https://www.ushmm.org/learn
	Constitution Center	https://constitutioncenter.org/
	Crash Course History Videos	https://www.youtube.com/user/crashcourse
	Teaching History	https://teachinghistory.org/
	Facing History	https://www.facinghistory.org/resource-library/teaching-strategies
	NCSS Lesson Plans & Kids Books	https://www.socialstudies.org/publications/notables
	Teaching Tolerance	https://www.tolerance.org/
	Black Lives Matter Syllabus	http://www.blacklivesmattersyllabus.com/
	History UnErased (LGBTQ+ History)	https://unerased.org
	History Channel	https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/congress-passes-the-19th-amendment
	NYTimes 1619 Project	https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/08/14/magazine/1619-america-slavery.html
	Medieval Sourcebook	http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/sbook.html
	U.S. National Archives	https://www.archives.gov/education
	Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History	https://www.gilderlehrman.org/collection
	National Museum of the American Indian	https://americanindian.si.edu/nk360
	Women in World History	http://www.womeninworldhistory.com/
	EDSITEment: Nat. Endowment for the Humanities	https://edsitement.neh.gov/?fbclid=IwAR2Mc7UIT8Gb94POH08dmH03Q1WG1V3ArR42b_bfAemAsKmZSEAWBwFcYaU
	Social Studies School Service	https://go.socialstudies.com/coronavirus
	Teach Rock (US History)	https://teachrock.org/lesson/the-journey-to-marriage-equality-in-the-united-states/
	Ohio History Connection	https://www.ohiohistory.org/learnathome
	New American History	https://learn.newamericanhistory.org

	Hlstory for Kids (Gr. K-5)	https://www.historyforkids.net/
	Women's History	https://myhero.com/womens-history-month-lesson-plan?fbclid=IwAR2hkrGdrGpAFq8-ZGs12dxY-bFdMvKp8JsQpTDJwbuepyZmas4w7KrSr-A
	World History Commons	https://worldhistorycommons.org/
	World History Sources	http://chnm.gmu.edu/worldhistorysources/wmfinding.php
	Rock & Roll Hall of Fame & Museum	https://www.rockhall.com/education
	History in Your Own Backyard	https://historyinyourownbackyard.com/
Government/ Civics		
	iCivics: Video games	https://www.icivics.org/
	Ohio Center for Law Related Edu	http://www.oclre.org/aws/OCLE/pt/sp/teaching_toolbox
	Annenberg Classroom	https://www.annenbergclassroom.org/
	Pros & Cons of Controversial Issues	https://www.procon.org/
	Factcheck.org	https://www.factcheck.org/
	C3Teachers.org	http://www.c3teachers.org/
	World's Constitutions	https://www.constituteproject.org/
	Center for Civic Education	https://www.civiced.org/
	Teacher Vision	https://www.teachervision.com/subjects/social-studies-history/us-government
	Ted Talks & Government	https://ed.ted.com/series/government-declassified
	PBS NewsHour for Kids	https://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/
	Time for Kids	https://www.timeforkids.com/
	Teaching Tolerance	https://www.tolerance.org/
	News Literacy Project	https://newslit.org/
	Social Studies School Service	https://go.socialstudies.com/coronavirus
	NYTimes Current Events	https://www.nytimes.com/spotlight/learning-current-events
	PBS Learning	https://ideastream.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/b524a08e-a487-43f3-926a-1a4e87be657a/the-united-nations-lesson-plan-gt
	Popular and Electoral College Data Results, 1789-2008	https://uselectionatlas.org/RESULTS/
	The Living Room Candidate	http://www.livingroomcandidate.org/
	Newsela	https://newsela.com/
	Civics Renewal	https://www.civicsrenewalnetwork.org/featured/teaching-reconstruction-amendments/
	I Side With	https://www.isidewith.com/
	Constitutional Rights Foundation	https://www.crf-usa.org/curriculum/?fbclid=IwAR1d5K6harqLSrb6Vlbh7H-MDYGtcHhgHG2ZsviRi7ZuIngBn98P3XpZkFQ
	U.S. Census	https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/sis/2020census/2020-resources.html

	AP Government w/ iCivics & Study Edge	https://app.studyedge.com/
	Bill of Rights Institute	https://billofrightsintstitute.org/educate/educator-resources/
	C-SPAN Classroom	https://www.c-span.org/classroom
Geography		
	National Geographic	https://www.nationalgeographic.org/education/
	Teaching the Sustainable Development Goals	http://www.teachsdgs.org/
	Google Earth	https://www.google.com/earth/education/
	Maps in K-12 Classes	https://publications.newberry.org/k12maps/
	American Geographic Society	https://americangeo.org/
	The True Size: Examining Maps App	https://www.wired.com/2016/06/handy-apple-t-will-remind-distorted-maps/
	PBS Global Connections	http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/globalconnections/mideast/themes/religion/index.html
	iEARN	https://iearn.org/
	TakingItGlobal	https://www.tigweb.org/
	Skype in the Classroom	https://education.skype.com/
	Newspapers from Around the World	http://www.world-newspapers.com/
	Newseum-Front Pages	https://www.newseum.org/todaysfrontpages
	Global Education Resources	https://www.globaleducation.edu.au/resource-s-gallery/resource-gallery-teaching-activities.html
	Facing the Future	https://www.facingthefuture.org/
	Social Studies School Service	https://go.socialstudies.com/coronavirus
	Global Education Collaborative	http://globaleducation.ning.com/
	Globalization 101	http://www.globalization101.org/
	Asia for Educators	http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/
	GapMinder	http://www.gapminder.org/
	World Mapper	https://worldmapper.org/
	U.S. Census	https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/sis/2020census/2020-resources.html
	Geography Now	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmmPgObSUPw1HL2lq6H4ffA
	AP Human Geography Facebook Page	https://www.facebook.com/groups/teachersAPHG/

Note: Resource suggestions must be free, meaningfully enhance the teaching and learning of social studies, and publicly available for inclusion. New resources can be added by submitting them to OCSS Media Editor, Ross Lunsford at rosslunsford@scctc.org.

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