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Hello Everyone!

Chronicling America

[Search America's historic newspaper pages](#) from 1777-1963 or use the U.S. Newspaper Directory to find information about American newspapers published between 1690-present. Chronicling America is sponsored jointly by the [National Endowment for the Humanities](#) and the Library of Congress.

National History Day Updates

Hundreds of students from all over PA attended the National History Day in Pennsylvania State Contest at the University of Scranton on May 7 and 8. Hundreds more participated virtually. 63 students qualified for the National Contest, and judging for that is now underway. Please join us in wishing them well. In addition to the winners, NHD in PA awards several special prizes: the Pennsylvania LGBTQ+ History Prize, the Irwin Marcus Prize for the best paper on Pennsylvania history, and the Mayflower Prize for the best projects representing the ideals and values of the Mayflower passengers.

You can view the list of winners online here:

[2022 State Contest Results](#)

[2022 Special Awards](#)

Register for the 102nd NCSS Annual Conference

Join Your Social Studies Colleagues in Philadelphia, December 2-4, 2022

The National Council for the Social Studies is excited to welcome members and all social studies educators, administrators, and specialists from across the globe to the first face-to-face NCSS Annual Conference since 2019. For more information and to register [click here](#).

2022 NCSS Inquiry and Teaching with Primary Sources Summer Institute

Calling all methods professors! You can earn a \$500 stipend by attending the 2022 NCSS Inquiry and Teaching with Primary Sources Summer Institute scheduled for June 16-17, 2022 | 9:30 AM - 6 PM ET Daily. Learn how to construct social studies inquiries using digital primary sources from the Library of Congress. [See the full agenda here and register for this free institute today!](#)

2022 Summer Leadership Institute

The National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) invites you to join them from July 19-20, 2022, for its free Summer Leadership Institute (SLI), *Navigating the Political Landscape of Social Studies!* This year's virtual

two-day SLI event, scheduled for July 19-20, 2022, from 12 PM - 5 PM ET daily, will focus on how social studies educators can recapture the narrative of social studies and promote social studies as a central component of preparing all students for civic life. [Learn more and register here.](#)

NCSS Spotlight: Civic Life Project

The Civic Life Project was founded by two Emmy Award documentary filmmakers and educators as a unique educational initiative to inspire high school and college students to learn about civics and to actively participate in the democratic process through documentary filmmaking. [Learn about them here.](#)

Crossroads of History Project

Using Primary Sources to Develop and Implement Informed Meaningful Activity Plans Based on Social Justice and Civil Rights Issues

This project will facilitate a careful, reversed chronological examination of social justice and civil rights incidents in U.S. History that mirror each other over time - providing entry points for those involved in education in and outside of formal classroom settings to use primary sources and social justice standards to conduct meaningful dialog, learn and develop historical inquires, and inspire informed actions that give voice to marginalized communities.

Participants will:

- Have the option to earn college credit hours. The amount of credit is based on successful completion of activities.
- Be recognized by NCCE as a Library of Congress *Crossroads of History* Project Participant.
- Be enrolled in the *Crossroads of History Educator* Community with access to peer-to-peer networks and coaching.

[Find out more](#) or [register for the program.](#)

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

Belfer National Conference for Educators Conference Details

Designed to support accurate, meaningful teaching about the Holocaust, the Belfer National Conference for Educators is the US Holocaust Memorial Museum’s flagship event for secondary school educators across the country. No cost virtual sessions are scheduled for Monday, June 27–Wednesday, June 29.

[Register here.](#)

PBS Learning Media

Bring the World to Your Classroom

WVIA (The World Via Television) and PBS have curated FREE, standards-aligned videos, interactives, lesson plans, and more for teachers like you. Check out the [SAS PBS Toolkit](#) for an overview or take a look at what is [here.](#)

The OER Conference for Social Studies

Mark your calendar for the third annual OER Conference for the Social Studies (OC for SS): August 3–4, 2022. Since 2020, the OC for SS has become one of the biggest professional development events for social studies teachers in America, bringing thousands of teachers from across the country together to learn and grow.

A free, virtual experience for K–12 educators, OC for SS is a place to connect with leaders in the field and equip yourself for the challenges of today’s classrooms. Learn more and [register here](#).

U.S. Department of Education Newsletters

Subscribe to newsletters and journals from the U.S. Department of Education [here](#).

PA Department of Education: Pennsylvanians Can Now Access Hundreds of Free New E-Books on POWER Library

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) announced that Pennsylvania’s public electronic library, [POWER Library Opens In A New Window](#), has acquired 350 new e-books for users to explore, bringing the total of available titles to approximately 20,000.

This Day in History

[Sign up now](#) to learn about *This Day in History* straight from your inbox.

JA Biztown Grades 4-6

[JA BizTown](#) combines in-class learning with a day-long visit to a simulated town. This popular learning experience allows elementary school students to operate banks, manage restaurants, write checks, and vote for mayor. Students are able to connect the dots between what they learn in school and the real world.

Following participation in the learning experience, students will be able to:

- Discuss the roles they play as citizens, workers, and consumers in their community and relate those roles to the free enterprise system.
- Discuss the importance of citizen rights and responsibilities in a community.
- Demonstrate a basic understanding of the free enterprise system.
- Build money management skills through a practical knowledge of economic concepts and banking practices.
- Develop an understanding of basic business practices and responsibilities.
- Display the soft skills necessary for successful participation in the world of work.

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court is the Commonwealth’s highest court and the oldest appellate court in the nation. The early Court consisted of a chief justice and two associate justices. Throughout the centuries, it has evolved to its current number of seven sitting justices who make the final decisions interpreting

Pennsylvania's laws and Constitution. The Court has full administrative authority over all aspects of Pennsylvania's judicial system and may also hear cases involving issues of immediate public importance arising in the Commonwealth.

Information about the history of the Court, committee members, and various resources is available [here](#) and via Facebook [@PennsylvaniaCourts](#) and Twitter [@PACourts](#).

Excellent civics materials can be found at <https://www.pacourts.us/civics-ed>

Learn Inquiry at the Inquiry Design Model (IDM)Summer Institute

The Eighth Annual IDM™ Summer Institute will be ONLINE July 11-12, 2022, **and is** sponsored by [C3 Teachers](#) and the National Council for the Social Studies. This is its 8th year helping teachers learn about inquiry-based teaching and learning in general and the Inquiry Design Model ([IDM](#)) and designing inquiries in particular. For more information and to register [click here](#).

Thank you for subscribing to the SAS Social Studies PLC and for all you do every day for the students in Pennsylvania!

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