**Social Studies PLC eBlast**

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Hello Everyone!

**News from the Rendell Center – A Meeting with Governor Shapiro**

Pennsylvania has elected its 48th Governor – **Josh Shapiro**, and this is a chance for your class to share ideas with the new Governor. Have your class work together to come up with the best question for the Governor on how he would improve your school and/or community. Brainstorm many ideas and have your class decide submit its best question. Students are encouraged to be creative and original and then submit the question using [this form.](https://rendellcenter.org/special-events/youth-town-hall/)

A team from the Rendell Center for Civics and Civic Engagement will select 10 questions to present to the Governor during the Youth Town Hall. The Town Hall, hosted by the Rendell Center, is scheduled for April 18, 2023, at 9:30 am via Zoom. If your question is selected, your class will be invited to virtually present the question to the Governor in this unique virtual experience. The Youth Town Hall will be livestreamed across the Commonwealth. Tune in on April 18 at 9:30am am to hear the Governor’s response to the students’ questions.

**America250PA**

The Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (America250PA) was established by the legislature and Governor in 2018 to plan, encourage, develop, and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States; Pennsylvania’s integral role in that event; and the impact of its people on the nation’s past, present, and future. [Click here](https://www.america250pa.org/1-HOME) to learn more about how you and your students can get involved.

**Preparing for Financial Literacy Month**

April is Financial Literacy Month! The Bill of Rights Institute [**Building Blocks of Progress**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001diTN3bLJNbWoU8d7V1BkSYNVMWQfQrMyjSJxh4o6PdmttOHHa4z-UhpqSd8vpgXuTL563nWFEJ72E9QFoXCWgyFKjb_81jAYeX0TsMgNnyIC49fgDv-vylTnL_IzCBCU6S92raT1YMN25A3QD3f1L01_PlqF_a81r85O5ej2Id0QscDuZloLsiErqAgs2AYzEnE9VjK8-QuP7ry8dA4GzmKyHUkwJ2gGnG__RsRMCNoGtdYhrP7rZP_LqCj29iiS9uRHCI0546Y1-Tqv0GP6S3HTZ9oHVi0yFtQsANtDUWFj9vJHaC9jRdV6FvRjMHsgMNyX_QCPqA3d1T3HBQkL3V8OlopoO-ww%26c%3DEpSG5Duj1mexe7WYfJlY3olfg4mArhK0b_bsF2Q8S--yns9Lw6bTZA%3D%3D%26ch%3Df5L2rgJJ0s-s5rpfpiP1m-vbHUFeLHbstcUDB_5aw9IlbUPuzOHQOA%3D%3D&data=05%7C01%7Cdmccrone%40pa.gov%7C7ef6f3910ca34e1977a408db2fb182a5%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C638156211714196689%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=dfkyy6Jy6FdDok4boIkVzo8hgDon2vz4GdVqbMS6uxM%3D&reserved=0) curriculum showcases the role economic principles, as well as people and government, play in a free society. The curriculum features six parts that focus on prosperity through a variety of lenses, including [choices and consequences](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001diTN3bLJNbWoU8d7V1BkSYNVMWQfQrMyjSJxh4o6PdmttOHHa4z-UhpqSd8vpgXulhTFY2cwFTcmRgmp0jC3OnqbDcIj5YOJkS6_Oml6lqRFI_bnBW7ynz9Jgzr6RZyHW3qJj4lJ88WmhZocBEt8q8XbgYZltOR5zJsz0ZDcnz_Q23AUAjYQgPexFKPeUViqs26J1B2r677vL9Pwf2M7SQ-1BDqi07RHyZGVLsTBXlX4hSBk73ZtF7ZjQAqsUcIwIZMgF7PSEdMJWCfBARv6WJEF5xTpIs7ijrRPk_ADlfM3cRfxfwdoTnGbchm5LSXOXBYAPHy3gIlZlxHcPmQT__kqw_5BRCv3%26c%3DEpSG5Duj1mexe7WYfJlY3olfg4mArhK0b_bsF2Q8S--yns9Lw6bTZA%3D%3D%26ch%3Df5L2rgJJ0s-s5rpfpiP1m-vbHUFeLHbstcUDB_5aw9IlbUPuzOHQOA%3D%3D&data=05%7C01%7Cdmccrone%40pa.gov%7C7ef6f3910ca34e1977a408db2fb182a5%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C638156211714196689%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=VcXaoN5aA0jygHoaerfSdeQfrlbroSXXkC6xIAYvuxY%3D&reserved=0), [the economy](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001diTN3bLJNbWoU8d7V1BkSYNVMWQfQrMyjSJxh4o6PdmttOHHa4z-UhpqSd8vpgXulmAisTP1J0Q9Dk1g3aMpgsBTHnQf-byIGrOLbr0Z8CNTlo3UGDlWnFUd8vT0gzL2vXZBJIpgnS6SUaJs2joOolkHJcCOYa5q_D16lbqiEzUiZml2gaBrypjyc84qBOwPPEC-VH5LmiYSiWHnPb2jmvus3-hFfFp0QlquoPCLZe6gnOJ68BvU1p5HV12hHtbHhJInPvjUCTdzLl7tUrz03Ds5Ww1g7At7WhhFBsGRfCID71Zujyl9XbdZI3J4tIJBMcrdUICM9Njvba91zJBjwTjuCs3l_N9v%26c%3DEpSG5Duj1mexe7WYfJlY3olfg4mArhK0b_bsF2Q8S--yns9Lw6bTZA%3D%3D%26ch%3Df5L2rgJJ0s-s5rpfpiP1m-vbHUFeLHbstcUDB_5aw9IlbUPuzOHQOA%3D%3D&data=05%7C01%7Cdmccrone%40pa.gov%7C7ef6f3910ca34e1977a408db2fb182a5%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C638156211714196689%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Q9MfDloUoxHXLobNtkSeVi4hGFOFJ8VGNsi9cF420jY%3D&reserved=0), and [the role of constitutional government](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001diTN3bLJNbWoU8d7V1BkSYNVMWQfQrMyjSJxh4o6PdmttOHHa4z-UhpqSd8vpgXudzdiBp1bNwxTWX7UJ2F3taKUVhgPYKyWvzP8pkF-H8mMDVbVi2P0dsjGsOdGLqyHjIxiHChBU2czBuSX1LNqxUAMBFi5YG8d4wwCzG4ZpXoczM3TkDuoAXzkAJj2tj-U9rNZ3-aT3GWEE5xZIX41ETiMXV3lBlQFCMtb0dZLcgUClnQrU6VfT1cwNwn7sCOIHcull7YT88HxMh9golUltvLISgSMMdyMgbpCYEd4O1fMBPmHh2X_WyVJ_3LvgsVG430PhuU2-zbV16yg9pceYSYXTkkew7sI%26c%3DEpSG5Duj1mexe7WYfJlY3olfg4mArhK0b_bsF2Q8S--yns9Lw6bTZA%3D%3D%26ch%3Df5L2rgJJ0s-s5rpfpiP1m-vbHUFeLHbstcUDB_5aw9IlbUPuzOHQOA%3D%3D&data=05%7C01%7Cdmccrone%40pa.gov%7C7ef6f3910ca34e1977a408db2fb182a5%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C638156211714196689%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=fRsa%2FhcZdC2YfinRw3VWVAhkmeGku9XTRcqzSPz6C%2Bo%3D&reserved=0). This resource is available to you and your students from BRI in partnership with the Hoover Institution.

**Learn to spot quotes taken out of context**

Quotes taken out of context can completely change the meaning of what someone says. This tactic is commonly used to spread misinformation with potentially serious consequences, such as provoking violence or providing fake evidence to spread conspiracy theories.

In this lesson from PBS Newshour Classroom, students will learn how quotes have been manipulated to spread conspiracies about the 9/11 attacks in 2001, and read upstream to get at the truth behind a quote that’s been taken out of context. [Learn more here.](https://www.pbs.org/newshour/classroom/2023/03/lesson-plan-the-deceitful-practice-of-quoting-someone-out-of-context/)

**SAS PD Center**

Learn more about PBS Learning Media by taking the 5-hour Act 48 Course ***Using PBS LearningMedia in the Classroom***, found in the “My Tools/PD Center” of [PDESAS.org.](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fpdesas.org%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cdmccrone%40pa.gov%7C894e0ac983b44c63652208db086f234c%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C638113046407150329%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=3acBE1JTHeV2F3XfOHOjTjJxIMj1THTX%2Fkey0t8eKqw%3D&reserved=0)

**SAS PD Center: Explore Professional Learning Opportunities**

The [SAS PD Center](https://pdc.pdesas.org/Course/CourseCatalog)  has several new offerings to support your professional growth.  Courses are self-paced, are no cost, and provide Act 48 hours. Some sample course titles:

* Using PBS Learning Media in the Classroom
* Introduction to Structured Literacy
* Addressing Implicit and Explicit Bias in the Classroom
* Comprehensive Mental Health for Teachers
* Pathways to Graduation: Guiding Students in Decision Making
* Self-Awareness and Reflective Practices for Equitable Classrooms
* Trauma-Informed Programs

[**Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE) General Annual Calendar**](https://www.education.pa.gov/K-12/Pages/OESEAnnualCalendar.aspx)

The Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE) staff has created an online calendar to assist Local Education Agencies (LEAs) in identifying the general timing of annual conferences, training opportunities, activities, report due dates, and grant due dates.

The information included in the OESE calendar should not be considered an exhaustive list of all important dates or deadlines, and any omission or error is inadvertent. Additions, suggestions, and corrections can be submitted for consideration to: [RA-EdSchoolSupport@pa.gov](mailto:RA-EdSchoolSupport@pa.gov).

**Political Cartooning Youth Media Challenge**

Incorporating art projects in history, English, and social science classrooms helps students practice communication and exercise their civic voice. The [**Political Cartooning Youth Media Challenge**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001AEBNMb65ava1knB9poy8oiH_i2regtegQP-YcpHqIwXQktvt1bXbNMTUYQidzgfLZ3QdKLFy_RJvA09Tku5W1Nl-dzdCMNVwIWI2YetzAbunhlPngEc9XlG6hRYX3LRN7UInkTOftK_pAMDHRIlUv_BeZglZDak5FVzDk_K4K1nhXsSf4FDFcATZ_EACkU4_YmcFGmqPS_i22LfkUQ0VNd0plv2uHKQUxJGV7u4bTApeL6c-A3C_KuK-fFQNC6uMjSPAt8gBaNMk9IPPZ_Im1qwyvphY1gsqeEKdOs-wzHT9M4GzeMRm38Y2BCALcI6sLuB2peNmT14%3D%26c%3DscusXXxzwXenbd9EfPBTHe_2N2Z2H5u96OHJ4WwULAczv-HsFzJxOA%3D%3D%26ch%3DNF8_Jd5Z0fti5YjiF8K6TUIAm1l60t4dxkOyVAKW7MxKRYCnu73aaA%3D%3D&data=05%7C01%7Cdmccrone%40pa.gov%7C564f08193d4848189cd708db0b7c0d2e%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C638116399680310678%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=BuefSloQPD98itSzrpstGaELB%2FxFOYUV0pI0zL86SiA%3D&reserved=0) is a low-lift media project for busy teachers and a high-impact project for students to express their creativity.

[**KQED's free Political Cartooning Classroom Curriculum**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001AEBNMb65ava1knB9poy8oiH_i2regtegQP-YcpHqIwXQktvt1bXbNMTUYQidzgfLjK1NiPTzllGOLKGmBRHbPzy2iA7h8q36FU6dmvFj6vJevj_Jpta_MyUPxxJvtxDppqYJcXfz1Eby_Q4HvNqqRdPqTXUyHNaBAchi7Pm0W9o8G02mH-jpmKDChuBxLdnjw5u0oce8yJFkZsoMkEfdbeBrfIzwDs_aBSOIQozi310Lz_xPKRhXEnIE70zp0sF7K5XOPxPNTpFX0AJiZ8Hl1w%3D%3D%26c%3DscusXXxzwXenbd9EfPBTHe_2N2Z2H5u96OHJ4WwULAczv-HsFzJxOA%3D%3D%26ch%3DNF8_Jd5Z0fti5YjiF8K6TUIAm1l60t4dxkOyVAKW7MxKRYCnu73aaA%3D%3D&data=05%7C01%7Cdmccrone%40pa.gov%7C564f08193d4848189cd708db0b7c0d2e%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C638116399680310678%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Hi6%2B4LW%2BjBmv6cWfEwXyIYCyF256KcRSaYKWZO1EPco%3D&reserved=0) guides students through analysis, topic selection, and cartoon creation to develop a unique piece of editorial artwork that reflects students’ views on a topic important to them. This project is perfect for middle and high school students in English, social studies, journalism, and art classes.

Your students can then publish their editorial cartoons to KQED’s [Youth Media Challenge Showcase](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001AEBNMb65ava1knB9poy8oiH_i2regtegQP-YcpHqIwXQktvt1bXbNMTUYQidzgfL6R5bSV_YGOPOqOTIC42B8BaN63Vet5nV378FmNPHfaig4b6B2HWj9q8MOwpyDTUIm62WSNe-M65p8iZx1ilF2JkhPi75LCnY%26c%3DscusXXxzwXenbd9EfPBTHe_2N2Z2H5u96OHJ4WwULAczv-HsFzJxOA%3D%3D%26ch%3DNF8_Jd5Z0fti5YjiF8K6TUIAm1l60t4dxkOyVAKW7MxKRYCnu73aaA%3D%3D&data=05%7C01%7Cdmccrone%40pa.gov%7C564f08193d4848189cd708db0b7c0d2e%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C638116399680310678%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Twz1wkWti7x2xdTIjEoUW%2Bom8Uf28Ld6Q7Yg5NtddHQ%3D&reserved=0), which gives students an authentic public media audience beyond their classroom. Select submissions are also shared on KQED’s digital channels (including posts like this!) and with PBS and NPR member stations around the country. Check it out today!

**What Does it Mean to Hit the Debt Ceiling?**

The debt ceiling, or debt limit, is a Congressionally established cap on the total amount of money that the federal government is authorized to borrow to meet its financial obligations. Recently, the U.S. national debt surpassed the $31.4 trillion dollar debt ceiling.

* [**iCivics**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001AEBNMb65ava1knB9poy8oiH_i2regtegQP-YcpHqIwXQktvt1bXbNOSc7rUTjlHY0bjTpl7T8UHk4HwrKNc21BsmtZSrSnlFkJCIMf5WyaCqtBxJWD9-paubQB1iQG1Vw3_n2Y9XKZxaqGlbf53SUg%3D%3D%26c%3DscusXXxzwXenbd9EfPBTHe_2N2Z2H5u96OHJ4WwULAczv-HsFzJxOA%3D%3D%26ch%3DNF8_Jd5Z0fti5YjiF8K6TUIAm1l60t4dxkOyVAKW7MxKRYCnu73aaA%3D%3D&data=05%7C01%7Cdmccrone%40pa.gov%7C564f08193d4848189cd708db0b7c0d2e%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C638116399680467461%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=pyG6CRJd9xWgnvWYtYQTe5%2FQSPZnyf4N6wsETev5A2U%3D&reserved=0) has resources to help you teach about the federal budget, government spending, and this current event.
* [**Game: People’s Pie**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001AEBNMb65ava1knB9poy8oiH_i2regtegQP-YcpHqIwXQktvt1bXbNMTUYQidzgfLkRBJtxMAVN7wOLEjuxQaEiDNG_8QyHmmAcg-Blj2Z5SMQQIYOerK9__U9rzrNRs9pCdFWatFh5VRCtaiJ8c-yPdUVr6tCv_dislmhlRPo3zgtdh-2RvU89eoj4TFPn3pcx476zb2abbRRP4XigX8dMzEoF_3KpqXZ5JOhLKfpTBrbX2w7j7619m1Gjs22tnr0ddRV0g7X3IMNSVCvblKc5ik9vaGdAco2-BaDpOLGSzmZwrT-uty0Yd26ME_eEIDktd3n-JGsHKsL0_vIgyyOY6ZblVgSmHTORgf4pTrynm25b34DF4I8bT9H1dNLOoERowRkyglt9MPLo4V7pL0zuGDNPRKdfRDr7MOrtAGz3kKkPF6Sw8auu3oV0NH4Mz4Jbo4VFk5XLaEXlLpstIQL7_7Citok0bRIM5D4RQCU1nY_yPKTRcsUUYFKGTw5ZsNeskTaEHIxdYKAve6do1M10R-Z6K17P-kIhDceyTXUmL5h1s-osQU8FGAhJZmbEi7k3NDcs3PyIQdYViikHyN_1Zsav20Fxj23c-sgWRwJkf7gG-kj8aPl5RH_wmYMM1V6SFV7hmJnoQwhF5qBk7_taLbvRpkOm0Z1LLGsokYVC2J3b_L1w_w4PjXauyC3vJ1OlPyPeRY97MkxaQAOTG6wZmLqP3T8tY4UgFBzNLEkdHG_xRNFsL7ng%3D%3D%26c%3DscusXXxzwXenbd9EfPBTHe_2N2Z2H5u96OHJ4WwULAczv-HsFzJxOA%3D%3D%26ch%3DNF8_Jd5Z0fti5YjiF8K6TUIAm1l60t4dxkOyVAKW7MxKRYCnu73aaA%3D%3D&data=05%7C01%7Cdmccrone%40pa.gov%7C564f08193d4848189cd708db0b7c0d2e%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C638116399680467461%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=vQTETJJHNMAfDL7dPH8lH5nFgFgg2yPs2VHtb9IyL%2FM%3D&reserved=0) Give your students the opportunity to set the federal budget, analyze federal tax and spending policies, and manage public approval. Students make hard decisions to fund projects, pay debts, and reach a balanced budget (or even surplus!).
* [**Lesson Plan: Government Spending**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001AEBNMb65ava1knB9poy8oiH_i2regtegQP-YcpHqIwXQktvt1bXbNMTUYQidzgfLMWNPkBgUCi9p-m4ZpqOMJ-DS672ZbNhefu0S6HbigGb6j29B7Mmef4CZx_vthMx9YdITXXk2rWZeYUDG39le2vGmrbPQbJZnvsQcxm4yQTKZG159YPocqGHsdQDLtlQUHBfHZehdiViLRIpnOXvSYjIWONAtWkGJbbkQhTqkyF3LT16SzWdTyV8w1rxRberb-rJU2fe4lkRTd_EV-IjlSD9j7GBAVhYpZbCt-_QODkUN0bFDY53VmX_oQ4_76I8KIoNAn1R5MajUWtPhNhaqxpYBjbPLuMovqb7pkhqFyQn4sNn_D5N0i7ODMEiBv05IMCR7kAvAk595_XIlbRRIaqGazHyl-ktMNx1a7RuuUE9Mcn8B1IXDU0FvItCT-fWVMyePN2tMjwSzY6Dz5fh0xFQ00KODNyQqZoOLrsNcAqbc9A7IbSuYpJPCFL8tfbaMt70CYbHl5T543BBCX98cn28qf2k_-a81e6XdYDNDUoU4ddK_CU-2YESfWpWrlUYEpyQnmO84aaBJXh07JWgn5zuzyDaSeP9cy75_MrHFn_r8fNuX_5kC4jUEVQ73HCgbzXgMTwC5UqIUJmFb7NBT28Calq-5KqvoDq2IS0Bt1YpGYs0a0pdkLX4mOFL0qKaHrc_CUascq3JYSs6rcf5ZtchpPdQsqakZzpN3rATsukruzl_nOCizIA%3D%3D%26c%3DscusXXxzwXenbd9EfPBTHe_2N2Z2H5u96OHJ4WwULAczv-HsFzJxOA%3D%3D%26ch%3DNF8_Jd5Z0fti5YjiF8K6TUIAm1l60t4dxkOyVAKW7MxKRYCnu73aaA%3D%3D&data=05%7C01%7Cdmccrone%40pa.gov%7C564f08193d4848189cd708db0b7c0d2e%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C638116399680467461%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=pN%2BifzvIYFD%2B4rpgFPN%2F0vzxHBIm6EJ70cBOq1blxjA%3D&reserved=0)This lesson tackles a variety of topics related to government spending, including the federal budget, mandatory versus discretionary spending, and government debt. Students learn the difference between a surplus and a deficit, the basics of federal budgeting, and the method the government uses to borrow money.

**Planning for Summer PD**

The Council for State Social Studies Supervisors has compiled[**a list of the wealth of professional development opportunities available to social studies educators in the summer of**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001AEBNMb65ava1knB9poy8oiH_i2regtegQP-YcpHqIwXQktvt1bXbNPCjDXpVn7v4OgayqsJWGxlBv6at-Vz0zUciBuJM8Su11Ooa-8y6YIJkBkPaMomb_w6v2BbbPS2y3-5CDFdawq6HMVQlJ1wPo67l7aC3EvNZyW18vym1T84dIQUNAuYkFftYIp8W0z_ereJRLdJvf24zV-cv5v-EsSRVcP08WpjgTYdyxyXtYpI%3D%26c%3DscusXXxzwXenbd9EfPBTHe_2N2Z2H5u96OHJ4WwULAczv-HsFzJxOA%3D%3D%26ch%3DNF8_Jd5Z0fti5YjiF8K6TUIAm1l60t4dxkOyVAKW7MxKRYCnu73aaA%3D%3D&data=05%7C01%7Cdmccrone%40pa.gov%7C564f08193d4848189cd708db0b7c0d2e%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C638116399680623132%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=61kfu8qYNYsyLt7a38ja0sJtgSV%2FD43eEdPZ2uH52rM%3D&reserved=0) [**2023.**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001AEBNMb65ava1knB9poy8oiH_i2regtegQP-YcpHqIwXQktvt1bXbNPCjDXpVn7v4OgayqsJWGxlBv6at-Vz0zUciBuJM8Su11Ooa-8y6YIJkBkPaMomb_w6v2BbbPS2y3-5CDFdawq6HMVQlJ1wPo67l7aC3EvNZyW18vym1T84dIQUNAuYkFftYIp8W0z_ereJRLdJvf24zV-cv5v-EsSRVcP08WpjgTYdyxyXtYpI%3D%26c%3DscusXXxzwXenbd9EfPBTHe_2N2Z2H5u96OHJ4WwULAczv-HsFzJxOA%3D%3D%26ch%3DNF8_Jd5Z0fti5YjiF8K6TUIAm1l60t4dxkOyVAKW7MxKRYCnu73aaA%3D%3D&data=05%7C01%7Cdmccrone%40pa.gov%7C564f08193d4848189cd708db0b7c0d2e%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C638116399680623132%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=61kfu8qYNYsyLt7a38ja0sJtgSV%2FD43eEdPZ2uH52rM%3D&reserved=0) Many of the opportunities are offered for free or at a low cost. Please email Stefanie Wager at [**stefanie.rosenbergwager@gmail.com**](mailto:stefanie.rosenbergwager@gmail.com)with any questions, comments, or additions to the list.

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Black Hawk Down And The Mission To Feed Somalia - A Workshop For Teachers

May 12, 2023

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center

950 Soldiers Drive

Carlisle, PA 17013

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This Act 48 workshop for teachers will examine how what began as a humanitarian mission turned into a manhunt for a warlord that ended in a U.S. retreat. Drawing on primary sources and official reports, teachers will explore the challenges of mission creep, asymmetrical warfare, and the limits of military power.

Teachers can chose between attending in person or via Zoom. [CLICK HERE](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001G3hzf3X1ZCMHPJn5YOWJefiQPQuPfEozCXGvZ2RDR4H5qXllDJOdZ_YyK1YVdXpL0jbnHWfpm5tWiQHp7uvTLPtlAuKdj5katd1yauruZ98PaBrJNeof3Yapwky6_dqjuCs7PrI9cinCj5RAnRmm5yMVtCPxp9wUV3wPdgdAECK-zTn6EdEtwcLVTRGyltW1_Cj3EJOjlH7ggr0b97cMzETx3WF768HDz3PJXMubnkmDJghl6AYgwx_VF3iDSB7z06MlFNnVZ_s%3D%26c%3DYopuM08KZ-bHQRDcSLZiGc9Jeuve7XpNANJtJogndpESWC9YjWWRoA%3D%3D%26ch%3DI3UQSYf6o-PaKjnQb43DEeiN2xjHjpJpMXMOf-UMedETegxUutcz1w%3D%3D&data=05%7C01%7Cdmccrone%40pa.gov%7C6fa98270617d4f4c55a408db27081c51%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C638146688014537385%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=YUPy7cJ8YbFsdFZqs3Yg%2B1jwxbteuLmKo4eofqZEUhg%3D&reserved=0) to register.

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