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Hello Everyone!

Juneteenth Resources

On June 19, 1865, Union General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas. He informed the enslaved African Americans of their freedom and that the Civil War had ended. This momentous occasion has been celebrated as [Juneteenth](#) — a combination of June and 19 — for over 150 years.

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/classroom/2022/06/lesson-plan-history-of-juneteenth-and-why-its-set-to-become-a-national-holiday/>

<https://www.learningforjustice.org/magazine/teaching-juneteenth>

<https://www.teachforamerica.org/celebrate-juneteenth>

<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Browse/Price-Range/Free/Search:juneteenth+activities>

<https://homeschoolsuperfreak.com/juneteenth-for-kids/>

<https://www.teachingexpertise.com/classroom-ideas/teaching-juneteenth/>

<https://www.techlearning.com/news/best-juneteenth-lessons-and-activities>

<https://www.hmhco.com/blog/juneteenth-activity-lesson-plan>

<https://www.pinterest.com/cheerswithcharlotte/juneteenth-activities-for-kids/>

<https://www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/calendar-activities/celebrate-juneteenth>

<https://www.weareteachers.com/teaching-juneteenth/>

Forum Philly 2023 Juneteenth School Initiative

Forum Philly's 2023 Juneteenth School Initiative mission is to partner with school districts to build out student-led, faculty-supervised, and school-centered programming in support and affirmation of Juneteenth the oldest holiday commemorating the formal end of American slavery, Juneteenth. Together we facilitate the funding, planning, and coordination of segmented student-led, school-based, and contextualized clustered Juneteenth Celebrations. Forum Philly is committed to partnering with the Philadelphia, William Penn, Chester/Upland, and Southeast Delco school districts in furtherance of Juneteenth education. Learn more [here](#).

U.S. Presidential Scholars Semi-Finalists announced

The semifinalists for the 2023 US Presidential Scholars Program were announced this afternoon:

www.ed.gov/psp.

All candidates who submitted a completed application are notified of their status by mailed letter and email.

The Scholars will be announced in May, most likely May 10. Scholars will be honored with an online recognition program in late June. Congratulations to Pennsylvania's Semi-Finalists, and good luck in the final round!

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FREE Online College Credits (5) with IRCs at NuPaths/Harrisburg University

High school students can become future ready with career exploration, industry certifications and college credits 1 night a week this summer. **There is no cost for eligible students in Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Juniata, Franklin, Lebanon, Perry, and York counties.**

Upcoming courses start on June 19! Students can enroll in 1 or 2 courses. Classes are held online in Zoom from 6-8 PM 1 night a week.

Email Faith Michaels at FMichaels@HarrisburgU.edu for registration and questions. You and your students can learn more at <https://enrichment.harrisburgu.edu/nupaths-2/>. A flyer with additional information is also attached to share with students and parents.

Foundation for Economic Education Summer PD Opportunity

Join the Foundation for Economic Education for their summer professional development opportunity at PNC Park on June 22. The target audience is high school economics and personal finance teachers from the following counties: Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Cambria, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Lawrence, Somerset, Washington, Westmoreland.

The event begins with an optional reception the evening of June 21 and includes a hotel stay if needed, otherwise they can opt to receive an additional \$50 stipend. Every teacher attendee will receive a \$150 stipend for attending the full day in-person professional development at an amazing venue!

Here is the registration link: <https://fee.org/events/teachers-pennsylvania>

PD opportunities from the OER Project

The OER Project has a full slate of live Info Sessions this May! There's no better place to get a quick intro to their courses, including WHP, WHP AP[®], BHP, and Climate Project. [RSVP here.](#)

Also from OER – Zoomable Maps for Your World History Classroom

Take a look at OER's interactive maps tool. Developed using **Microsoft's Deep Zoom** technology, use them now to help students examine specific historical time periods at any scale and practice important historical thinking and reasoning skills. You can find the maps in any flavor of the **World History Project** (for high school students) and **World History Project AP[®]** courses, and on the [Teacher Resources](#) page.

These maps cover 300 BCE to the Cold War, and include three layers:

1. A **political map**, which identifies the nations and communities students will encounter in each WHP unit/era.
2. A **thematic layer**, which reveals the spread of trade routes, religions, and conflict over time.
3. A **blank version** of the political map, which you can zoom in on and crop for use in quizzes and activities.

From NCSS

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Elementary School Teachers -- Get your free NCSS download!

Download your free special set of online methods texts designed to support your construction of inquiry learning through primary source documents in social studies education. This elementary edition supports methods instruction for elementary-school level classrooms. [Download now.](#)

Pennsylvania students explore history through a hyper-local lens

Fifth-grade students at Willow Lane Elementary in Macungie, Pa., are working with the local historical society to curate, research and write a book about the history of the local area, including how the land the elementary school sits on was previously owned by a family of farmers. The students also received a visit from Barbara Michalski, a member of the Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania, who spoke on the history of the Indigenous people who lived in the area before European settlement. Read the full story [here](#).

EverFi Financial Literacy resources

EVERFI has [14 free resources](#) for teachers and students. Check out these opportunities for the classroom and students through digital resources, student workshops, and scholarship opportunities.

Building Blocks of Progress Resource

The Bill of Rights Institute, in partnership with the Hoover Institution, recently released a new economics resource called "[Building Blocks of Progress](#)". This resource encourages students to consider individuals' daily economic choices. The resource covers the role of individuals, government, and economic principles in creating a free society. The resource pairs each lesson with multiple videos developed by the Hoover Institution to create a rich, blended learning experience for students.

2023 National Book Festival

Join the Library of Congress in the nation's capital at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center on Saturday, August 12, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (doors open at 8:30 a.m.). If you can't make it to Washington, D.C. for a day of free talks and activities, several programs will be livestreamed, and video of all talks can be viewed online after the Festival concludes. [Learn more here.](#)

Historical Voices

"Hearing the actual voices of the past can bring history alive in a way that reading a transcribed text never can, noted Mark Kornbluh, Director of MATRIX. Digital technologies now allow us to recapture the sounds of the past and make them freely available to students, teachers, and all Americans through the World Wide Web."

Historical Voices (www.historicalvoices.org) is part of the Digital Library Initiative II funded in part by the National Science Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Historical Voices is one of the first fully functional, multi-media, interoperable digital libraries available online. The primary goals of each of these projects will be the development of a rich set of both online exhibits and educational curricula, utilizing audio files as a key component of these resources.

Freedoms Foundation in Valley Forge (FFVF)

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FFVF has some scholarships available for k-12 teachers that teach primarily U.S. History, Government, and/or Civic Education, especially for the seminars on **Constitutional History, Frederick Douglass: Legacy and Impact, and Medal of Honor Legacy: Cold War.**

Social Studies Teachers in Historic Valley Forge, PA!

Enrich your knowledge and your classroom experience through our critically acclaimed and accredited seminars! Teachers across the country are welcome to apply, and scholarships are still available for its on-campus seminars! Pennsylvania educators are welcomed every year, and you can join us this year.

You won't want to miss this unique opportunity. Apply today for one of its in-person seminars:

www.freedomsfoundation.org/teachers/.

Teaching Media Literacy to Combat Misinformation

(co-sponsored through the Civics, Service, and Leadership program of iCivics)

May 18, 2023 | Time 7:00 PM ET

Dr. Jimmeka Anderson will be guiding educators with a framework for incorporating media literacy skills in the classroom. This session is relevant for middle and high school educators. Learn more and [register here](#).

Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights Initiative at Penn State

On **Thursday, May 4, 2023, at 5:00 pm**, Initiative director Boaz Dvir's will speak at Florida Atlantic University's Erna and Henry Rubinstein Memorial Lecture in Holocaust Studies. A virtual event, "Fulfilling Holocaust Education's Hate-Uprooting Promise" is free and open to the public. Click [here](#) to register. Participants will receive a Zoom link following registration.

Dvir will examine traditional Holocaust education's efficacy and potential and describe the approach he and his PSU colleagues have taken to boost its effectiveness. After a 30-minute presentation, Dvir will take questions from attendees.

The OER Conference for Social Studies

The **OER Project Conference for Social Studies (OC for SS)**, America's biggest social studies event for teachers, returns free and online on **August 3, 2023!** [Register 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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