

Social Studies Resources

Curriculum



[Texas Education Agency/Social Studies](#) – Assessed Curriculum, Blueprint, Release Test Questions, Assessing Process Skills, Classification Performance Level Descriptors



[Lead4ward](#) – Free Resources for each grade and content. Social Studies academic vocabulary, snapshots of Readiness and Supporting Standards, Scaffolded TEKS from prior grades, and Released Test Questions.

US History

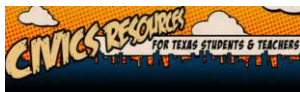


[CIA Factbook](#) - excellent for world geography Resources for U.S. History middle and high school (some elementary)



[Law Related Education](#) by State Bar of Texas
The goal of the organization is to provide resources that help teachers inspire and engage their students in the pursuit of civics education.

[Great games for Constitution and Bill of Rights - videos]



[Supreme Court Cases](#) – Landmark court cases Texas students need to know.

[videos and resources for teachers available]



[Digital History](#) – using technology to enhance teaching and research. Website features a timeline by history eras, history topics, primary sources, voices, multimedia (stories and music), classroom handouts, lesson plans, quizzes, and exhibitions.



[National Archives](#) - The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is the nation's record keeper. A massive collection of material on U.S. history that can sometimes be overwhelming to search through. The [Resources for National History Day Research](#) page guides students on where to find material in the archives.



[US History](#) – From Pre-Columbian to the New Millennium. The stories all help to ask the question, "What is an American?"



[San Antonio ISD](#) - Resources, strategies, and information to help enhance student achievement. Our resources were developed by teachers and are made available to all educators at no cost.



[Stanford History Education Group](#): Charting the future of teaching the past. Curriculum, assessment, projects and publications.

[Connections to edutopia for videos]



[iCivics](#) - non-profit organization founded and led by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, the site is dedicated to reinvigorating civic learning through interactive and engaging learning resources. Free resources include print-and-go lesson plans, award-winning games, and digital interactives.



[The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History](#) - website that features more than 60,000 unique historical documents in the Gilder Lehrman Collection. Features history by era, programs and exhibitions, primary sources, disasters in modern American history, AP Study guide, and multimedia. [Teaching Literacy from American History]



[DOCS TEACH](#) - Ready-to-use activities built around thousands of primary sources from the National Archives.



[Library of Congress](#) - great source to find historical documents, photos, art, maps, audio and video, artifacts and other items. The [American Memory](#) section organizes items based on topics, time periods and places of American history. The [World Digital Library](#), a cooperative project with UNESCO, includes rare documents from around the world.



[PBS](#) has a wide range of resources for students from its various programs. The most useful is likely the companion Web sites for the [American Experience](#) documentary series examining important events and people in American history. Each site includes resources such as

descriptions of the events, biographies of key figures, primary source documents, interactive maps and transcripts of the film. Also visit the [American Masters](#) series for biographies of historical figures.



EDSITEment!

[EDSITEment](#) "offers a treasure trove for teachers, students, and parents searching for high-quality material on the Internet in the subject areas of literature and language arts, foreign languages, art and culture, and history and social studies.

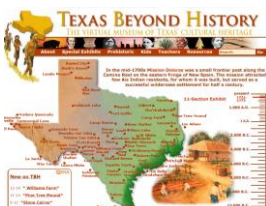


[George Mason University's Center for History and New Media](#) has created a [range of Web sites](#) designed for the needs of students and teachers. It includes basic surveys of U.S. and world history, sites that teach students to use primary sources, and sites that provide lesson plans and ideas for teachers. It also features several [Web sites of archives and exhibits](#).



[The Smithsonian Institution](#) has a wide variety of exhibitions and collections on American [history and culture](#). It also offers [lesson plans](#) searchable by grade level, type of resource and historical topic.

TEXAS



[Texas Beyond History](#)

The virtual museum of Texas' cultural heritage. In this virtual museum you will find information on and images of many different aspects of the cultural legacy of Texas, a legacy spanning at least 13,500 years.



[Texas History](#)

The purpose of this site is to provide a tool for educators, which brings together in one place the diverse resources for teaching Texas Studies in order to both save time and promote awareness of what is available. Categories of content include: Online primary and secondary sources, lesson plans, student programs, interactive websites and apps, audio-visual materials, and museum exhibits or programs.



[Texas State Historical Association](#) – Teacher resources found in the [Teaching Texas](#) site include the primary and secondary sources, lesson plans, museum exhibits, and programs. A collection of tools and products available to assist teachers in understanding, communicating, and teaching the newly revised TEKS for 4th and 7th grade.

[TEKS Curriculum alignment tool for 4th grade](#) provides appropriate articles and resources as well as a student guide and lesson plans.

[TEKS alignment tools for 7th grade](#) - A [student guide](#) and [lesson plans](#) are also available.

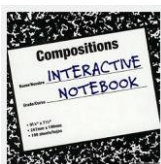
[15 Minute History](#)

59 Podcasts—with supplementary materials—about World and US history. The series is devoted to short, accessible discussions of important topics in World History and US History. The discussions will be conducted by the award winning faculty and graduate students at the University of Texas at Austin. Our topics will be drawn from the new World History and US History Standards—The Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS)—for K-12 social studies courses in Texas, and will be tied to specific objective and goals set in the standards to help educators prepare their students for the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness, or STAAR™ exams.

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Journaling



[Interactive Notebooks](#) – Their use and set up in content classrooms.

[pdf document that describes the use with specific examples for use in social studies classrooms.]