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Explore and Accelerate Social Studies Classes After Westest2!

This edition has ideas to add layers of learning to your classes as we wind down the year and move into summer.

All year we focus our energies on teaching the standards to prepare for Westest2, and now that the test is here we can plan on some activities for post-Westest to both accelerate and teach some of the “nice to know” secondary skills in our content area.

One task that we have as social studies teachers is to address the Literacy strand in our Next Gen standards. This is a good time now to review the “big rocks” of our content to make sure we have fully addressed literacy.

Reading, writing, listening, and speaking are core components of our subject, and they help us engage our students in exploring ideas through literacy that can create a spirit of learning that can keep their minds engaged all summer long.

If we can introduce learners to readings in social studies based upon their interests then that momentum can bring about excitement and genuine understanding .

In the weeks that we have left challenge your students to “read and write to learn” this summer!



Thurmond, West Virginia



Meadow Bridge,



Montgomery Bridge

Think of ways to keep your students engaged in learning over the summer!



Chimney Corner in days gone by



Prince Station

Teaching Tolerance Distributes Free Classroom Posters to Celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

To commemorate **Asian Pacific American Heritage Month** in May, the Southern Poverty Law Center's Teaching Tolerance project announced today it will offer teachers a free set of eight educational posters about Asian Pacific American history.

The posters, produced by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service

(SITES), offer a broad look at Asian Pacific American history – from the first Asian immigrants to the influx of highly skilled workers many decades later.

Teachers can order these posters from Teaching Tolerance at tolerance.org. The number of posters available for shipping is limited to 3,000 sets. Posters also can be downloaded for printing from the Teaching Tolerance website.

tolerance.org.

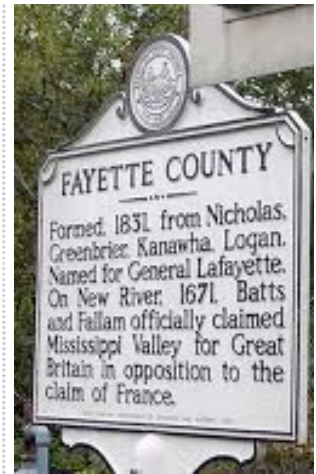
“The Smithsonian is delighted to partner with Teaching Tolerance on this project,” -- said SITES Director Anna Cohn.



Lewis House, Oak Hill



Downtown Fayetteville



County marker

As you encourage your students to learn about West Virginia history during our state's 150th year, a great resource is to turn to *e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia*.

This free and interactive website, www.wvencyclopedia.org, includes more than 2,300 articles; hundreds of photos, videos, audio clips, and maps; and a unique *e-WV Classroom*.

There is a special section of *e-WV* is designed just for students and teachers.

The *e-WV Classroom* at <http://www.wvencyclopedia.org/classroom> provides 18 lesson plans on a variety of topics, including "The Story of Statehood" and "The Two Constitutions," and offers links to quizzes and other important features of *e-WV*. Also, you can use the search section to find information on Fayette County history.

www.wvencyclopedia.org,

The *e-WV West Virginia Encyclopedia* website is a great way to get you students to learn all summer long by exploring the world around them online. What projects can you think of to stimulate their learning?



Summer means “cooking around the fire” in our WV hills!

WV Fried Yellow Squash

- 2-3 straight or yellow crooked neck squash, washed and sliced in medium thickness slices
- 1 cup corn meal mix (or 1/4 cup flour and 3/4 cup corn meal)
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil

In an iron skillet, heat oil over medium high heat. Meanwhile, place slices of squash in a bowl with cornmeal mix and toss to cover. If the squash is dry, you can dip it in milk first before putting it in the mix. Put in hot oil, Fry, turning the slices as they brown. Watch the heat of the skillet, as it may get too hot, turn down heat as needed. If needed, add more oil. Enjoy!

WV Campfire Trout

- 4 trout, cleaned and head removed
 - salt and pepper to taste
 - 4 tablespoons butter, divided
 - 1 medium green bell pepper, sliced
 - 1 clove garlic, minced (optional)
1. Place each trout on a piece of aluminum foil. Season to taste with

salt and pepper, then stuff the cavity with 1 tablespoon of butter, green pepper and garlic (optional) Potatoes and carrots can be added on the grill if desired.

2. Roll the trout tightly in the foil, forming packets. Use some additional foil to secure each packet of fish to a metal roasting rod for use as a handle when removing fish from the coals.
3. Cover the fish packets in the red hot, smoldering coals of your campfire and cook until the fish is done, 7 to 10 minutes, depending on the heat of the fire.

Serve up and enjoy!



Summer means cooking around the campfire





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W.Va. Schools to Mark West Virginia Birthday with Summer Camp for Social Studies and the Arts

SUMMER WV AMBASSADORS CAMP AT UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON

The West Virginia Department of Education in collaboration with other state agencies is commemorating the state's 150th anniversary with a student summer camp that celebrates social studies and the arts.

This West Virginia Ambassadors Camp will be a week-long event conducted at the University of Charleston June 17 through June 21. Campers will stay on the UC campus during the week while they learn about West Virginia history as well as participate in classes taught by West Virginia artisans.

During the camp, students will spend a day at the West Virginia Capitol Complex, where they will participate in a mock Legislature, tour the state museum, capitol, state archives and state library. In addition, the arts experience will include hands-on art projects as well as a workshop with the West Virginia Dance Company and dress rehearsal with the Charleston Light Opera Guild.

The ambassador program is sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Education, the West Virginia Division of Culture and History, the West Virginia Department of Education and

the Arts, the Sesquicentennial Commission, the City of Charleston, the Clay Center for the Arts and Sciences, the West Virginia Power baseball team, the University of Charleston, and various other state agencies and non-profit organizations.

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