

Fayette County Social Studies Newsletter



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West Virginia "Next Generation" Social Studies

The Next Generation Social Studies Standards and Objectives are in effect in grades K-12 during the 2012-2013 school year. They can be found both on the Policy Page of the WVDE site, on Teach21 under the interactive Next Generation Standards and Objectives, and at wvsocialstudies.com under "Next Gen Tools."



MOCK ELECTION

The My Voice National Student Mock Election has launched **My Election Polls**. Your students can sound off on issues of national importance leading up to the federal and state elections. This week's topics include: **Defining Success** and **Bullying**. New polls will be posted twice a week, so be sure to check back.

To access this info go to the wvsocialstudies.com website and click on "My Election Polls"

Great Resource!

Beyond the Bubble unlocks the vast digital archive of the Library of Congress to create a new generation of history assessments. Check out this Stanford U site for innovative assessments that gauge historical thinking in easy-to-use, classroom-friendly ways.

Click on "Innovative Assessments" on the wvsocialstudies.com site.

The First Thanksgiving

This assessment measures students' ability to **source** a document. When historians interpret a document, they look at who wrote it and when. Source information presents clues about whether the document provides reliable evidence about the past. This HAT "History Assessments of Thinking," gauges whether students understand an important aspect of sourcing: the time elapsed between when a document was produced and the event it depicts.



Historical content: The Colonial Era

Historical skills: Sourcing

Common Core: #1 (Gr. 6-12), #6 (Gr. 6-8), #7 (Gr. 6-8)

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