

# FAYETTE COUNTY SOCIAL STUDIES NEWSLETTER

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## Kennedy Resources

*The Media is buzzing over the Kennedy anniversary- here are resources to engage learning.*

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## December days

*A day by day list of history items to teach by! Select one per day for bellringers or lessons!*

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## Great Resources

*Here are some sites that provide a great selection of support for all of your classes!*

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*Consider an honors society for your school! - Plus Autumn Treats to eat!*

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## JFK ANNIVERSARY RESOURCES

2013 is the 50th anniversary of the John F. Kennedy Assassination, and there is a wealth of materials available.

**As you return from Thanksgiving break students will have been exposed to a good deal of media hype surrounding the 50th anniversary of the John F. Kennedy assassination. Why not build upon this interest and use many of the available resources on the Kennedy anniversary?**

**Here is a collection of links to get access to primary and secondary source documents to engage learners in a time in our history that can connect with all of our classes.**



<http://www.jfklibrary.org>

<http://www.dallasnews.com/news/jfk50/>

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/president/johnfkennedy>

<http://www.jfk50.org>

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NOVEMBER 22, 1963



# DECEMBER DAY BY DAY

- A TOPIC FOR EACH DAY OF THE MONTH!

## December 1

- The *Trail of Tears* occurred.
- Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus, 1955

## December 2

- The Monroe Doctrine was announced, 1823
- The Thirteenth Amendment was adopted, prohibiting slavery.

## December 3

- The first American flag was raised aboard the "USS *Alfred*," 1775
- "Camelot" opened on Broadway, 1960

## December 4

- General Washington bade farewell to his troops, 1783
- United States *Gemini 7* was launched in 1965

## December 5

- President Martin Van Buren was born in Kinderhook, New York, 1782
- National Prohibition ended, 1933

## December 6

- Construction of Washington Monument was completed -1884
- The first radio broadcast of

an official presidential address occurred when President Calvin Coolidge gave his second annual address to Congress-1923

## December 7

- Japanese warplanes attacked United States at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, 1941
- United States Apollo 17 launched, 1972

## December 8

- United States entered World War II, 1941
- John Lennon, former member of the *Beatles*, was killed in New York-1980

## December 9

- Noah Webster established New York's first daily newspaper, 1793
- The first Red Cross Christmas seals- 1907

## December 10

- The first Women's Suffrage law in the U.S. was granted in Wyoming Territory, 1869
- The first college basketball game-1896

## December 11

- Incandescent stage lighting was first used in the U.S.-1883
- United States & Britain declared war on Japan, 1941

## December 12

- Joseph Rainey became the first black in the House of Representatives- 1870
- The first motel opened in the United States- 1925

## December 13

- First Lady Mary Lincoln was born Mary Ann Todd in Lexington, Kentucky, 1818
- Confederates won the Civil War Battle of Fredericksburg, 1863

## December 14

- The first military encounter of the American Revolution occurred- 1774
- President George Washington died at his home, Mount Vernon, 1799

## December 15

- The Bill of Rights went into effect-1791
- Sitting Bull was killed in a skirmish with U.S. soldiers- 1890

## December 16

- The Boston Tea Party occurred, 1773
- World War II Battle of the Bulge began- 1944

## December 17

- France recognized American independence,

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<p><b>December 18</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Orville and Wilbur Wright's first flight 1903</b></li> </ul> <p><b>December 19</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>George Washington and the Continental Army arrived at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, 1777</b></li> <li>• <b>Benjamin Franklin published "Poor Richard's Almanac" 1732</b></li> </ul> <p><b>December 20</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Louisiana Purchase -1803</b></li> <li>• <b>United States troops invaded Panama, 1989</b></li> </ul> <p><b>December 21</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mayflower Pilgrims landed at Plymouth, Massachusetts, 1620</b></li> <li>• <b>Reduction of the voting age to 18 years, 1970</b></li> </ul> <p><b>December 22</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wake Island fell to the Japanese -1941</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>December 23</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>"A Visit From St. Nicholas" (The Night Before Christmas) was published -1823</b></li> <li>• <b>The state of Maryland gave ten square miles for the District of Columbia, 1788</b></li> </ul> <p><b>December 24</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Henry Ford completed his first successful gasoline engine, 1894</b></li> <li>• <b>General Dwight D. Eisenhower was named Supreme Commander of Europe, 1943</b></li> </ul> <p><b>December 25</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>George Washington crossed the Delaware 1776</b></li> <li>• <b>The first recorded Christmas was celebrated in Rome, A.D. 336</b></li> </ul> <p><b>December 26</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>President Harry S. Truman died in Kansas City, Missouri, 1972</b></li> <li>• <b>The end of the Soviet Union began, 1991</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>December 27</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Radio City Music Hall opened in New York, 1932</b></li> <li>• <b>The World War II Battle of the Bulge ended, 1944</b></li> </ul> <p><b>December 28</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>President Woodrow Wilson was born in Staunton, Virginia, 1856</b></li> </ul> <p><b>December 29</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>First Lady Angelica Van Buren died, 1877</b></li> </ul> <p><b>December 30</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The "USS Monitor" was lost off Cape Hatteras, 1862</b></li> <li>• <b>Vladimir I. Lenin established the U.S.S.R., 1922</b></li> </ul> <p><b>December 31</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Thomas Edison gave his first public demonstration of the incandescent lamp, 1879</b></li> <li>• <b>The Manhattan Bridge, the third span across the East River in New York City was opened to traffic, 1910</b></li> </ul>
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# OPPORTUNITIES

## WV HISTORY BOWL

**WV History Bowl** is an academic competition for eighth grade students in West Virginia sponsored by the West Virginia Division of Culture and History. Last year, 165 teams from 49 counties competed in the events. Each team is composed of four students, and each school may enter two teams. Eight regional competitions will be held around the state in early 2014, with the first and second place teams in each region advancing to the state tournament, which will be held at the Culture Center in Charleston on April 29, 2014. Application forms, the schedule of regional competitions, and updated rules for the tournament may be found on the West Virginia Archives and History website at:

<http://wvculture.org/history/historybowl.html>

*submit your applications as soon as possible.*



### West Virginia Blue Book- DIGITAL!

The WV Legislature has released the WV Bluebook in Digital form. The format looks the same, and if you would like to access a copy you can download it from the WV Legislature website or simply click either link below:

*(Caution this is a BIG file as it is 900+ pages)*

[\*\*WV Bluebook 2012-13\*\*](#)

[\*\*http://wvsocialstudies.com/\*\*](#)



*Great Resources for Middle School*

## Middle School Social Studies

Resources for Students, Teachers and Parents

History, geography and culture resources of all kinds can be found online. Whether you are a student looking for a way to help you remember the countries of the world, a teacher interested in engaging new lessons that can inspire your class, or a parent wanting to help your child understand important historical eras, you'll find everything you need in the **Middle School Social Studies Web guide**.

<http://www.findingdulcinea.com/guides/Education/Middle-School-Social-Studies.html>

# RHO KAPPA



RHO KAPPA  
NATIONAL  
SOCIAL  
STUDIES  
HONOR SOCIETY

## About Rho Kappa

Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society is the only national organization for high school juniors and seniors that recognizes excellence in the field of Social Studies. Any accredited public high school or non-secondary school can apply for a local chapter, through which individuals will be inducted into Rho Kappa Honor Society. Rho Kappa provides national recognition and opportunities for exploration in the social studies. Through its sponsorship of Rho Kappa, National Council for the Social Studies hopes to encourage an interest in, understanding of, and appreciation for the social studies.

## How to Petition For a Local Chapter at your School

Do we have any of our Fayette County high schools ready for a social studies honor society?

A teacher in the field of social studies must serve as the founding chapter sponsor. This person will need to gather a core group of interested teachers and students to discuss the possibility of forming a chapter. Once the decision is made to create the charter the sponsor must submit a charter application, \$150 charter fee, and charter application to officially secure his/her high school chapter charter. It takes approximately 30 days for the application to be processed. A formal charter is sent to the chapter sponsor.

Local chapters may be named in honor of an individual who has made contributions to the social studies or the local community.



## All chapters must:

1. have a chapter sponsor.
2. induct new members annually (\$5 induction fee per new member)
3. pay a \$75 affiliation fee annually
4. submit an annual chapter report (membership list by October 1 each year).

## Chapter Affiliation Renewal Fee

Each chapter pays an annual affiliation fee of \$75.00. A chapter not currently "affiliated" can not submit new members for induction until charter reactivation papers and fees have been submitted.

Every local chapter of RHO KAPPA shall have a designated faculty sponsor approved by the school principal. The chapter sponsor shall be a member of the school's faculty and may serve multiple terms. The chapter sponsor will be responsible for the chapter's day-to-day activities, act as a supervisor over the chapter, and perform the duties of a liaison among administration, faculty, students, community members, and the national organization. The chapter advisor, by virtue of the position, is an honorary RHO KAPPA member.

To get started see:

<http://connected.socialstudies.org/rhokappa/home>

# AUTUMN ATTITUDES



## WV Cinnamon Tea

The fragrance of cinnamon conjures up nice, warm, cozy feelings. Cinnamon Tea is a lovely thing to enjoy with some sweet pastries & apple cobblers.

Ingredients: (Serves 1)

1. One cinnamon stick, or 1 – 1 1/2 teaspoons of cinnamon powder
2. Sugar/Honey/milk (optional)
3. A teabag

### Preparation:

Put the cinnamon stick in a cup. you can also use 1 – 1 1/2 teaspoons of ground cinnamon powder.

Boil a cup of water.

Add the boiling water to the cup with cinnamon & let it steep for about 10 minutes. (Or boil a cup of water with the cinnamon at medium heat for about 10 -15 minutes... discard the cinnamon after).

Add the teabag. Soak the teabag for 2-3 minutes before removing it.

Add sugar / sweetner for a sweeter taste & Milk (optional)

Squeeze in some fresh lemon if you want...



Enjoy with company or with some quiet moments with yourself :-)

## MOLASSES COOKIES

Recipe makes 5 dozen

**3/4 cup margarine, melted**  
**1 cup white sugar**  
**1 egg**  
**1/4 cup molasses**  
**2 cups all-purpose flour**  
**2 teaspoons baking soda**  
**1/2 teaspoon salt**  
**1 teaspoon ground cinnamon**  
**1/2 teaspoon ground cloves**  
**1/2 teaspoon ground ginger**  
**1/2 cup white sugar**

### Directions

1. In a medium bowl, mix together the melted margarine, 1 cup sugar, and egg until smooth. Stir in the molasses. Combine the flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, cloves, and ginger; blend into the molasses mixture. Cover, and chill dough for 1 hour.
2. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Roll dough into walnut sized balls, and roll them in the remaining white sugar. Place cookies 2 inches

apart onto ungreased baking sheets.

3. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes in the preheated oven, until tops are cracked. Cool on wire racks.

