

Social Studies Newsletter

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Our Website

Remember that you have an easy online 24/7 resource for social studies at our website:

<http://wvsocialstudies.com>

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WV LAW ADVENTURE

Give your students an opportunity they will never forget!

The Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia invites teachers of middle-school or high-school students to have their classes participate in the 2013-2014 West Virginia Law Adventure.

The Adventure has fun steps:

1. Each class selects a scenario drafted by the Young Lawyers Section of the West Virginia State Bar.
2. The class writes a courtroom script based on the scenario, possibly with the assistance of a local attorney. Depending on the topic, other educational resources may be available (e.g., dating violence information, substance abuse education, etc.).
3. The class performs a mock jury trial before a local judge or magistrate. (Transportation costs are reimbursable by the Court.)
4. The Young Lawyers Section scores scripts submitted in early spring, and the winning classes visit the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia.



WV Law Adventure 2013-14

Students practice public speaking, improve writing skills, gain confidence, and learn about the judicial branch of government.

Want to Join the Adventure?

Please contact Kandi Greter-Kirk at 304-340-2755 or kandi.greter@courtswv.gov to receive the Adventure guidelines and scenarios.

Check out the Court's Student Resources page at:

<http://www.courtswv.gov/public-resources/student-resources/index.html>

Constitution Day

WV Senator Robert C. Byrd inserted a provision into a massive spending bill that Congress passed in 2004 requiring every school and college that receives federal money to teach about the Constitution on Sept. 17, the day it was adopted in 1787. This year Constitution Day is being observed on Tuesday, September 17, 2013.

Throughout his life, the West Virginia Democrat kept a copy of the Constitution in his pocket.

The federal government does not dictate when or how to implement the lesson.

It was Senator Byrd's intention that educators use creativity and find interesting ways to teach the lessons of the Constitution.

You may determine what kind of program you want to organize, (for example assembly, school play or reenactment, closed-circuit TV broadcast throughout the building followed by classroom discussion.)

Here you will find a list of current resources available online to assist you with lesson plans, primary source documents, biographies, role-play scenarios and other activities too numerous to mention.

- The United States Senate website where an explanation of the U.S. Constitution and Constitution Day can be found: <http://www.senate.gov/artandhistory/history/common/generic/ConstitutionDay.htm>
- The National Constitution Center has classroom resources, books, lesson plans, <http://www.constitutioncenter.org/constitutionday/display/MainS/Home>
- One of their most popular links, America Reads the Constitution, <http://www.constitutioncenter.org/constitutionday/display/NccP/America+Reads+the+Constitution> might be something that you and your students would enjoy. This site also features a poster with teaching guide, interactive constitution online, fast facts, basic principles, and other ideas and resources too numerous to mention.
- Education World offers a plethora of links, lessons, and the legislation enacting this Congressional initiative. http://www.education-world.com/a_lesson/lesson/lesson347.shtml
- Try More Lessons Caught on the Net on this same site for some very good lessons http://www.education-world.com/a_lesson/lesson/lesson347b.shtml
- And then there is Constitution Day celebrated in other countries on Wikipedia – something that I had not thought about before now. Could be interesting classroom conversation http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Constitution_Day
- A large variety of primary source documents and a “Fun Zone” full of activities can be found at <http://www.constitutionfacts.com/>. Click on the Constitution Day 2010 tab on the top right hand corner of the site. There is also a poster contest and a Constitution I.Q. quiz available on the site.
- Education World also provides a tremendous amount of resources for Constitution Day at http://www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/lesson/lesson347.shtml.



The Year is Rolling Along...

Here is a collection of resources to move your classes... iPad apps, iCivics, World History for All, & REMIND101

Interesting Resources

iPad Apps



5 Good iPad Apps

<http://tinyurl.com/p5t7tdc>

TCEA LIST

<http://tinyurl.com/kq4wvz5>

CBD App List-

<http://tinyurl.com/pqwfwswq>

Teach with your iPad

<http://tinyurl.com/79qqcsq>

Pearson App

<http://tinyurl.com/qg2jum5>



Civics teachers! Here is a good resource for you to use to move civics learning in your classroom. This is a web-based education project with interactive games and activities to engage your students in learning about our nation.

<http://www.icivics.org>



Tech tool! REMIND101 is a safe way for teachers to message students and stay in touch with parents- FREE

<https://www.remind101.com>



World History for Us All

World History for Us All is a national collaboration of K-12 teachers, collegiate instructors, and educational technology specialists.

The Teaching Units may give you some good ideas to spring from as we guide our students to learn about our world. The depth and scope of this site offers strong unit based instructional design. Check out the site at:

<http://worldhistoryforusall.sdsu.edu>

Making over a billion long URLs usable!

<http://tinyurl.com>

MODEL UN

WVU Model United Nations High School Conference

November 15-17, 2013
West Virginia University
Morgantown, WV

Model United Nations is a fun, hands-on, collaborative simulation that encourages discussion of global issues. Students are invited to join us on the West Virginia University campus to participate in this multicultural activity that promotes global awareness, an understanding of other cultures and diversity. At our conference, students will role-play as United Nations ambassadors while debating two important topics:

-Achieving MDG6: Combating HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Other Diseases Beyond 2015

-Protecting the Rights of the Child: The Role of the Child Soldier in Armed Combat

Following Model UN parliamentary procedure, student delegates make speeches,

write resolutions, negotiate with allies and adversaries and resolve conflicts in the interest of promoting international cooperation. Model UN delegations work to resolve issues that cannot be solved by individual countries alone. Model UN delegates gain valuable skills in leadership, public speaking, problem solving, coalition building, conflict resolution, compromise, cooperation, critical thinking and analysis. This conference also offers the opportunity to meet high school students from across the state, tour the beautiful WVU campus and meet with WVU faculty and staff to talk about educational opportunities at the University. Registration, country assignments, training materials and lodging information can be found on our website:

<http://munclub.studentorgs.wvu.edu/>

WVU Model United Nations High School Conference Tentative Conference Schedule

Friday, November 15th
3:00 - 6:00 Registration
6:00 - 7:00 Opening Ceremony
7:00 - 9:00 Committee Session I

9:00 - 10:00 Optional Fun Activity
Saturday, November 16th
9:00 - 12:00 Committee Session II
12:00 - 2:00 Lunch and WVU
Campus Tour
2:00 - 5:00 Committee Session III
5:00 - 7:00 Dinner on your own
7:00 - 9:00 Committee Session IV
9:00 - 10:00 Optional Fun Activity
Sunday, November 17th
9:00 - 11:00 Committee Session V
11:00 - 12:00 Closing Ceremony
Awards

Professional dress is required.

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Changes to the Social Studies Fair

This year is going to bring changes to the state social studies fair

This year high school students have an option in competing in the National History Day portion of the competition. With it being the first year of rolling out History Day at the local level it will be a big change for local and RESA competitions.

To accommodate this change we are only asking that schools, counties, and RESAs hold local competitions for the Exhibit portion of National History Day. <http://www.wvssfair.com/>

If you have students who are interested in the other portion of National History Day such as a performance or documentary please let Joey Wiseman at WVDE know to make arrangements for them at the state fair. Elementary and Middle School students will compete in the traditional social studies fair portion of the competition. National History Day does not have an elementary competition but it does have a middle school competition. If you have middle school students who are interested in National History Day this year please contact Joey Wiseman at WVDE. rjwisema@access.k12.wv.us

The New Score cards for both History Day and the Social Studies Fair are posted on <http://www.wvssfair.com/>. Remember all dates and up to date information is posted on the Social Studies Website at: <http://wvde.state.wv.us/socialstudies/>



Fire Roasted Apples



Ingredients

1. 8 firm, sweet apples, such as Cortlands or Galas
2. 6 tablespoons (3/4 stick) unsalted butter, at room temperature
3. 1/4 cup firmly packed dark brown sugar
4. 1/4 cup dried currants
5. 1/4 cup graham cracker crumbs, toasted bread crumbs, or ground almonds
6. 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
7. 1/4 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
8. 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
9. 4 marshmallows, cut in half (optional)

Directions

1. Lightly grease an aluminum-foil roasting pan. Core the apples, using an apple corer or melon baller, but don't cut all the way through the bottom; the idea is to create a cavity for stuffing.
2. Cream the butter and brown sugar in a medium-size bowl until light and fluffy. Beat in the currants, graham cracker crumbs, cinnamon, nutmeg, and vanilla. Spoon the brown sugar mixture into the apples, dividing it evenly among them. Place a marshmallow half (if using) on top of each apple. Place the apples in the prepared roasting pan.
3. Set up the grill for indirect grilling. No drip pan is necessary for this

recipe. If using a gas grill, place all of the wood chips in the smoker box and preheat the grill to high; when smoke appears, reduce the heat to medium. If using a charcoal grill, preheat it to medium.

4. When ready to cook, if using a charcoal grill, toss all of the wood chips on the coals. Place the pan of apples in the center of the hot grate, away from the heat, and cover the grill. Cook the apples until soft, 40 minutes to 1 hour. Check the apples after 40 minutes and, if the marshmallows start to brown too much, cover the apples with a piece of aluminum foil. Serve the apples at once.

MORE INFO: <http://tinyurl.com/mwu5q7u>