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[I have No Money: You Take Wampum?](#)
[Widget Production: Producing More, Using Less](#)
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[Constitution Day Lesson - Preamble](#)
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[Schoolhouse Rock: How a Bill becomes a Law](#)
[Surrender of Cornwallis](#)
[Washington Crossing the Delaware](#)

[The Destruction of Tea at Boston Harbor](#)
[Understanding the Declaration of the United States](#)
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[Analyzing Editorial Cartoons: The Great Society](#)

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Teacher Notes:

- [Europe](#)
- [Latin America and Canada](#)
- [Australia](#)

[All Over the Map: 10 Ways to Teach about Geography](#): http://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/12/04/all-over-the-map-10-ways-to-teach-about-geography/?_r=0 - Article in the New York Times Learning Network section.

[Georgia Geographic Alliance](#): <http://georgiageography.org/> - Non-Profit organization of individuals with an overarching mission to help transform Georgia into a state comprised of geographically-competent citizens, beginning first and foremost with the K-12 student population. Share the three main concepts of geographic literacy: interactions among natural and human systems, interconnections at different spatial scales, and - most importantly - implications of peoples' decisions. Mission is

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[CIA World](#)

Factbook: <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/> - Provides up to date information on countries, territories, and colonies found around the world. Information provided by the Central Intelligence Agency

[Discovery](#)

Education: <http://www.discoveryeducation.com/> - Provides a variety of videos and teacher resources.

Galileo: <https://www.galileo.usg.edu/high-school/henry-k12/search/> - Stands for Georgia Library Learning Online, an online library portal of over 100 databases indexing thousands of periodicals and scholarly journals, encyclopedias, business directories, and government publications.

[History](#)

101: <http://historylink101.com/> - Information on various history topics.

[Lonely](#)

Planet: <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/> - Site is like a large online travel brochure. The site contains a wide variety of information and pictures about countries from around the world.

[University of Texas at Austin Map](#)

Collection: <http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/> - Contains links to maps from around the world.

[Sheppard](#)

Software: <http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/> - Interactive map activities.

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Atlas: <http://www.worldatlas.com/> - Site contains current information about countries and links to several different types of maps for countries from around the world.

[Interpreting Primary Sources with Geographic](#)

Lens: <https://geoalliance.asu.edu/geolens> - Tools that help to interpret primary sources using a geographic lens (audio visual, document, image, map and political cartoons along with student analysis sheets to accompany). Lessons provided (GeoLiteracy, GeoSTEM, GeoHistory, Geography and Diverse Learners)

[How Could Students be GIANTS \(Geographic Inquiry & New](#)

Temporal Sequencing in SS)?: <http://ss.oaisd.org/about-giants.html> - Free On-Line World Geography text with supporting lessons and **assessments** -

<http://passtmoodle.wmisd.org/login/index.php>. Resource will be in *Illuminate* soon.

[Primary Source, Educating Global](#)

Citizens: <https://www.primary>

source.org/ - Key primary sources, relevant questions, learning objectives, scholar essays; resources on world regions and cultures with classroom-friendly books, films, curriculum, and web recommendations.

[World Digital](#)

Library: <https://www.wdl.org/en/> - Free and in multilingual format primary source materials from all countries and cultures with the intent of promoting international and intercultural understanding, expanding the volume and variety of cultural content on the internet and providing resources for educators.

[SAS Curriculum Pathways:](#)

<https://www.sascurriculumpathways.com/portal/#info/1771> - Interactive atlas tool, active reading and primary sources, world resources for educators.

[Norman B. Leventhal Map](#)

Center: <http://www.leventhalmap.org/> - Innovative uses of maps and geographical materials to engage young people's curiosity about the world. Over 7,700 maps from the 15th century to the present, includes lesson plans, curriculum units and map activities.

[The New](#)

Worldmapper: <http://www.worldmapper.org/> - A collection of world maps. Territories are re-sized on each map according to the subject of interest. 700+ maps available and also available for download into PDF posters. Features series of maps including land area, population, births, children, and elderly.

GeoInquiries: <http://edcommunity.esri.com/> -

Resources/Collections/geoinquiries Esri Understanding our World - short, standards-based inquiry activities for teaching map-based concepts found in commonly used textbooks. Integrate ArcGIS Online Technology to support subject matter content teaching.

National

Geographic: <http://nationalgeographic.org/education/> -

National Geographic Framework, free activities, lessons, and units including on-line mapping and printable map resources.

7th Grade - World Geography

Georgia Standards of Excellence

Curriculum Map

Teacher Notes:

- **Southwest Asia**

Sample Units:

- **Unit 1: Connecting Themes**
- **Unit 2: Southwest Asia (Middle East)**
- **Unit 3: Impact of Oil and Economy on Southwest Asia (Middle East)**
- **Units are still being updated! Check this link: Click me and scroll down to see additional units!**

All Over the Map: 10 Ways to Teach about

Geography: http://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/12/04/all-over-the-map-10-ways-to-teach-about-geography/?_r=0 -

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8th Grade - Georgia Studies

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[Study Guide Georgia Milestones](#)

[Assessment Guide Georgia Milestones](#)

[Achievement Level Descriptors Georgia Milestones](#)

1.1.1.1 Sample Units:

- **[Unit 1: Connecting Themes](#)**
- **[Unit 2: Geography of Georgia and the American Indians](#)**
- **[Unit 3: Exploration and Colonization](#)**
- **[Click me and scroll to access updated units!](#)**

1.1.1.2 Teacher Notes:

- **[Georgia Studies](#)**

[Digital Library of Georgia](https://www.galileo.usg.edu/scholar/databases/dlg1/): <https://www.galileo.usg.edu/scholar/databases/dlg1/> -

Gateway to Georgia's history and culture found in digitized books, manuscripts, photographs, government documents, newspapers, maps, audio, video, and other resources.

[Georgia Info](http://georgiainfo.galileo.usg.edu/): <http://georgiainfo.galileo.usg.edu/> -

On-Line Almanac about the state of Georgia! Quick facts about Georgia in an updated, visually appealing format.

[Georgia Read](https://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Curriculum-and-Instruction/Pages/Georgia-Read-More-Videos.aspx)
[More](https://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Curriculum-and-Instruction/Pages/Georgia-Read-More-Videos.aspx): <https://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Curriculum-and-Instruction/Pages/Georgia-Read-More-Videos.aspx> - Provides videos and resources about Famous Georgians.

[Georgia Stories](http://www.gpb.org/georgiastories): <http://www.gpb.org/georgiastories> - Supports the

Georgia Social Studies curriculum for 8th grade students and is for anyone interested in Georgia history. The site complements the Georgia Stories video series produced by Georgia Public Broadcasting Education.

[Georgia Studies Digital](#)

Textbook: <http://www.gpb.org/education/georgia-textbook> - Georgia Public Broadcasting has a free digital textbook for Georgia Studies. Includes a student version and teacher version.

[Jimmy Carter Educational](#)

Resources: <https://www.jimmycarterlibrary.gov/education/resources.phtml> - 19 curriculum units grades 2-12 which are standards correlated to the following topics: US History, Civics, Geography, Energy and Environment, Human Rights, US Foreign Policy, Current Events, Middle East, Segregation, Civil Rights and Character Education.

[New Georgia](#)

Encyclopedia: <http://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/> - State encyclopedia which contains original content and helps users understand the rich history and diverse culture of Georgia's still unfolding story.

[Today in Georgia](#)

History: <http://www.todayingeorgiahistory.org/> - Exciting, award-winning educational project that focuses on an historical event or person associated with a particular day in Georgia history.

[The Rendell Center for Civics and Civic](#)

Engagement: <http://rendellcenter.org/> - Literature-based

Mock Trial (easy-to-follow instructional framework for K-8 educators on how to develop and conduct a literature-based mock trial in the classroom. Free teacher's guide. The Civic Treasure Game (self-guided online game that teaches the Constitution and American Government. Literature-based Lesson Plans and Bookmarks (assortment of lesson plans, discussion cards, activities, and more. Includes questions, activities that verify understanding, and a "sticky situation" to promote reasoning and deliberation skills. Presidential Election Tools (a comprehensive collection including an American Presidency facts booklet, student talking and acting responsibly cards, powerpoint, and election lesson plans along with a book list of notable titles such as *Lillian's Right to Vote*, *President Squid*, and others.

[The Civics Renewal](#)

Network: <http://www.civicsrenewalnetwork.org/> - One website, 29 organizations, over 1,100 resources - all free, all online, all grades. Resources for civics education. Can search resources available by subject, grade, issue, resource type, teaching strategy, standards, and organization.

[The Leonore Annenberg Institute for](#)

Civics: <http://www.annenbergclassroom.org/> - contains over 60 videos on major constitutional concepts and court cases. Learning materials aligned to state standards, as well as lesson plans, on-line no cost books for

download and interactive games. The Civic Treasure Game - Self-guided online game that teaches the Constitution and American Government.

[SAS Curriculum](#)

Pathways: <https://www.sascurriculumpathways.com/portal/#search/g//s4/15/0/newAndPopularAdjustedScore> - Making Civics Sizzle (K-12). Active Reading & Primary Sources. Civic resources for educators.

[ICivics:](#)

<https://www.icivics.org/teachers> - teaches students how government works by having them directly experience it. Students take on the role of judge, member of Congress, community activist fighting for local change and president.

[World War](#)

I: <https://www.nhd.org/teaching-world-war-i> - primary sources and lesson modules for teaching WWI.

Literacy Standards - Grades 6-8

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American Government/Civics

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Sample Units:

- [Unit 1: Connecting Themes](#)
- [Unit 2: Foundations of American Government](#)
- [Unit 3: The United States Constitution](#)

- [Unit 4: The Federal System of Government](#)
- [Click me and scroll down to access Units 5-10!](#)

[Center for Civic](#)

Education: <http://www.civiced.org/> - Research-proven and teacher-tested curricula reach K-12 students in every congressional district of the United States and in eighty countries. Through its curriculum, the Center engages young people to become informed, responsible citizens. The Center's curricula include We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution; Project Citizen; the School Violence Prevention Demonstration Program; Representative Democracy in America; Citizens, Not Spectators; and Foundations of Democracy.

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[Library of](#)

Congress: <https://www.loc.gov/> - Lesson plans, created by teachers for teachers, to explore U.S. civics and government.

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Economics

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[Georgia Milestones Assessment Guide](#)

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1.1.2 Sample Units

- [Unit 1: Connecting Themes](#)
- [Unit 2: Fundamentals](#)
- [Unit 3: Microeconomics](#)
- [Click me and scroll down to access Units 4-6!](#)

[Georgia Council for Economic](#)

Education: <http://www.gcee.org/> - videos, tools, lessons, and a wealth of other helpful resources for teachers and students.

GCEE Economics Test Prep App for iPhone and Google:

[Teaching Economics as if](#)

Mattered: <http://www.teachingeconomics.org/> - High School Economics lesson plans available free of charge.

[Foundation for Teaching](#)

Economics: <http://www.fte.org/> - Content outlines, classroom activities, and other teacher materials such as demonstration videos and lectures.

EverFi: <http://everfi.com/> - On-Line Digital Sources in STEM Readiness, Health and Wellness, Financial Education, Diversity and Inclusion, Career, Leadership and Success

[Fish! How an Economy](#)

Grows: <http://FishEconomics.org> - Dive into free economic lesson plans, lectures, and animated episodes. This ten-part animated series follows the journey of three island-dwellers as they build their own economy. Fish provides a uniquely comprehensive, online resource for educators. The narrative episodes are accompanied by supplemental lectures, as well as extensive lesson plans.

Psychology

[Georgia Standards of Excellence](#)

[American Psychology](#)

Association: www.apa.org/ - Unit lesson plans for high school psychology teachers. These lesson plans are three-to seven-day units that include a procedural timeline, a content outline, suggested resources and activities and references.

[Discovery](#)

Education: <http://www.discoveryeducation.com/> - Combines scientifically proven, standards-based digital media and a user community in order to empower teachers to improve student achievement.

Free lesson plans written by teachers for teachers.

[Instructor](#)

Resources: <http://bcs.worthpublishers.com/cache/IR/1429215976.InstructorResource.html> - Teacher created links to psychology resources.

Sociology

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[American Sociological](#)

Association: <http://www.asanet.org/> - Curriculum for an advanced high school sociology course that could also serve as a model for introductory sociology courses in colleges and universities.

US History

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- [Unit 2: Colonialism](#)
- [Unit 3: Revolution and Constitution](#)
- [Unit 4: Early Republic, Expansion, and Reform](#)
- [Unit 5: Sectionalism, Civil War, and Reconstruction](#)
- [Unit 6: Expansion and Reform](#)
- [Unit 7: World War I and the 1920s](#)

- [Unit 8: The Great Depression and World War II](#)
- [Unit 9: Cold War and Civil Rights](#)
- [Unit 10: Modern US History](#)

[Reading Like a](#)

[Historian:](#) <https://sheg.stanford.edu/r/h> - Includes 71 stand-alone lessons organized within

11 units. These lessons span colonial to Cold War America and cover a range of political, social, economic, and cultural topics. Each lesson includes a 1-2 day plan that outlines the lesson's activities and sets of adapted and modified documents along with guiding questions and graphic organizers to support student analysis, use of evidence, and development of historical claims. When appropriate, lessons also include original copies of documents.

[Road Map to](#)

[America:](#) <http://www.roadmaptolastbesthope.com/> -

Curriculum package is truly unique; the story told by eminent scholar and historian Dr. William J. Bennett, and curricular applications developed by exemplary educators who are noted American History experts. More than unique, the curriculum package is also usable and relevant.

[Teaching](#)

History: <http://teachinghistory.org/> - Explore new teaching methods and approaches in this material provided to teachers.

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[Planet](#): <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/> - Site is like a large online travel brochure. The site contains a wide variety of information and pictures about countries from around the world.

[University of Texas at Austin](#)

[Map Collection](#): <http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/> - Contains links to maps from around the world.

[Sheppard](#)

[Software](#): <http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/> - Interactive map activities.

[Fact](#)

[Monster](#): <http://www.factmonster.com/> - Kid friendly site for searching about information about a wide variety of information.

[World](#)

[Atlas](#): <http://www.worldatlas.com/> - Site contains current information about countries

and links to several different types of maps for countries from around the world.

[Interpreting Primary Sources with Geographic](#)

[Lens](#): <https://geoalliance.asu.edu/geolens> - Tools that help to interpret primary sources using a geographic lens (audio visual, document, image, map and political cartoons along with student analysis sheets to accompany). Lessons provided (GeoLiteracy, GeoSTEM, GeoHistory, Geography and Diverse Learners)

[How Could Students be GIANTS \(Geographic Inquiry & New Temporal Sequencing in](#)

[SS\)](#): <http://ss.oaisd.org/about-giants.html> - Free On-Line World Geography text with supporting lessons and **[assessments](#)** - <http://passtmoodle.wmisd.org/login/index.php>. Resource will be in *Illuminate* soon.

[Primary Source, Educating Global](#)

[Citizens](#): <https://www.primarysource.org/> - Key primary sources, relevant questions, learning objectives, scholar essays; resources on world regions and cultures with classroom-friendly books, films, curriculum, and web recommendations.

[World Digital](#)

[Library](#): <https://www.wdl.org/en/> - Free and in multilingual format primary source materials from all countries and cultures with the intent of promoting international and intercultural understanding, expanding the volume and variety of cultural content on

the internet and providing resources for educators.

SAS Curriculum Pathways:

<https://www.sascurriculumpathways.com/portal/#info/1771> - Interactive atlas tool, active reading and primary sources, world resources for educators.

Norman B. Leventhal Map

Center: <http://www.leventhalmap.org/> - Innovative uses of maps and geographical materials to engage young people's curiosity about the world. Over 7,700 maps from the 15th century to the present, includes lesson plans, curriculum units and map activities.

The New

Worldmapper: <http://www.worldmapper.org/> - A collection of world maps. Territories are re-sized on each map according to the subject of interest. 700+ maps available and also available for download into PDF posters. Features series of maps including land area, population, births, children, and elderly.

GeoInquiries: <http://edcommunity.esri.com/> -

Resources/Collections/geo inquiries Esri Understanding our World - short, standards-based inquiry activities for teaching map-based concepts found in commonly used textbooks. Integrate ArcGIS Online Technology to support subject matter content teaching.

National

Geographic: <http://nationalgeographic.org/education/> - National Geographic Framework, free activities,

lessons, and units including on-line mapping and printable map resources.

World History

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Curriculum Map

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Sample Units:

- **Unit 1: Connecting themes**
- **Unit 2: Ancient Civilizations**
- **Unit 3: Classical Empires ****Click me and scroll down to access additional units with related document sets!**

Reading Like a

Historian: <https://sheg.stanford.edu/rlh> - Includes 71 stand-alone lessons organized within 11 units. These lessons span colonial to Cold War America and cover a range of political, social, economic, and cultural topics. Each lesson includes a 1-2 day plan that outlines the lesson's activities and sets of adapted and modified documents along with guiding questions and graphic organizers to support student analysis, use of evidence, and development of historical claims. When appropriate, lessons also include original copies of documents.

Teaching World History: An Idea

Guide: <http://teachinghistory.org/teaching-materials/ask-a-master-teacher/25420> - A historian answers this question, "What are some good websites in terms of looking for culminating

projects/assessments for World History?" in this article.

Discovery

Education: <http://www.discoveryeducation.com/> - Combines scientifically proven, standards-based digital media and a user community in order to empower teachers to improve student achievement. Free lesson plans written by teachers for teachers.

Personal Financial Literacy

Georgia Standards of Excellence

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Literacy Standards - Grades 9-12

Grades 9-10

Grades 11-12

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Additional Resources for All Content Areas

Grade Level/Course Specific Professional Learning with Virtual Specialists

Introducing a new FREE online professional learning community exclusively for Georgia educators. The Georgia DOE has created course and grade level specific Professional Learning Communities, led by Virtual Specialists, where educators from across the State can connect with each other to share experiences, resources, lesson plans, and instructional activities. [Click here](#) for information on joining the Online Community. For information and the schedule for monthly webinars, [click this link](#)

[Annenberg](#)

Learner: <https://www.annenberg.org/initiatives/education/annenberg-learner> - Mission is to advance excellent teaching in American schools and provide resources for teachers K-12.

[Current Events](#) -

- [CNN News](#) - <http://www.cnn.com/studentnews>
- [Newsela](#) - <https://newsela.com/>
- [Student News](#) - <https://www.studentnewsdaily.com/>
- [Listening Wise](#) - https://listenwise.com/lessons/social_studies

[Historical Thinking](#) -

<http://teachinghistory.org/historical-thinking-intro> -

Historical Thinking Matters is a website that goes beyond simply offering historical materials; it actually provides lessons that teach students to think historically.

[Teaching History](#) -

<http://teachinghistory.org/> -

Engage students in creative learning activities that will teach them to understand the importance of multiple perspectives and historical context.

[Variety of Instructional Strategies](#) -

<http://www1.udel.edu/dssep/strategies.htm>

[21st Century Skills](#) -

<http://www.p21.org/our-work/p21-framework> -

Provides a variety of reports and publications to support a vision for learning to ensure

21st century readiness for every student. All materials are available for download in PDF format. [21st Century Learning Standards](#) -

http://www.p21.org/storage/documents/p21-stateimp_standards.pdf

[Reading Like a Historian](#) -

<https://sheg.stanford.edu/rlh> -

This curriculum engages students in historical inquiry. Each lesson revolves around a central historical question and features sets of primary documents modified for groups of students with diverse reading skills and abilities. This curriculum teaches students how to investigate historical questions by employing reading strategies such as sourcing, contextualizing, corroborating, and close reading. Instead of memorizing historical facts, students evaluate the trustworthiness of multiple perspectives on historical issues and make historical claims backed by documentary evidence.

[Read, Think, Write](#) -

<http://www.readwritethink.org/> - Provides educators with access to high quality practices in reading instruction by offering free materials.

[Rubistar](#) -

<http://rubistar.4teachers.org/index.php> - Free tool for help in creating rubrics.

[Tips and Tricks for Engaging Students in Social Studies Instruction](#) -

<http://civics.sites.unc.edu/files/2012/05/SocialStudiesStrategies1.pdf>

[Google Doodles](#) -

<https://www.google.com/doodles/> - Archived past google doodles that celebrate holidays, anniversaries, and the lives of famous artists, pioneers, and scientists.

[Technology Strategies](#) -

<http://www.4teachers.org/> -

Provides teachers with ways to integrate technology into the classroom by offering online tools and resources such as ready-to-use Web lessons, quizzes, rubrics and classroom calendars. There are also tools for student use.