

Parent Resources

Maryland State Department of Education

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| General | All Ages | <p>Common Sense Media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thinkport • Khan Academy • Apps That Act Like Math and Science Tutors for Homework Help • Free Educational Apps, Games, and Websites • Best Music Apps and Games for Kids • New Kids' TV Shows • 50 Books All Kids Should Read Before They're 12 • Best Family Movies • Common Sense Selections • Sibling Watch-Together TV • Best Documentaries for Kids and Families • Get the blood flowing and elevate the mood with these 25 dance games (you might need to buy a special control from Amazon). • Apps, websites, and video games that inspire running, jumping, and more to stay active. • Do not forget to enjoy a device-free dinner or two. • PreK-12 Resources for Emergency Closings • PBS Kids Daily | <p>Resources for at-home learning Tools to help parents and caregivers keep kids focused and learning at home.</p> <p>Media recommendations for entertainment Hand-picked, age-appropriate media suggestions to keep the whole family engaged. Please preview prior to sharing with your student.</p> <p>Stress-management resources</p> <p>PBS and MPT's collections for teachers and parents to support kids learning at home.</p> |
| General | Early Years and Up | <p>U.S. Department of Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. Department of Education: Parents | Information includes Early Childhood, Special Education, Reading Resources, and How to Help Your Child to Learn |
| Online Learning Tools | All Ages | Top 10 Best Online Learning Tools for Kids in 2020 | Top 10 Best Online Learning Tools for Kids in 2020 |

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| English Language Arts | PK-12 | <p data-bbox="585 190 646 220">Quill</p> <p data-bbox="585 391 1062 422">Florida Center for Reading Research</p> <p data-bbox="585 667 770 698">Actively Learn</p> <p data-bbox="585 1003 699 1034">Newsela</p> | <p data-bbox="1369 190 1955 350">Quill provides free writing and grammar activities for middle and high school students. This resource can be used by both parents and teachers to create engaging lessons for students.</p> <p data-bbox="1369 415 1955 641">The Florida Center for Reading Research provides a variety of free activities developed by teachers at FCRR for use in pre-kindergarten through fifth grade classrooms. This resource can be used by both parents and teachers to create engaging lessons for students.</p> <p data-bbox="1369 667 1976 964">Actively Learn offers comprehensive resources for ELA instruction that allows students to work remotely while teachers check their progress, see what supports they are using, and provide feedback on their writing. They are providing these resources for free for the remainder of the school year. This resource can be used by both parents and teachers.</p> <p data-bbox="1369 1029 1976 1190">Newsela provides free access to engaging ELA lessons with a constant stream of real-world, leveled, standards-aligned content. This resource can be used by both parents and teachers.</p> |

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| English Language Arts | PK-12 | Curriculum Associates | Curriculum Associates provides printable at-home activity packs that are designed to provide students with valuable self-directed exercises and practice during extended absences from school. Each pack is designed to reinforce key concepts for a given grade. These resources are being offered for free for the remainder of the school year. |
| | | Scholastic | Scholastic provides targeted solutions for use in every area of the literacy block, featuring a wide range of authentic text and research-based instruction. The wide variety of programs can be used in conjunction with existing materials or together as an integrated literacy framework. This resource can be used by both parents and teachers. They are providing these resources for free for the remainder of the school year. |
| English Language Arts | PK-5 | Epic! | EPIC! is a digital library for students in pre-kindergarten through fifth grade. They provide unlimited access to an incredible selection of 35,000 books, learning videos, and more, all personalized for your child's evolving reading level and interests (from animals and DIY to STEM & more). You can access Epic! on your smartphone, iPad or computer. This resource can be used by both parents and students. This resource is free for the remainder of the year for teachers and can be shared with families. If a teacher does not share their account, families are also able to use this resource for free for thirty days. |

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| English Language Arts | PK-5 | BrainPOP | BrainPop provides engaging learning games, animated movies, and activities aligned to key ELA skills and knowledge. This resource can be used by both parents and students and is currently being offered for free! |
| English Language Arts | Grades 8-12 | Khan Academy Library of Congress | <p>Khan Academy provides self-paced lessons and standards-aligned practice for English/language arts K through 8. This resource can be used by both parents and students and is free!</p> <p>The Library of Congress is the largest library in the world, with millions of books, recordings, photographs, newspapers, maps and manuscripts in its collections. This resource can be used by students and is currently free.</p> |
| English Learners (ELs) | Pre K-12 | <p>Office of English Language Acquisition The EL Family Toolkit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCELA: Family Toolkit <p>Maryland State Department of Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily Tips For Parents <p>Colorín Colorado</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colorin Colorado <p>Reading Tips for Parents (in Multiple Languages)</p> <p>Bridging Refugee Youth and Children's Services: Family Strengthening</p> | <p>The EL Family Toolkit provides resources for ELs and their families as well as school systems and schools.</p> <p>The site provides Interactive activities for families - Daily Tips for Parents in English and Spanish</p> <p>A bilingual (Spanish/English) website that provides information, activities, and advice for families of EL.</p> <p>This site provides reading tips for parents in multiple languages</p> <p>Bridging Refugee Youth and Children Services. Provides resources for parents about Raising Children in a New County. Available in multiple languages from birth to 12.</p> |

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| English Learners (ELs) | Pre K-12 | ESL Tower: Vocabulary Worksheets ESL Lesson Materials for Kids English 4 Kids Worksheet Games to Learn English Games to Learn English | <p>These sites provide English lessons and games students can do alone or with their parents/family.</p> |
| Environmental Literacy | Pre K-12 | The Cornell Lab - Live Bird Cams and Videos NOAA Just for Kids Yellowstone National Park Virtual Tours Live Streams inside Baltimore Aquarium Virtual Farm Tour | <p>Live video of birds with a repository of archived videos</p> <p>Activities and resources from the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration</p> <p>Virtually tour some of the main attractions around the park</p> <p>Visit the Blacktip Reef, Jellies and the Pacific Coral Reef virtually</p> <p>Virtually visit a Canadian farm, its animals, and its operations</p> |
| Environmental Literacy | Pre K-ES | National Zoo Webcams NASA ClimateKids | <p>Webcams of the lion, giant panda, elephant and mole-rat exhibits within the National Zoo</p> <p>Interactive website for students to engage in climate science</p> |

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| Environmental Literacy | Middle School | Grades K - 8: Recycle City Grades K-8: National Geographic Kids Maryland Agriculture Education Foundation: "What Will I do with My Kids for Two Weeks?!" Video Series Resource Page EnviroMysteries: Interactive Problem Solving (Some activities require Adobe Flash) Kids Environment, Kids Health | <p>Interactive website exploring how residents of Recycle City recycle, reduce and reuse water.</p> <p>Interactive website with a focus on nature</p> <p>Videos or lesson links are scheduled to be posted by 1 pm EST every day.</p> <p>Online, interactive case studies for students</p> <p>Resource for kids, parents and teachers to find fun educational materials related to health, science, and the environment we live in today.</p> |
| Environmental Literacy | High School | Wind Farms and Maryland Nitrogen and Deep Creek Lake NASA Global Climate Change Interactive Archive | <p>Interactive case study to explore the use of wind energy in Maryland</p> <p>Interactive case study to determine how nitrogen can affect a business</p> <p>Interactive activities related to climate change</p> |

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| Fine Arts | K-12 | <p>CREATIVE IDEAS, AND FILE-BASED RESOURCES</p> <p>MSDE Fine Arts: MD-Resources</p> <p>This depository was created collaboratively by Maryland arts education stakeholders, including Fine Arts Supervisors, arts educators, community arts partners, and professional associations. Please examine the resources to ensure they are appropriate for your intended use.</p> <p>The resources are sorted by category on three tabs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Resources: Hyperlinks to FREE Fine and Performing Arts Online Resources. Examples include virtual field trips, videos of performances, study tools, and online courses. • Creative Ideas: Artistic ideas for students and families to explore. Examples include art challenges, family activities, or prompts. • File-Based Resources: Files of resources for students, families or educators. Examples include PPTs of self-guided instruction, PDF lesson plans for synchronous learning, printables of asynchronous learning projects, and resource documents. | |

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| Gifted and Talented | K-12 | <p>Amazing Space, Hubble.org, Nasa.gov, Discovery Education, GSFC Images, Discovery Magazine</p> <p>Amazing Space</p> <p>Hubble</p> <p>NASA</p> <p>GSFC Images</p> <p>Discover Magazine</p> <p>The Stock Market Game The Stock Market Game</p> <p>Bright Hub Education Gifted Education Supplies for the Classroom: Ideas for Teachers</p> <p>Hoagies' Gifted Education Page Hoagies' Gifted Education Page</p> | <p>These sites provide many learning opportunities and much information for self-study. Some of the materials are designed or labeled for teachers to use as resources or as lesson plans, but all can also be used by students and their parents/guardians to provide additional enrichment or learning opportunities at home. Guidance may be necessary for younger students.</p> <p>This is a great activity for older students.</p> <p>Suggested Supplies for a Gifted Education Classroom. While this site is geared towards teachers of gifted students, it is a great resource for regular classroom teachers with gifted students, home-schooled gifted students, or parents.</p> <p>This is an amazing resource for teachers, parents, and students. There are articles, discussions, activities, and anything else you could want in relation to gifted education on this site. It's a great site for anyone who knows a gifted student.</p> |

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| <p>Gifted and Talented</p> | <p>K-12</p> | <p>Exquisite Minds Exquisite-Minds</p> <p>Cloud Net Lesson Plans and Resources for Teaching Gifted and Talented Students</p> <p>Activities and Lessons for Enrichment Learning</p> <p>Quiz Hub</p> <p>PBS Kids</p> | <p>Like Hoagies' site, this is a resource for teachers, parents, and students. There are lots of curriculum differentiation ideas as well as forums and games. Great for teachers to show to parents of gifted students.</p> <p>Site contains links to a lot of lesson plans geared towards the gifted student for teachers, parents, and students.</p> <p>PB Works-This is an aggregate site of links to various enrichment activities on different subjects and specific topics. Teachers and parents can use this site to find activities for their gifted students to do on their own or in groups.</p> <p>Quiz Hub-Many gifted students love taking quizzes on topics they know a lot about. This is a great website that has quizzes about many different subjects.</p> <p><u>PBS Kids</u>-This is a site most parents of young children know about. They have resources for all subject areas, connected to kids' favorite educational TV programs. There are activities for all grade levels. It is a great site for early finishers. Kids can create a book on their own, play challenging math or phonics games, and much more. Parent guidance is suggested.</p> |

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| <p>Gifted and Talented</p> | <p>K-12</p> | <p>Know it All</p> <p>Field-Trips</p> <p>MENSA for Kids</p> <p>Games for Change</p> <p>CSI: Web Adventures</p> <p>Alternative Method of Learning: Supporting Parents and Students at Home</p> | <p><u>Know It All</u>-These are enrichment suggestions and activities for parents to use with their students.</p> <p><u>Tramline</u>-Virtual field trips for students. Some may be taken by the student and some may require a parent to assist.</p> <p>MENSA for Kids- Site provides free activities for students.</p> <p>Games for Change-Catalyzing Social Impact Through Digital Games</p> <p>CSI: Web Adventures-Based on the T.V. series, this immersive adventure allows you to solve your own forensics case. Levels range from beginner to advanced.</p> <p>Alternative Method of Learning: Supporting Parents and Students at Home. This article that contains a set of links is from the National Association for Gifted Children.</p> |

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| Health | | Amaze: Parents USDA nutrition resources for parents Kids health in the classroom National PTA Health Education Resources We Do Listen Foundation Scholastic Choices | <p>AMAZE envisions a world that recognizes child and adolescent sexual development as natural and healthy, a world in which young people everywhere are supported and affirmed and the adults in their lives communicate openly and honestly with them about puberty, reproduction, relationships, sex and sexuality.</p> <p>Tips and resources for helping your tweens and teens stay healthy as they grow.</p> <p>Pre-K-12 lesson plans, all aligned to National Health Education Standards, and based on expert-approved, age-appropriate articles and videos.</p> <p>Resources related to emotional health, substance abuse, chronic conditions, and many other prevention education topics.</p> <p>Howard B. Wigglebottom books, animated books, songs, posters, and lessons related to social and emotional health.</p> <p>Empower kids to make positive, real-world decisions related to health, social-emotional learning, and life-skills with Choices magazine for grades 7-12</p> |

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| Mathematics | Elem/MS | <p>Math Development for Kids</p> <p>Comprehensive Math Resources for Parents</p> <p>5 Resources for Parents Who Are Stumped by Math Homework</p> <p>Parent Resources Archives</p> <p>Math Parents</p> <p>Free Math Resources</p> <p>Parent Engagement Matters</p> <p>Idea Library Erikson Institute Early Math Collaborative</p> <p>Illustrative Mathematics</p> <p>Kindergarten Number</p> | <p>PBS/MPT Math - Activities for parents to complete with children up to grade 8.</p> <p>Dream Box- Information, resources, and engaging math activities for parents to support math learning at home. (through grade 8)</p> <p>Scholastic - List of websites recommended for parents who wish to support their child's learning of mathematics.</p> <p>You Cubed - Jo Boaler from Stanford shares articles and resources for parents.</p> <p>Great Minds- Parent resources to support K-8 mathematics instruction.</p> <p>Family Math Night- Various resources for K-6.</p> <p>Mathematics Story Time apps for students ages 5-7</p> <p>Lots of information and tasks for students PK-Grade 3</p> <p>Illustrative Mathematics (K-5) Lessons organized by grade and by standard.</p> <p>K-5 Math Teaching Resources (K-Grade 5) Math activities and games is web organized by grade and by topic. On the home page go to the top bar and select a mathematics topic and grade for free resources.</p> |

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| Mathematics | Elem/MS | <p>NRICH</p> <p>25 Fun Maths Activities And Games For Kids To Do At Home For Free! For Free!</p> <p>Archived: Helping Your Child Learn Math: Activities-Math in the Home</p> <p>The Mathematics Shed - Mathematics Shed</p> <p>Home—Bedtime Math</p> <p>Math for Kids--Best Childrens Books for Teaching Math</p> | <p>NRICH (PK-5) This website has a variety of tasks, problems, investigations that help students think and practice many mathematical topics.</p> <p>Matr- 25 Fun Maths Activities and Games for Kids to Do At Home (PK-5) This website has a variety of free activities and games for your child to do to practice and reinforce their math skills.</p> <p>Helping Your Child Learn Math (PK-Grade 3) This website explains how your home is filled with opportunities to explore math with your child. Activities use things you have in your home to learn math concepts.</p> <p>The Mathematics Shed (K-5) This website has many activities for students to practice grade level mathematics concepts. It also has information for teachers and parents.</p> <p>Bedtime Math (PK-5) This website has 5 minutes of math fun for your students. Each day presents a fun fact, followed by math riddles at different levels so everyone can participate. Free Bedtime Math App</p> <p>Best Children’s Books For Math This website provides a list of books that build a love of mathematics. The site is organized by grade and mathematics concepts. Books can be found in your area’s public library.</p> |

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| Mathematics | K-12 | Math Game Time Math Game Time | This website has a wide variety of games for many mathematics concepts and skills. Parents can sort the games by grade and by topic. (Student interactive) |
| Physical Education | PK-12 | OPEN PhysEd. Tools for Creating an Active Home Fitness Calendars - West PE with Mr. T Fitness Calendar HipHop Public Health HHPH: Resource Center National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute We Can! | The tools and resources designed to help families enjoy physical activity together as a way to enhance physical and emotional health and well-being. Daily exercise tracker Health, nutrition, physical literacy, physical activity, Mental health and wellness videos and teaching guides We Can! provides helpful information and dozens of valuable resources for your family, including tips, worksheets, and tools, all designed to help your family stay healthy. Learn more about healthy weight basics and how to help your family eat right, get active, and reduce screen time. |
| Physical Education | PK-8 | UWL Greater La Crosse Area Physical Education Program Rob Pohlner - Forest Lake ES PE Online Learning Teacher Sourced Materials - via Twitter Elementary PE Resources | Adapted PE modules for physical activity at home At home exercises, games, and activities Videos, GIF's, printable handouts such as logs/activity calendars, etc., identified by grade level, standard and outcomes. |

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| Physical Education | PK-8 | GoNoodle Movement Powers Change | Movement and mindfulness videos with minimal space and equipment. |
| Science | K-5 | Introduction to the Nature Journal Plants and Animals: Partners in Pollination Tale of a Whale and Why It Can Be Told | <p>Lesson plan in which students practice writing and observation skills by keeping nature journals. They observe animals on the National Zoo's webcam and write about the behaviors they see, making hypotheses based on these observations.</p> <p>Students learn about the parts of flowers (and the parts of bees) and the symbiotic relationship behind pollination. Lesson plans introduce the role bees play in the production of many of our foods— including some surprising food!</p> <p>Multi-step lesson in which students do the work of scientists who study the endangered North Atlantic right whale. They compare photos to identify an individual whale and use a record of sighting to track this whale's movements along the eastern seaboard. Various activities for students to do related to Earth/space science and technology.</p> |
| Science | 6-12 | Home NASA Space Place – NASA Science for Kids Science Archives | <p>Several Interactive classroom resources and videos.</p> <p>These guides are available in both English and Spanish.</p> |
| Science | K-12 | NGSS Parent Guides | This Fact Sheet is short and to the point re: NGSS. |

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| Science | K-12 | <p>NGSS Fact Sheet</p> <p>Welcome to CK-12 Foundation CK-12 Foundation</p> <p>The Cornell Lab - K-12 Education Resources for Educators</p> <p>Scientific American: Bring science home</p> <p>Wildlife Webcams</p> <p>The Exploratorium Learning Toolbox</p> <p>Science as a Cornerstone of Democracy: S. James Gates Jr.</p> | <p>Free online textbook for various grade levels and science subjects.</p> <p>K-12 resources that build science skills while inspiring young people to connect to local habitats, explore biodiversity, and engage in citizen-science projects.</p> <p>As the old saying (almost) goes, science starts in the home. Try these fun science activities, which parents and their kids ages 6-12 can do together with household items in just a half hour or less.</p> <p>Animal webcams to watch a variety of local wildlife.</p> <p>Continue your science learning wherever you are with these activities and videos. Viruses and Us: Explore the science of viruses and how they impact us.</p> <p>S. James Gates Jr., explains how a scientifically literate population is vital to democracy.</p> |
| School Library Media | K-12 | <p>Digital Citizenship MSDE eConnect MSDE Blackboard</p> | <p>Look for the Digital Citizenship tab</p> |

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| School Library Media | K-12 | Digital Citizenship Curriculum Common Sense Education: Digital Citizenship Curriculum | Lesson plans and activities for students and parents to complete at home. |
| Social Studies | K12 6-12 K-12 | MSDE: Social Studies Online Practice Test Coronavirus COVID-19 Global Cases Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) Situation Dashboard | Links to the American Government and Grade 8 pages and additional resources. A full practice test for the MCAP Government Assessment. Johns Hopkins World Health Organization |
| Social Studies | K-5 | Helping Students Analyze Text: Teaching Strategies To Help Students Understanding Help Students Reach An Understanding Of Complex, Abstract Concepts Teaching Kindergartners About Facts Social Studies Lesson Reading Like a Historian | Analyzing Thinking - Keep It or Junk Thinking Activity – Upper Elementary/Middle (Video - Teaching Channel) Teaching Complex Concepts (Elementary level) 3 R's: Revolution, Reaction and Reform (Video - Teaching Channel) Just the Facts: A Social Studies Lesson American Symbols Kindergarten class Reading Like a Historian: Turn to Your Partner |

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| Social Studies | K-5 | Building Literacy in Elementary Social Studies SS Skills Vertical Assessments | <p>One-hour long video provided by the National Council for the Social Studies. This module focuses on the development, purpose, and structure of shifts in ELA and Social Studies and how they relate to the Core.</p> |
| Social Studies | 6-12 | History Assessments: Beyond the Bubble Stanford History Education Group: History Lessons The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History Resources (various media types) by era Excavating American History (select by time period, resource type or topic) Teaching literacy through history Gall--Peters Projection The Most Popular Map Of The World Is Highly Misleading 11 Overlay Maps That Will Change The Way You See The World Historic American Newspapers Primary Sources 2.0 Resource Binder | <p>Beyond the Bubble</p> <p>SHEG – US History and World History</p> <p>Gilda Lehrman</p> <p>Gilda Lehrman</p> <p>Gilda Lehrman</p> <p>West Wing show Gall--Peters Projection (use as an anticipatory set)</p> <p>Chronicling America (Digitized Newspapers)</p> <p>A collection of free databases and reference sources</p> |

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| Social Studies | K-12 | <p>Teaching Channel: Reading Like A Historian (Video)</p> <p>Historical Thinking Chart</p> <p>Close Reading Classroom Poster</p> <p>Sourcing Classroom Poster</p> <p>Contextualization Classroom Poster</p> <p>Corroboration Classroom Poster</p> <p>DPLA E-Learning Resources</p> <p>Pulitzer Center</p> <p>National Archives Document Analysis Worksheets</p> <p>Special Topics and Tools</p> <p>DocsTeach Primary and secondary sources, interactive activities</p> | <p>Reading Like a Historian</p> <p>Historical Thinking Skills</p> <p>Close Reading Skills</p> <p>Sourcing Skills</p> <p>Contextual Skills</p> <p>Corroboration Skills</p> <p>DPLA – Digital Public Library of America</p> <p>National Archives Document Analysis Worksheets (8 different types of sources) (2 versions: Novice or younger students or those learning English and Intermediate or secondary students)</p> <p>Specific Topics and Tools (includes primary sources by topics, eBooks, etc.)</p> <p>Interactive activities can be searched by time period (era), thinking skill (e.g., chronological thinking), activity time (e.g., weighing the evidence) and grade level (e.g., upper elementary).</p> |

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| Social Studies | K-12 | <p>Smithsonian</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning Lab • Strategies with lesson plans (http://www.smithsoniansource.org/tea/viewdetails.aspx) • DBQs (http://www.smithsoniansource.org/his/viewdetails.aspx) <p>Library Of Congress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library of Congress: Home • Primary Source Sets Teacher Resources <p>Atlas Of The Historical Geography of the United States</p> <p>World Digital Library</p> <p>World History Sources</p> <p>The Avalon Project</p> <p>Veterans National Education Program And The Global Awareness Initiative</p> <p>Google Arts & Culture</p> | <p>Range of DBQ topics, including Westward Expansion which is designed for upper elementary/middle school.</p> <p>Some source sets are designed for elementary grades.</p> <p>Settlement Population and Towns, 1650-1790 is an interactive example that would likely be useful for students in all grades, including elementary grades.</p> <p>Includes short video clips that address the country's history, economy, geo-political issues, etc. Review before using with elementary students.</p> |

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| Social Studies | K-12 | <p>UMBC Center for History Education ARCH History Labs ARCH Assessment Resource Center for History Performance Based Tasks</p> <p>The History Project</p> <p>National History Education Clearinghouse Teaching History Teaching History: Quick Links Elementary</p> <p>Why Documents Matter: An Interactive Digital Edition</p> <p>Core Documents Collection: Documents and Debates Volume 1: 1493-1865: iTunes, Kindle, and PDF Volume 2: 1865-2009: iTunes, Kindle, and PDF</p> | <p>Includes specific resources and activities for elementary students.</p> <p>Why Documents Matter: An Interactive Digital Edition—a selection of primary sources from the Gilder Lehrman Collection curated and annotated for K–12 classrooms (print edition available here). Scroll through the entire edition in document view, download a complete pdf (bottom of the navigation menu on the right), or use the pages view to go directly to a specific page or document. Annotations include additional commentary on the document or time period and links to additional resources.</p> <p>Two volumes are structured around a series of topics, each based on a debatable question. For each topic there is a collection of documents that, together, form the basis of argument over that topic – from those who debated it at a given point in American history. Volume One covers 1493-1865 and Volume Two covers 1865-2009.</p> |

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| Social Studies | K-12 | <p>ArcGIS Online Esri GeoInquiries™ for Upper Elementary</p> <p>New York Times Twitter Archives @NYTArchives</p> <p>National Geography MapMaker Interactive</p> <p>From Germany to Mexico: How America's source of immigrants has changed over a century (Pew Research)</p> <p>Honoring Tribal Legacies</p> <p>Newsela Instructional Content Platform Text Sets by Grade Levels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades 2-5 • Grades 6-12 <p>New York Times</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Learning Network • Writing Prompts • Tagged Text to Text | <p>15 min inquiries with step by step directions for students to follow (ask questions, acquire info [layers to turn on /off], analyze, act).</p> <p>New York Times articles free for 7 days after it was tweeted (think anniversaries of important events) New York Times Archives goes back to 1800s</p> <p>Scroll down to click on "interactive map.</p> <p>Honoring Tribal Legacies, underwritten by the National Park Service, introduces many unique Native American viewpoints. It builds upon the Bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, which was observed from 2003 to 2006. The curriculum promises to expand your students' modern cultural understandings, while also greatly informing their study of westward expansion.</p> |

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| Social Studies | K-12 | <p>Tools to Help History- Students Write, Read, Talk and Reason like Historians (PDF)</p> <p>Civics Renewal Network A Republic, If We Can Teach It</p> <p>Annenberg Resources - Social Studies, History</p> <p>Literacy in History/Social Studies Livebinders</p> <p>Reading Like A Historian (Video - Teaching Channel)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historians in Training • Focus Questions • Warm and Cool Feedback <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesson Planning: Reflecting Next Steps <p>NewseumED</p> | <p>Structured process in which students work in learning pairs and receive targeted “warm” and “cool” feedback.</p> <p>Newseum provide free quality online resources to cultivate the skills to authenticate, analyze and evaluate information from a variety of sources and to provide historical context to current events.</p> |

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| Social Studies | K-12 | <p data-bbox="575 191 919 224">The News Literacy Project</p> <p data-bbox="575 727 1260 760">Asia Society Graduation Performance System (GPS)</p> <p data-bbox="575 1166 1327 1230">Chapter 3 A Geographic Perspective on Natural Disasters (PDF)</p> <p data-bbox="575 1263 1310 1328">Chapter 4 The Psychological Impact of Natural Disasters in School</p> | <p data-bbox="1356 191 1969 490">The News Literacy Project (NLP) is a nonpartisan national education nonprofit that works with educators and journalists to teach middle school and high school students how to sort fact from fiction in the digital age. NLP provides these students with the essential skills they need to become smart, active consumers of news and information and engaged, informed citizens.</p> <p data-bbox="1356 496 1961 691">The checkology® virtual classroom — created for grades 8-12 — is designed to be flexible and can be used by educators anywhere. Its 12 core lessons can be completed in 15 to 20 hours by students who have access to a high-speed internet connection.</p> <p data-bbox="1356 730 1961 1127">GPS is a unique set of frameworks and tools designed to help schools integrate global competence in the curriculum. The full Graduation Performance System encompasses six disciplines plus the interdisciplinary Global Leadership for grades 5, 8, 10, and 12. Each discipline and grade level consists of subject rationale, performance objectives, rubrics, and I Can statements that express learning goals in language students can embrace as proactive learners.</p> |

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| Social Studies | K-12 | Chapter 7 Hurricane Katrina: A Toxic Mix of Social and Geographic Vulnerability Six Proven Practices for Civic Engagement (PDF) EconEdLink | <p>EconEdLink is a premier source of classroom-tested, Internet-based economic and personal finance materials for K-12 teachers and their students.</p> <p>Free webinars are also available via this site.</p> |
| Social Studies | 2-5 | <p>Contests/Opportunities for Students (Be sure to check the deadline date and details of each contest closely.)</p> Dear George Washington Contest | <p>The Dear George Washington Contest is an annual writing contest for Gilder Lehrman Affiliate School students in grades 2–5. The contest introduces them to the issues facing early Americans and encourages them to think critically about the founding of the nation.</p> |
| Social Studies | K-12 (with an adult mentor) | Design For Change | <p>Design for Change is a global movement of young people "who are changing the world."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any group of young people (K-12) with an adult mentor such as a teacher, parent, youth leader or coach. • Teams dream up and lead social change projects in their own schools/communities using the DFC methodology. • Teams implement and submit their projects by the deadline. • An Ambassador Team is selected to represent the United States at the annual Design for Change Global Conference, held in a different country each year. |

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| Social Studies | 6-12 | <p>Lessons of Leadership Contest (PDF)</p> <p>Teens Dream Co Lab</p> <p>The New York Times Student Contest Calendar</p> | <p>Lessons of Leadership Contest Courage and Conviction (theme) Deadline: April 10, 2019 Middle and High School Select a historical figure (domestic or foreign, ancient or modern) and examine how that person displayed courage and conviction with a decision they made or throughout his/her life. Students can submit an essay, documentary/PP or website.</p> <p>Create a short (2 min or less) video that expresses your dream, how it relates to one of the UN Sustainable Development Goals above, and how you hope to see it realized.</p> <p>NEW New York Times Learning Network 2018-19 Student Contest Calendar – Variety of contests for multiple grade levels.</p> |
| Social Studies | K-12 | <p>The StoryCorps: The Great Thanksgiving Listen StoryCorps in the Classroom (Facebook)</p> <p>Teaching with Testimony iWitness Video Challenge</p> | <p>The Great Thanksgiving Listen is a national movement that empowers young people—and people of all ages—to create an oral history of the contemporary United States by recording an interview with an elder using the free StoryCorps App.</p> <p>019 iWitness Video Challenge The Challenge encourages students to participate in a service-learning project and become upstanders.</p> |

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| Social Studies | K-12 | Project Citizen Deadline: June5, 2020 | Project Citizen is a project based civic education program for students grades 3-12. It emphasizes responsible participation in local and state government. The program involves students in understanding public policy. Students prepare a digital showcase. |
| Social Studies | Interactive Sites | Mission US The British Museum iCivics NewsFeed Defenders KidCitizen Eagle Eye Citizen | <p>Designed for upper elementary and middle school students, may be useful for some high school classes.</p> <p>Designed for upper elementary and middle school students, may be useful for some high school classes.</p> <p>Designed for upper elementary and middle school students, may be useful for some high school classes.</p> <p>Newsfeed Defenders</p> <p>KidCitizen episodes capitalize on the active and social nature of young children's learning. They use primary sources for rich demonstrations, interactions, and models of literacy in the course of innovative hands-on activities that make academic content meaningful, build on prior experiences, and foster visual literacy and historical inquiry.</p> <p>Eagle Eye Citizen</p> |

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| Social Studies | Interactive Sites | Describing Egypt | Describing Egypt offers visitors a growing bank of 360-degree virtual tours showcasing some of Egypt's historical sites. The tours currently focus on the Ancient Egyptian Tombs of The 30 Dynasties reign, which spans across 3,000 years (2,859 years to be exact, from BCE 3200 to BCE 341). |
| World Language | K-12 | Games2Teach Collaborative Choice Board Leslie Grahn's World Language Resources Activities for the Three Modes | <p>From the Center for Applied Second Language Studies (CASLS): free downloadable classroom activities in over 17 languages for novice, intermediate and advanced learners that accompany digital games.</p> <p>World language activities, authentic resources, and infographics for reading and writing activities.</p> <p>From Leslie Grahn: a collaborative Google Doc of activities that students can do remotely to practice language skills.</p> <p>A resource for parents and students from Edutopia, activities to extend world language learning in the three modes of communication.</p> |

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| World Language | K-12 | <p>Open Education Resources</p> <p>Spanish Resource Library</p> <p>Colorin Colorado</p> <p>Language Lizard</p> <p>Parents as Language Partners</p> | <p>Free digitized materials for educators and students.</p> <p>A collection for parents and students including books, songs, games, movies, interactive notebooks, free downloads and more.</p> <p>A collection of resources for parents, students and educators for Spanish-speaking English learners.</p> <p>Free stories and lesson plans for parents and educators to help students learn world languages and cultures.</p> <p>Tips for parents to support language learning at home.</p> |
| Professional Development for Parents | | <p>How parents can homeschool their kids during the COVID-19 pandemic</p> <p>Homeschooling Hints: During COVID – 19 School Closures (PDF)</p> <p>Amazing Educational Resources</p> | <p>How Parents Can Homeschool Their Kids During the COVID-19 Pandemic</p> <p>Homeschooling Hints During COVID-19 School Closures (PDF)</p> <p>Education companies offering free subscriptions due to school closings.</p> |