

#### SOCIAL STUDIES NETWORK









### 2025-2026



# MISINFORMATION AWARENESS: IMPARTING NEXT-LEVEL CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS



#### Monday. October 13, 2025

Are your students aware of disinformation campaigns being waged against them? Can they spot when they are being emotionally manipulated by conspiracy theories and health pseudoscience? Join the Pittsburghbased Mental Immunity Project to gain tools you can use in your classroom to build your students' skills in misinformation awareness, critical thinking, and media literacu. Attendees will be empowered to embed next-level critical thinking skills within their instruction and will receive access to free resources to assist in this important work.





# TAKE A JOURNEY IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF HISTORY



In the Footsteps of History is an immersive social studies program that brings history to life through the excitement of adventure and exploration. Delivering a seamless blend of technology, investigation, and academic rigor, this groundbreaking program takes students on captivating multimedia journeys led by renowned modern-day explorers. Crafted to emphasize reflection, analysis, and critical thinking, scaffolded units include reading enrichments, documentary-quality videos, interactive map games, and cuttingedge 3D simulations. Empower your students to become active participants in their learning! Includes instant reporting for Social Studies, WIDA, and Literacy Standards.



## ADDRESSING ANTI-SEMITISM IN THE EDUCATIONAL SPACES

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This workshop provides tools to understand and teach about contemporary antisemitism. Participants will examine its forms, functions, and consequences, as well as the historic roots of anti-Jewish hatred and how it manifests today, particularly in the U.S. To provide context, the session includes a brief overview of Jewish beliefs, customs, and diverse expressions of Jewishness, Interactive activities—such as analyzing media and planning responses to antisemitic incidents—support social problem-solving skills and align with the PA Career Readiness Skills. This workshop also fulfills the requirements of Act 70 of 2014.





#### WOMEN AND THE AMERICAN STORY 🧟



**H** Monday, October 13, 2025

Learn about this US history curriculum resource that illuminates women's contributions to the American past. WAMS website is the first comprehensive, digital women's history resource for schools across the country that includes hands-on, inquiryprovides based learning, and resources and pedagogy for your own classroom practice. Teachers will leave with a set of resources to that can be used to increase the representation of women in their lessons. The workshop will be delivered by a WAMS Ambassador, Amanda McAllen, a former museum educator and current U.S. History and AP African American Studies teacher at Environmental Charter High School. **REGISTER NOW** 



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## TEACHING WITH DOCUMENTS? YES, YOU CAN!

Friday, October 24, 2025

Always wanted to teach your Social Studies class using primary and secondary sources, but ran out of time and energy looking for them? Fear not! The DBQ Project has a wide repository of unit collections that take the stress out of finding and curating documents around themes by providing them in an easy to use format. Join Imali Kent, Regional Director of the DBQ Project, for a look at the successful methods for teaching with documents and take a look at the many discipline-specific collections available to you.



# CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR CHARACTER PROGRAM

Friday, November 21, 2025

This full-day training will provide you with all the tools you need to bring the Medal of Honor Character Development Program into your classroom. The flexible, cross-curricular resource, which uses the oral histories of Medal of Honor Recipients and citizen heroes, focuses on how students can use these examples of courage, commitment, sacrifice, integrity, citizenship and patriotism influence their change in own communities. Middle and high school teachers from all subject areas along with counselors, coaches, and administrators are invited to attend this free training. Substitute reimbursement is available



### CAUSES OF THE CIVIL WAR (TAH)

Friday, January 23, 2026



The decade that preceded Abraham Lincoln's presidential election and the onset of secession and civil war saw an America increasingly divided over the future of slavery in the United States. This seminar will explore the events and turmoil that ultimately led to the greatest conflict this nation endured. The readings that follow present a diversity of opinions regarding that division, and how best to resolve what Harry V. Jaffa called "the crisis of the house divided."



## HISTORICAL THINKING IN THE MIDDLE GRADES



January 27, 2026 February 24, 2025 March 24, 2026



Geared toward teachers of history in the middle grades (5-8), this 3-session professional development workshop series provides participants with an indepth experience in utilizing inquiry-based lessons. Through the incorporation of primary sources, the use of evidence, and other historical thinking concepts, this sequence of workshops guides teachers toward a more student and concept-centered pedagogy.

Cost: \$300 per teacher



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# IT WAS COLONEL MUSTARD WITH THE UDL TOOLBOX IN THE HISTORY ROOM: SECRETS REVEALED



**February 5, 2026** 

With a wink to a classic whodunit, this training will reveal the secrets to unlocking student success through the power of Universal Design for Learning (UDL). Using your UDL toolbox, we'll investigate how to lessons that embrace design learner variability, reduce instructional barriers, and increase accessibility and engagement for all students. You are encouraged to register with your special education teacher-sleuth. Whether you're new to UDL or ready to refine your approach, you'll leave with practical tools—and maybe even solve the mystery of how to reach every learner.



# GLOBAL EDUCATION FOR FUTURE READINESS: IMMERSION LEARNING FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT Monday, March 23, 2026

In an increasingly interconnected world, preparing students to solve problems on a global scale is paramount. Join us as we delve into the importance of immersion learning in bridging the gap between classroom learning and real-world careers, unlocking student potential and equipping them with the skills needed to thrive in a global society. Acquire strategies to implement in your classrooms to cultivate essential future ready skills, preparing students for global success. You'll leave with resources, lesson ideas and plans for implementing programming into your classrooms, schools, districts and beyond!



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