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Content Areas

- Computer Science
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- STEAM/STEM
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Other Programs

- L4GA
- Early Intervention Program (EIP)
- Instructional Materials/Learning Resources/Textbooks
- Library Media Services
- Math/Science Partnership (MSP)

Social Studies

What's New

New Professional Learning Opportunity from GaDOE Social Studies

Picturing History Retreat: Using Great Children's Literature to Spark Inquiry in Social Studies K-12

Co-sponsored by GCSS & GaDOE
This literacy infused read alouds retreat connects educators with professional authors and illustrators. Held at Brasstown Valley Resort & Spa, nestled in the beautiful mountains of North Georgia, this retreat is expected to fill quickly. There is limited space available, so book your hotel and registration soon. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

They Aren't Getting It: Methods to Engage, Excite, & Empower Struggling Learners

Join us for this hands-on workshop that provides methods for adapting instruction that will make learning attainable for all learners. We will share resources and model inquiry based strategies that are differentiated for all learners. [Click here for more information and to register for upcoming workshops.](#)

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Teach what we Assess & Assess what we Teach

Join us for this hands-on workshop that peels back formative and summative assessment in social studies. Bring a sample of each from your classroom and polish your assessment skills to maximize learning for your students. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

Social Studies Inquiry Toolkit

Familiar with the basic tools of inquiry? Join us as we build on our use of inquiry strategies and tools. Go beyond inquiry foundations to construct powerful lessons that cement learning. Sharpen your saws in this interactive workshop. The 6-12 workshop is facilitated by Joy Hatcher, Social Studies Program Manager and the K-5 workshop is facilitated by JoAnn Wood, Social Studies Program Specialist with GaDOE. [Click here for registration information.](#)

Let's Get Visual! Inquiry Based Instructional Activities that SWIRL

Explicitly teaching Visual Literacy in social studies increases engagement and allows students to make connections between their lives and history. This workshop will teach you how to: build visual literacy with visual journals, enhance your inquiry lessons, and incorporate the art standards with your existing lessons to create personal meaning for students. You do not have to be "good" at art to attend this workshop!

The workshop, facilitated by GaDOE Social Studies & GaDOE Fine Arts, is appropriate for teachers and school, district and RESA leaders or any combination of those. Activities will be shared and modeled for K-12.

[Click here to register.](#)

3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade History Refresher

101 Workshops

Join grade level colleagues in this lively, hands-on crash course on topics in U.S. History. We will model use of engaging inquiry strategies and resources while reinforcing and extending the content knowledge needed to teach the new Social Studies GSE.

[Click here for registration information.](#)

Inquiry: the Antidote for Feeling MEH in Social Studies Classrooms

In this interactive session, work with Joy Hatcher, GaDOE Social Studies Program Manager, to meet your daily required dose of inquiry and keep students on their mental toes. Ideas and resources for infusing inquiry and banishing apathy in grades 6-12 will be shared; bring your own and take home some new ones.

[Click here for registration information.](#)

Historical Thinking + Literacy = K-5 Social Studies Labs

Come into the lab and see what's on the slab as we dissect a good history lab for primary grades to examine its anatomy. We will experiment with a lab and then cook up our own, making sure to mix thoroughly with literacy skills.

[Click here for registration information.](#)

The Georgia Standards of Excellence for Social Studies

On June 9, 2016, the State Board of Education approved the K-12 Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE) for Social Studies. The K-12 Social Studies GSE is in full implementation during the 2017-2018 school year.

- [Click here to see the Georgia Standards of Excellence for Social Studies.](#)

Resources and Professional Development

- **gadoesocialstudies Instagram Teacher Takeover** — Applications for the 2019-2020 gadoesocialstudies Instagram teacher takeover will open July 1st. Visit our page to see amazing #GAsocialstudies educators and students across the state. [Click here to visit the gadoesocialstudies Instagram page.](#) [Click here to apply to takeover our account during 2019-2020.](#)
- **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.
 - [Join the Online Community](#)
 - [Schedule for Monthly Webinars](#)
 - [Check out the Greatest Hits from 2020 Virtual Specialist Webinars](#)

Social Studies Civic Engagement Diploma Seal

- [Criteria and Application Information](#)
- [Districtwide Application](#) **Due September 16th**
- [End of Year Request for Diploma Seals](#)

Social Studies Standards and Curriculum Frameworks

Georgia Social Studies Standards and Courses

- Georgia Standards of Excellence for Social Studies K-12
(Note: Reading and Writing Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies are embedded at the end of each course standards list.)
- Quality Core Curriculum Standards (QCC) for Courses not using Georgia Performance Standards
- Social Studies Skills Matrices
- List of State Funded Courses K-12
(Social Studies Courses begin with Course Number 45)
- Graduation Rule
- List of Course Numbers and Descriptions

Studies Standards Curriculum Sample

Activities and Resources

- Social Studies Resources to Support GSE Content and Instruction
- Learning Resources/Textbooks and Instructional Materials

Social Studies Testing and Assessment Resources

- Social Studies Supplemental Resource for Instructional and Assessment Practices
- Georgia Milestones Achievement Level Descriptors
- High School Graduation Requirements

Georgia Milestones EOG Resources

- Georgia Milestones EOG Assessment Guides
- Georgia Milestones EOG Study/Resource Guides

Georgia Milestones EOC Resources

- Georgia Milestones EOC Assessment

- Guides
- Georgia Milestones EOC Study/Resource Guides

Resources for Constitution Day

Public Law 108-447 requires the designation of Constitution Day and Citizenship Day on September 17 of each year. The purpose of Constitution Day and Citizenship Day is to commemorate the formation and signing on September 17, 1787, of the Constitution and recognize all who, by coming of age or by naturalization, have become citizens. Please remember to recognize September 17th, Constitution Day, in your system/school.

- Liberty Notes on the Bill of Rights
 - Download offline publication
- The National Archives
 - Images of the Constitution
 - A History of the creation of the Constitution
 - Questions and answers about the Constitution
 - Delegates to the Constitutional Convention
- National Constitution Center
 - An interactive Constitution
- The Library of Congress: American Memory Collection
 - Documents from the Continental Congress and Constitutional Convention
- The Center for Civic Education
 - Lessons for Constitution Day and Citizenship Day
- Georgia Student Voting Information (iVote)
- The iCivics Website

Opportunities for Students

- Georgia Social Studies Fair

- Governor's Honors Program
- National History Day
- U.S. Senate Youth Program

Teacher Awards

- Georgia Council on Economic Education
Teacher of the Year Award
- GLASS Outstanding Social Studies
Supervisor Award
- Gwen Hutcheson Outstanding Educator
Award
- National History Teacher of the Year
- Programs of Excellence

Helpful Resources

- Jimmy Carter National Historic Site
- New Georgia Encyclopedia
- Holocaust Learning Trunk Project

Atlanta History Center Outreach

Programs

- Characters in the Classroom
- Traveling Trunks
- GPB Social Studies Education Resources

Social Studies Organizations

- Georgia Council for the Social Studies
- Georgia Center for Civic Engagement
- Georgia Council on Economic Education
- Georgia Geographic Alliance
- Georgia Historical Society
- National Council for the Social Studies
- Council for Economic Education
- National Council for History Education



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