

WEBSITES FOR SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATORS: OTHER SOCIAL SCIENCES DISCIPLINES RELATED TO SOCIAL STUDIES, MISCELLANEOUS*

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Teachers should not only use documents like this one as a resource, they should not forget to use the services of librarian-media specialists in their schools.

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Other Social Sciences

Anthropology

Ape Genius: This website accompanies a PBS Nova program dealing with the thinking skills of apes. One thing the program addresses is how apes are capable of having culture:

http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/apegenius/?campaign=pbshomefeatures_3_novabrapegenius_2008-02-20

Archaeology: This website has many useful links pertaining to archaeology in history from ancient times to more recent times: <http://www.archaeologica.org/>.

Cultures: The Encyclopedia Mythica website, which provides all sorts of information about mythology from cultures all over the world: <http://www.pantheon.org/areas/>

Cultures: This lesson from the National Endowment for the Humanities EDSITEMENT website deals with common themes and motifs in arts and literature that cut across national boundaries and how they may vary: http://edsitement.neh.gov/view_lesson_plan.asp?ID=285.

Animal Sounds from Different Countries: Children are taught to make sounds of animals and of vehicles in different ways in different countries, as the following website shows:

<http://www.flat33.com/bzzzpeek/index1.html>. Elementary children may find this website to be of special interest.

Don't forget to look above at geography websites to find sites dealing with the cultures of other nations and regions of the world and at the websites pertaining to archaeology found under World History.

Psychology

Department of Education and Counseling Psychology, University of Missouri-Columbia: This website has links of all sorts for the field of psychology: <http://escp.coe.missouri.edu/links.html>.

Ape Genius: This website accompanies a PBS Nova program dealing with the thinking skills of apes with comparisons between apes and human beings. The program deals with the question what makes us human and what makes apes apes:

http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/apegenius/?campaign=pbshomefeatures_3_novabrapegenius_2008-02-20

Brain: A website on the brain for children to use:

<http://faculty.washington.edu/chudler/neurok.html>

Brain: A teaching module on the brain showing the functions of the various parts of the brain:

http://web.psych.ualberta.ca/~iwinship/studyguide/brain_study.htm

Following are websites found on a page of psychology listings from the Social Studies School Service

(<http://www.socialstudies.com/c/@ISLy3O6wsqHGk/Pages/article.html?article@psychologyweb+af@ssss>):

- Website of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychology, which has been designed for parents to help them understand the needs of their children: <http://www.aacap.org/>.
- This ThinkQuest entry was created by college students in the Netherland and high school students in the United States with the main objective of giving people a greater awareness of the vast field of human behavior: http://www.thinkquest.org/library/lib/site_sum_outside.html?tname=26618&url=26618/.

- This website from the National Institute on Drug Abuse of the National Institutes of Health focuses on the effects of drug abuse, with information for teachers (lesson plans) and students: <http://www.nida.nih.gov/MOM/MOMIndex.html>.

Human Response to Propaganda: The psychology portion of this Teachers' Guide, designed to accompany the PBS American Experience television program *The Man behind Hitler*, explores the topics of shaping beliefs through stories and what makes propaganda effective: <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/goebbels/tguide/index.html>

Missouri Families: The "Missouri Families" website and free -newsletter has lots of articles related to issues of relationships and coping with human relations problems: <http://missourifamilies.org/>

Prejudice and Discrimination: This PBS website presents information about a very powerful video program called "A Class Divided," which dealt with the topic of prejudice as taught by a third grade teacher to her class using a simulation where they experienced discrimination depending upon the color of their eyes: <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/divided/>. To view the actually video, see this website: <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/divided/>.

Sociology

Achievement of Ethnic Groups: The website of the Education Trust, which deals with achievement gaps among students of different ethnic groups: <http://www.edtrust.org/main/index.asp>

Census Bureau: The website of the U.S. Census Bureau, which includes all kinds of information of interest to teachers studying demographics: <http://www.census.gov/>

Census Bureau: A website pertaining to free census materials for teachers from the U.S. Census Bureau: <http://www.census.gov/dmd/www/schmail.html>

Census Bureau: The Census Bureau's website for kids, called "Fact Finder: Kid's Corner": <http://factfinder.census.gov/home/en/kids/kids.html>

Condition of Public Schools: This website from the National Center for Education Statistics provides important data related to public education: <http://nces.ed.gov/programs/coe/>

Cultures: A website focused on customs of various cultures from all over the world, such as marriage ceremonies, whether people drive on the right or left side of the road, how people respond to sneezes, and so on: <http://www.netlaputa.ne.jp/~tokyo3/e/>

Cultures: A website from Education World on the holidays of many cultures: http://www.educationworld.com/a_sites/sites067.shtml

Demography of Missouri: This website from Missouri University's Office of Social and Economic Data Analysis (OSEDA) contains much useful information pertaining to the status of families and children in Missouri with reports on education in Missouri and many other topics of importance pertaining to sociological conditions in this state. <http://www.oseda.missouri.edu/>.

Education Statistics: This website from Education Week enables teachers and students to create tables on state school statistics using the Education Counts database: <http://www.edweek.org/rc/edcounts/>

Education Trust: This organization is committed to closing the gap between minority students and other students in public schools: <http://www2.edtrust.org/edtrust>

Festivals: This website is a useful resource to find out about festivals that occur all over the United States and world. One could use the site to find out about festivals in Missouri. The site may be found at this address: <http://www.festivals.com/>.

Frontline: PBS Frontline explores many social issues of relevance to citizens. Go to this website to find issues investigated on Frontline broadcasts, where teachers may find program transcripts, online programs, lesson plans and other teaching materials: <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/programs/categories/3.html>.

Missouri Families: Here is an important website dealing with the state of Missouri Families:
<http://missourifamilies.org/>

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Stereotypes: This website from the Authentic History Center focuses on teaching about stereotypes for many ethnic groups using popular culture images from the past. (The Authentic History Center is independently owned and operated by Michael S. Barnes, a teacher at [Byron Center](#) High School.) Students are active contributors and users of the site.
<http://www.authentichistory.com/diversity/>

Prejudice: The Anti-Defamation League has a website dealing with resources for teaching about prejudice: http://www.adl.org/main_education.asp

Sex Education: This program, “The Education of Shelby Knox, deals with the topic of sex education in the schools: <http://www.pbs.org/pov/pov2005/shelbyknox/index.html>

[Social Psychology](#)

Social Psychology Network: This website provides links related to prejudice and discrimination, gender, culture, social influence, interpersonal relations, group behavior, aggression, and more: <http://www.socialpsychology.org/social.htm#dynamics>.

Technology’s Impact on Family and Youth: This website discussing a PBS Frontline program deals with the topic of the impact of the Internet upon young people:
<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/kidsonline/>.

Group Dynamics Resource Page: This website provides links to many useful sources focused on group dynamics topics, such as productivity, inter-group conflict, research methods, power, teaching resources, etc.: <http://www.richmond.edu/~dforsyth/gd/>.

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[Disciplines Related to Social Studies](#)

A website pertaining to the writing process, which may be used for writing in social studies:
<http://www.angelfire.com/wi/writingprocess/index.html>

A website on mathematics in everyday life, which could be used in geography, economics and other facets of social studies: <http://www.learner.org/exhibits/dailymath/>

[Miscellaneous](#)

Cooperative Learning: The Cooperative Learning Center from the University of Minnesota provides excellent ideas on cooperative learning, which includes a section on peacemaking:
<http://www.clcrc.com/index.html>.

Safe Use of the Internet: Websites for pertaining to how to use the Internet safely, critically, and responsibly for teachers and students: <http://www.safekids.com/>,
http://www.besafeonline.org/English/safer_use_of_services_on_the_internet.htm and
<http://www.microsoft.com/info/safeonlinedefault.htm>.

Educational Psychology: A website pertaining to theories of learning:
http://www.funderstanding.com/engaging_kids.cfm

Teaching Tolerance: This website, coming from the Southern Poverty Law Center, deals with prejudice, responding to hate and bigotry, and many other important topics for students:
<http://www.tolerance.org/index.jsp>.

Making Presentations and Teaching with Technology

The following website, which might no longer be working, does not relate directly to social studies. Instead, it offers ideas on how to prepare presentations, which would include lessons teachers teach. Hence I have included it here: <http://www.3m.com/meetingnetwork/>

The following website on teaching history with technology was developed by the same people as "The Best of History Web Site," presents practical information on using technology in teaching:
<http://thwt.org/>