

St. Louis Area SSHRC

Resources to Support Alternative/Remote Learning

Spring 2020

General Remote Learning Resource Databases:

- 1) [Education Companies Offering Free Subscriptions due to School Closings \(Updated\) : Amazing Educational Resources](#)
- 2) [#SSChat: Resources for Teaching Remotely](#)
- 3) [Social Studies Podcast Database \(#SSChat\)](#)

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Elementary (Kindergarten through 5th Grade)		
Title/Focus Area of Resource	Link (if applicable)	Shared By (Name, District, Title/Subject)
Common Sense Education lists 10 great SS websites for students/parents to explore. Includes: Brain Pop Jr (may require subscription), Google Earth , National Museum of African American History and Culture , National Geographic Kids , The Wonderment , NewsELA (free and paid -- although they are waiving the paid portion right now), Oddizzi , Pen Pal Schools , Smithsonian Learning Lab	https://www.commonsense.org/education/top-picks/10-best-social-studies-tools-for-elementary-school	Nichole Nolan Wentzville
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<p>Smithsonian TweenTribune: The Smithsonian TweenTribune is a great resource that allows children to read articles of interest across numerous content areas. Smithsonian TweenTribune provides articles that are searchable by grade level and content area. You can also choose the lexile level of the articles, and Smithsonian also provides an option to read the articles in Spanish.</p>	<p>https://www.tweentribune.com/</p>	<p>Jordan McGaughey Rockwood K-12 Social Studies Coordinator</p>
<p>ELA Integration: When you read a book, a recommendation listed is to consider other places that remind you of that location in the book. You may use this time to have your children find those locations on a mapping resource like Google Maps or Google Earth.</p>	<p>Google Maps: https://www.google.com/maps</p> <p>Google Earth: https://www.google.com/earth/</p>	<p>Jordan McGaughey Rockwood K-12 Social Studies Coordinator</p>
<p>OLogy (American Museum of Natural History): Within the “Reading and Writing Ideas for 3-5 Students” section of the newsletter above, you will find a link to “OLogy” from the American Museum of Natural History. “OLogy” provides quizzes, videos, activities, and various resources around natural history.</p>	<p>https://www.amnh.org/explore/ology</p>	<p>Jordan McGaughey Rockwood K-12 Social Studies Coordinator</p>
<p>Podcasts: Listening to podcasts can be a great way to help students learn more about a particular time, theme, or person in history. Here are some recommendations for K-5 friendly social studies podcasts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “The Past and the Curious”: This podcast provides a fun and family friendly look at interesting stories about history and social studies. • “But Why?”: This podcast provides explanations for questions that curious students wonder about in their everyday lives. 	<p>K-5 Social Studies Podcast #1: “The Past and the Curious”</p> <p>K-5 Social Studies Podcast #2: “But Why?”</p>	<p>Jordan McGaughey Rockwood K-12 Social Studies Coordinator</p>
<p>Extension Activity Recommendation: Sketchnoting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sketchnoting: As recommended in the reading and writing section of the newsletter, sketchnoting encourages students to doodle their thoughts as they listen to a podcast or read a book. If you click on the “Sketchnoting” link above, you will be able to see a helpful guide on sketchnoting from Sylvia Duckworth (who also shows an example of how a sketchnoting activity could look). 	<p>Link: Sylvia Duckworth Guide to Sketchnoting</p>	<p>Jordan McGaughey Rockwood K-12 Social Studies Coordinator</p>
<p>Historical Book Clubs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pick a social studies related book (fiction or nonfiction), determine a reading schedule, read your selected historical book and discuss the book in person, online, or over the phone. • Extension Activity Idea: Write a review of the book that you read! 	<p>Link: Historical Book Clubs (Blog Entry - Thrive in Grade Five)</p>	<p>Jordan McGaughey Rockwood K-12 Social Studies Coordinator</p>

<p>Social Studies Resource Recommendation: Breakout ED “Fun at Home”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakout EDU provides resources that allow students to simulate the feeling of an escape room by having them crack clues (digitally or in person) centered around a specific theme in order to solve a larger puzzle. Recently, Breakout EDU has provided free and open access for students and parents to all of their digital breakout activities. All of these activities are engaging, fun, family friendly, and are cross-curricular. 	<p>Recommended Breakout EDU “Digital Breakout” for K-5 Social Studies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Citizenship Challenge 	<p>Jordan McGaughey Rockwood K-12 Social Studies Coordinator</p>
<p>Bill of Rights Mini-Unit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A four week lesson plan for 4th or 5th grade students that examines the rights afforded to American Citizens by the Bill of Rights. 	<p>Bill of Rights</p>	<p>Laila Crabtree Ladue K-12 Social Studies Coordinator</p>
<p>Thinking Like a Historian- Primary Sources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A K-5 social studies lesson on creating primary sources during this historic period in history. 	<p>Thinking Like a Historian</p>	<p>Laila Crabtree Ladue K-12 Social Studies Coordinator</p>
<p>How do maps talk to us?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An inquiry for K-4 students adapted from c3teachers.org about map skills. 	<p>How do maps talk to us?</p>	<p>Laila Crabtree Ladue K-12 Social Studies Coordinator</p>
<p>Exploring with Google Maps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A K-5 lesson exploring the world with Google Maps. 	<p>Exploring with Google Maps</p>	<p>Laila Crabtree Ladue K-12 Social Studies Coordinator</p>
<p>Paper Plate People</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A K-5 lesson about reading a biography and creating a portrait of a historical figure. 	<p>Paper Plate People</p>	<p>Laila Crabtree Ladue K-12 Social Studies Coordinator</p>

Middle School (6th through 8th Grade)

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Create a timeline of a period of history. Include key dates, events, and people. Could also include illustrations. Write a reflection focused on why you chose that time period.	Timeline Tool Creator Recommendation: Visme Link: https://www.visme.co/timeline-maker/	Activity: Nichole Nolan Wentzville Tool: Jordan McGaughey Rockwood K-12 Social Studies Coordinator
Create a Venn Diagram comparing two events in history (such as WWI and WWII, agricultural revolution and industrial revolution). Include a summary of why you chose those events and why they are important in history.		Nichole Nolan Wentzville
Ask students to complete the National Geography Bee questions:	https://www.nationalgeographic.org/education/student-experiences/geobee/study/quiz/	Nichole Nolan Wentzville

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<p>Civic Online Reasoning Lessons (Stanford University): Civic Online Reasoning provides students with lessons and resources designed to improve skills relating to media literacy. Resources are free after creating an account through SHEG.</p> <p>Application Recommendation: After learning about skills such as lateral reading or fact checking, assign students articles from multiple media outlets reporting on COVID-19. Have them utilize media literacy skills taught through these lessons to examine reporting from all outlets on COVID-19.</p>	<p>https://cor.stanford.edu/curriculum/</p>	<p>Jordan McGaughey Rockwood K-12 Social Studies Coordinator</p>
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<p>Read.Inquire.Write: RIW provides students with access to free curriculum resources based around structured academic controversies. Students are presented with prompts, and then analyze documents in order to develop statements, arguments and/or claims around those prompts. All resources are free to access after creating an account, but many resources would need to be printed.</p>	<p>RIW #1 - Interpretation Activities (Scroll to the bottom of each page and select any of the prompts linked; All resources are included on each prompt): http://readinquirewrite.umich.edu/interpretation/investigations/</p> <p>RIW #2 - Critique Activities: http://readinquirewrite.umich.edu/critique/investigations/</p> <p>RIW #3 - Counterargument Activities: http://readinquirewrite.umich.edu/counterargument/investigations/</p>	<p>Jordan McGaughey Rockwood K-12 Social Studies Coordinator</p>
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US History and Civics	https://billofrightsinstitute.org/educate/	Mehlville teachers
Geography	https://www.worldatlas.com/	Mehlville teachers
World Cultures	https://www.everyculture.com/ and https://www.countryreports.org/	Mehlville teachers
US Civil War	https://www.battlefields.org/learn	Mehlville teachers

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<p>Gilder Lehrman Online APUSH Review Guide: The APUSH Review Guide from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History is a great resource for students that includes timelines, videos, documents and essays from each period of AP US History.</p>	<p>Link: https://ap.gilderlehrman.org/</p>	<p>Jordan McGaughey Rockwood K-12 Social Studies Coordinator</p>
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<p>Auschwitz Panoramic Tours: The Paristwowe Museum at Auschwitz-Birkenau has developed high quality panoramic tours of the grounds at Auschwitz.</p>	<p>Link: http://panorama.auschwitz.org/</p>	<p>Jordan McGaughey Rockwood K-12 Social Studies Coordinator</p>
<p>FDR Library Virtual Tour: The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum has a great virtual tour of the library and museum online free of access.</p>	<p>Link: http://www.fdrlibraryvirtualltour.org/</p>	<p>Jordan McGaughey Rockwood K-12 Social Studies Coordinator</p>

<p>White House Virtual Tour: Google has created a highly interactive White House Virtual tour through the use of Google Street View Cameras. At home, you would be able to take the same tour of the White House that tourists in Washington D.C. take every day.</p>	<p>Link: White House Virtual Tour (Google Earth)</p>	<p>Jordan McGaughey Rockwood K-12 Social Studies Coordinator</p>
<p>Selma Online: Teaching Tolerance and the Rockefeller Foundation have partnered to develop Selma Online. This highly interactive resource provides teachers and students with ways to learn more about Selma, voting access in the United States, and civil rights as a whole.</p>	<p>Link: https://www.selmaonline.org/</p>	<p>Jordan McGaughey Rockwood K-12 Social Studies Coordinator</p>
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Geography	https://www.worldatlas.com/	Mehlville teachers
World Cultures	https://www.everyculture.com/ and https://www.countryreports.org/	Mehlville teachers

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General Distance Learning Resources (All Subject Areas)		
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Podcast List (#SSChat) - Linked to the right are links to podcasts related to history/social sciences. The list was cultivated by the moderators of #SSChat, which is the NCSS affiliated Twitter hashtag used by social studies educators across the United States. The first link shows a database of podcasts by topic, and the second link provides a way to contribute to the list of podcasts in the database.	Link: Social Studies Podcast Database (#SSChat) Link: Social Studies Podcast Database Contribution Google Form (#SSChat)	Jordan McGaughey Rockwood K-12 Social Studies Coordinator
Museum Tours (Google Arts and Culture): Google Arts and Culture offers opportunities for virtual tours of prominent museums around the world. After clicking on any of the listed museums, you have the option of scrolling through collections of artwork or navigating museums through Google Maps.	Link: Google Arts and Culture (Collections)	Jordan McGaughey Rockwood K-12 Social Studies Coordinator
COVID 19 Interactive Map (Johns Hopkins): The Johns Hopkins University of Medicine created this interactive map to help provide updated, fact based and statistical news around the spread of COVID-19.	https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html	Jordan McGaughey Rockwood K-12 Social Studies Coordinator
Visual Capitalist: "The 7 Best COVID-19 Resources We've Discovered This Far": Visual Capitalist creates stunning and engaging infographics centered around the study of history and the social sciences. Recently, they released a resource showing 7 interactive infographics centered around the study of COVID-19 and its' impact relative to other pandemics in American/World history.	https://www.visualcapitalist.com/7-best-covid-19-resources/	Jordan McGaughey Rockwood K-12 Social Studies Coordinator
Flipgrid Tutorials for Remote Learning: Recently, Flipgrid created online tutorials and guides to help utilize the tool for remote learning purposes. Click on the link to the right to learn more about how you can use Flipgrid to help you navigate online learning with your students.	https://blog.flipgrid.com/remotelarning	Jordan McGaughey Rockwood K-12 Social Studies Coordinator
Zoom Scheduler Chrome Extension: If you are finding that you are scheduling significant amounts of Zoom meetings, the Zoom Scheduler Chrome extension allows you to quickly and efficiently create Zoom meetings through Google Chrome and Google Calendar.	Link: Zoom Scheduler Chrome Extension	Jordan McGaughey Rockwood K-12 Social Studies Coordinator
