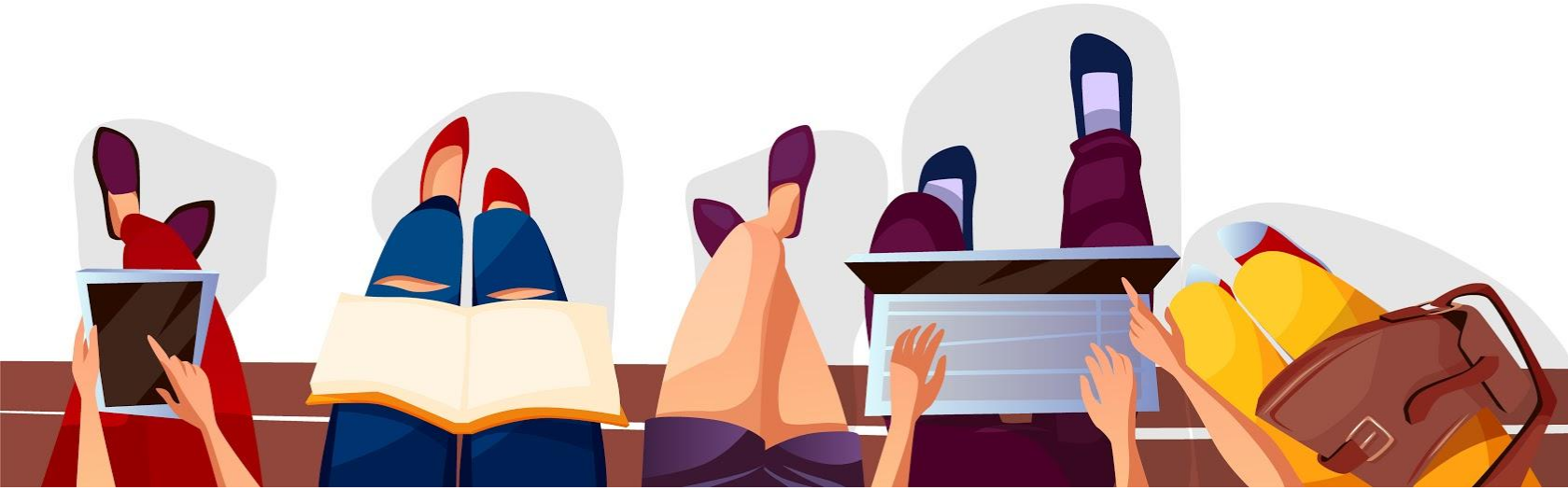


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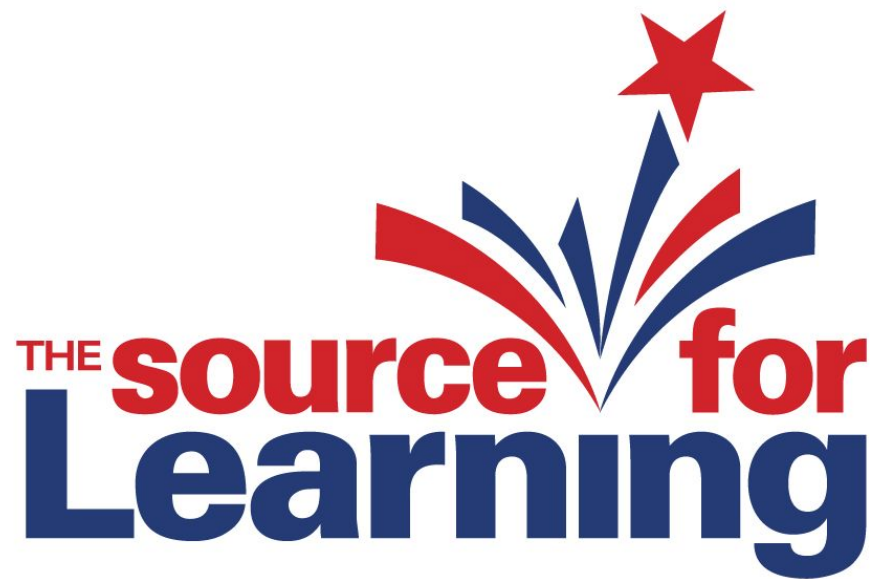
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Social Studies Rocks!
Engage Your Middle School
Students with These Free
Resources



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Resources for Today's Session

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**Make time for
Social Studies
connections.**



Gettysburg

by the numbers



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Multiple angles on a Civil War turning point



The Battle

In early July, 1863, troops from General Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia (the Confederates) met up with a patrol of Union cavalry on the outskirts of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Over the next three days, this encounter grew into a turning point of the Civil War. Lee's forces battled against General Meade's Army of the Potomac (the Union). When the battle was over, Lee's army was defeated, and his aim of taking Civil War fight into the north had ended. The war would continue for another eighteen months, but Gettysburg changed the course of the conflict.

Gettysburg by the Numbers

- Grades 5-10
- Interactive experience of The Battle of Gettysburg through numbers and infographics.
- Learn about the people, the weapons, the clothing, the cost, and more through the clickable images.
- The “For Teachers” section offers activities, lesson ideas, and more.

Dates That Matter

November 20, 1945

War criminals go on trial.

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Dates that Matter

- Grades 5-12
- Learn what happened today in history, but more importantly why it matters.
- Answer clue questions along the way to scaffold students to the correct answer.
- Activities are ready for interactive whiteboards or for individual devices (great for remote learning).

#XW1W-E Global Entrepreneurship Week inspires people around the world to explore their potential as an entrepreneur. What business would your class like to create that would be of service to your school?



Across the World Once Per Week

- Grades 6-8 (there is also an elementary question)
- Weekly questions are listed on Twitter to promote global collaboration and understanding of other cultures.
- Teachers guides are included that list standards, scheduling information, assessment ideas, and more.
- Middle school and elementary have the same topics, but different specific questions.



TeachersFirst
**READING
TREKS**

Make Learning a Journey


Reading Treks

- Grades K-12 (each individual trek has the grade level)
- Read a book and visit the world using Google Maps
- Each Trek includes a description of the book, instructional guide with classroom use ideas, engaging map, standards, reading levels, and more.
- New books are added frequently, view specific titles on the next slide.

Reading Treks - Related to Social Studies

- *Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom* (Grades 6-12)
- *A Year Down Yonder* (Grades 6-8)
- *A Long Way From Chicago* (Grades 6-8)
- *American Born Chinese* (Grades 7-12)
- *Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad* (Grades 5-9)
- *March, Book One* (Grades 7-12)
- *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* (Grades 9-12)
- *Bud, Not Buddy* (Grades 3-7)

GLOBETRACKER



Geography, Landforms & Map Skills for Grades 2-6

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
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Globetracker

- Grades 2-6
- Interactive choose-your-own adventure blog-style story that can be used to teach students geography skills, terms, map-reading skills, and cultural awareness.
- Two separate missions rotate. For 2020-2021 it is a world-wide mission, 2021-2022 is US-based.

TeachersFirst CurriConnects



Curriculum-related booklists for independent reading

Use CurriConnects to find books related to curriculum topics or subject areas. Build student literacy skills, reinforce the place of curriculum concepts in other contexts, and help students build the important reading strategy of connecting what they read to prior knowledge. Share CurriConnects as links on your class web page or wiki or share them with school and local libraries where students can select books to accompany what they are studying.

CurriConnects lists include ISBN numbers for ordering or searching, interest grade levels, **ESL levels** and Lexiles® to match with student independent reading levels to challenge, not frustrate. Learn more about Lexiles® and how they pinpoint student reading levels **here**. See ideas for using the CurriConnects lists **here**.



CurriConnects

- Grades K-12
- Find book lists related to many curricular topics.
- Book lists are divided by grade levels and include reading levels.
- Topics range from *100 Leaders* to *Geographic Wonders* to *Immigrants and Immigration* to *By The People* to *Real Life in Wartime* and numerous other topics (all are listed on the resources page).

TeachersFirst Special Topics Collections



TeachersFirst's Special Topics collections help you find just what you and your students need, just in time for an upcoming unit, a holiday, focused research, student-directed exploration, or projects on a curriculum topic or event. You can be comfortable sharing the Special Topic links with students or parents, knowing that TeachersFirst's Thinking Teachers have selected and reviewed each resource. Find classroom and project suggestions within each review, use the collection to find just what you need for your lessons. Some teachers assign these lists as the core resources for a broader student assignment. Editor's Choice collections offer "the best of the best" for topics of particular interest. TeachersFirst also offers collections on professional special topics to help you meet particular teaching challenges.



Special Topics Collections

- Grades K-12
- These collections offer curated lists of reviewed resources, all free and vetted by experienced educators.
- All reviewed resources include classroom and technology integration ideas.
- View specific topics on the upcoming slides.
- New Special Topics pages are frequently added.

Special Topic Collections - Related to Social Studies

- Racism and Discrimination
- Geography Awareness and Exploration
- US Presidential Inaugurations
- African-American History
- Inventors and Inventions
- Women's History Month
- Pearl Harbor and World War 2
- China and Cross-Cultural Awareness
- And more...



The 50 States



Teachers' Guide

Learn About Famous Americans
Books related to the 50 states.

The 50 States

- Grades 4-8
- Includes map skills, facts, and narratives from native people from the area.
- Read about landforms, economic information, and the history of the state.
- Use this for research about your home state or another state.

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