

Supporting your Social Studies Curriculum with Technology

PR Resources:

FreedomFlix

We have a subscription. Username: centuryschool Password: trueflix

FreedomFlix: <http://auth.digital.scholastic.com/login/fflix/login.php>

ELM Databases

Link from our website or go directly to www.elm4you.org

If asked for a password you may use elm4you in both the username and password.

National Resources - <http://www.informns.k12.mn.us/national.html>

[Kids.gov](http://www.kids.gov)

Library of Congress - <http://loc.gov>

American Memory Collection - <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html>

National Archives: <http://www.docsteach.org>

iCivics

<https://www.icivics.org/our-story>

The iCivics games place students in different civic roles and give them agency to address real-world problems and issues. They are rooted in clear learning objectives and integrated with lesson plans and support materials.

News

Today's Front Pages:

<http://www.newseum.org/todaysfrontpages/>

Want to see what your favorite newspaper looks like today? Compare over 400 newspaper front pages here.

Instagrok

www.instagrok.com

Research any topic with an interactive concept map.

Interactives

Infogr.am

<https://infogr.am/education>

One of many free tools available to make infographics.

Tubechop

www.tubechop.com

Tubechop (like EDPuzzle) is a quick and easy way to cut down a YouTube video to only show the small portion appropriate or interesting for a class activity. The program creates a new link teachers can send to students.

Nearpod

www.nearpod.com

The iPad app [Nearpod](#) is great in one-to-one classrooms. It lets the teacher control how and when the screen advances.

Bitstrips

<https://www.bitstrips.com/create/comic/>

Bitstrips has been around for a long time, but is still a “goodie. It’s a tool that allows students to summarize or display what they know by choosing characters and constructing scenes.

Pixton

<http://www.pixton.com/ca/schools/overview>

Pixton is a creation tool for older students. Kids can create characters from scratch, put them into a comic and animate them to tell a story, explain an idea or summarize something.

Thinglink

www.thinglink.com

Thinglink makes pictures interactive. It is a desktop program or iPad app. Fourth graders in Rock Valley are using a collage creator to pull pictures of their region into a messy array. Then they use Thinglink to link to lots of other resources and sites.

PowToon

<http://www.powtoon.com/edu-home/>

Bring some excitement to your presentations – or have your students give it a try!

Assessing

Socrative

www.socrative.com

Socrative offers easy on-the-fly formative assessment in the form of quick response and exit tickets, but also has a “Space Race” that kids really enjoy.

Kahoot

www.getkahoot.com (student login at kahoot.it)

creates interactive quizzes that have a gameshow quality to them.

Educreations

www.educreations.com (or Explain Everything or ShowMe – or many others!)

Educreations is a presentation tool that can aid in flipping the classroom or letting kids explain their thinking. It can also be a great way to check for understanding.

Wonderopolis

www.wonderopolis.com

Wonderopolis is a nice way to get students musing on the big questions like, “How do you listen to music,” or “Why is the Statue of Liberty green?” There’s a lot of good information and vocabulary specific to different topics. Wonderopolis has a glossary of associated terms that is easily searchable.

Recite

www.recite.com

Enter your quote, select your style and click CREATE! Makes beautiful images of your favorite quote. You can download, post to facebook, twitter and more, or email to a friend.

Recommended iPad Apps:

- [America’s Economy for the iPad](#) – The America’s Economy app provides real-time updates for 16 key economic indicators released from the U.S. Census Bureau, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and Bureau of Economic Analysis
- [U.S. Geography by Discovery Education](#) – Become an expert in U.S. Geography with this app. Dozens of videos and interactive gameplay

- [Civil War America's Epic Struggle](#)-Civil War: America's Epic Struggle Features over 1,000 high-res photos, more than an hour of multimedia presentations, in excess of 100 authentic maps, dozens of first hand accounts, and numerous text articles and biographies, it provides instantaneous access to information on every aspect of the war
- [Beautiful Planet HD](#) – Beautiful Planet is a groundbreaking app that captures the breathtaking beauty of our world and its cultures. Featuring a collection of galleries three decades in the making by travel photographer, author and explorer, Peter Guttman, Beautiful Planet spans seven continents and 160 countries
- [World Atlas HD](#) – The best maps available from National Geographic
- [History:Maps of World](#) – Collection of High-Resolution historical Maps
- [USA Thematic Atlas & Facts](#) – High quality maps filled with facts and information!
- [USA Puzzle](#) – A USA puzzle that needs to be put together. Double tap on the state for information about that state
- [Motionx GPS HD](#) – Maps and navigation instruments. Maps from all over the world. Can include waypoints. Can be good for Geocaching
- [The History Clock](#) – An app that converts the current time to a year and gives a fast fact about that year
- [The World Factbook for iPad](#) – Extensive information of over 250 countries around the world
- [WORLD BOOK – This Day in History](#) – Interactive multimedia calendar that features historical events for the day
- [The Presidency](#) – Historical information on every President of the United States
- [Presidents HD](#)– Historical information on every President of the United States!
- [Declaration for iPad](#) – A copy of the Declaration of Independence
- [Constitution for iPad](#) – A copy of the Constitution of the United States
- [MyCongress](#) – A portal to detailed information about elected congress officials. Please note: This is not an official government resource
- [GeogXPert](#) – A reference app – containing maps which allow you to look up countries and find country information – as well as a quiz app
- [Guess the Place](#) – Can you guess the mystery location based on the four picture clues you're given?
- [Think Fast! About the Past](#) – Race against the clock testing your knowledge of history.