

Links Page

This section contains links to website that might be useful to teachers, students, and parents.

Note: All of these links worked when I last checked them (07/30/2005). If you find any that no longer work, please let me know. I have checked these sites and found the information suitable for high school students, but due to the wide variety of topics, information, and links available on these sites, please don't hold me responsible for anything offensive that may turn up. The sites are generally free to use, but may have sections that require a paid subscription. In addition, this list is in no special order. Please don't infer anything by their order within a section.

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Official Government Websites

FedStats

This government site allows you to search for a massive variety of statistical information about the United States and various regional areas. Info is sourced from over 70 federal agencies.

<http://www.fedstats.gov/>

FedWorld

Find a huge variety of info on our government. Just about anything on the Internet about our government can be accessed here.

<http://www.fedworld.gov/>

Census Bureau

A huge variety of information that can be displayed in a variety of ways. Any info collected by the Census can be researched. Info can be broken down into national, state, regional, and city levels. Also has census information on foreign countries.

<http://www.census.gov/>

FirstGov

This is official web portal for information about anything in the Federal Government. You can access any government agency through this site.

<http://www.firstgov.gov/>

Citizen's Handbook

A part of the White House website, it is a "Guide to the US Government"

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/government/handbook/>

White House Official Site

This is the official White House website. In addition to information about the White House, it contains a great deal of info about the President, his advisors, his cabinet, his budget, and his agenda.

<http://whitehouse.gov>

Library of Congress

Access to the information collected in the Library of Congress. You can research an almost limitless amount of info here.

<http://www.loc.gov/>

Thomas

A part of the Library of Congress website, this section contains information on all things legislative.

<http://thomas.loc.gov/>

Edsitement

Sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities, this site is designed for students and teachers. It has 4 sections to explore: Language Arts & Literature, History & Social Studies, Art & Culture, and Foreign Language. Each section contains a huge archive of information and lesson plans.

<http://edsitement.neh.gov/>

Social Security

Anything you need to know about Social Security can be found here.

<http://www.ssa.gov/>

Selective Service System

Information about the Selective Service in the US, including a link to register online when you turn 18 (only men).

<http://www.sss.gov/Default.htm>

State of Texas

Official website of the State of Texas. You can research a variety of info about the state here.
<http://www.state.tx.us/>

Texas Legislature Online

Information about both houses of the Texas Legislature, including the officers of each house, statue of current bills, and some background history.
<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/>

US Treasury

A great website that has info on coins, money, counterfeiting, the economy, the budget, etc
<http://www.ustreas.gov/>

Federal Bureau of Investigation

I think we know what they do. Lots of good info, including terrorist info and the 10 Most Wanted List.
<http://www.fbi.gov>

Central Intelligence Agency

Again, I think we know what they do. Lots of good info, including terrorist info and the CIA Factbook on world countries and governments.
<http://www.cia.gov>

US Coast Guard

Once part of the Treasury Department, the Coast Guard is now a vital part of the Department of Homeland Security. Several Clemens grads are serving in the Coast Guard.
<http://www.uscg.mil/USCG.shtm>

Other Sources for Government & Politics Info

American Civil Liberties Union

This group's goal is the protection of our Civil Liberties. This site contains a wealth of information on current and proposed legislation, as well as current issues.
<http://www.aclu.org/>

All Politics

A site produced by Time and CNN, it brings current political news.
<http://www.cnn.com/POLITICS/>

CloseUp Foundation

Designed to interest high school students in government and civics, it contains a variety of information and programs.
<http://www.closeup.org/>

Debt Clock

This site contains an up-to-the-minute count of our national debt. In addition, it has various information about the evils of maintaining a huge national debt.
http://www.brillig.com/debt_clock/

Policy Action Network

A site with Progressive/liberal leanings that has information on a variety of national issues.

<http://www.movingideas.org/>

National Political Index

A website that has links to over 3500 websites that deal with politics and government.

<http://www.politicalindex.com/>

Speak Out

An interesting site with links to information on a wide variety of issues and politicians. Also has a number of “quizzes” you can take to find out about your political leanings, etc.

<http://speakout.com/index.html>

University of Michigan Political Science Portal

U of M's links to just about anything in political science.

<http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/polisci.html>

Polling Report.Com

This site reports trends in American Opinion from a variety of well-known polling groups. Very good info.

<http://www.pollingreport.com/>

Public Agenda Online

Offers non-partisan guides to current issues and governmental topics. Digests news, legislation, and other sources.

<http://www.publicagenda.org/>

New York Times

Current news from the New York Times. You can also set it up to have headlines emailed to you daily.

<http://www.nytimes.com/>

Washington Post

Current news from the Washington Post.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/>

Social Studies at Prentice-Hall Publishers

You will find access to a variety of research tools here, including atlases, almanacs, and current events.

http://www.phschool.com/social_studies/

Magruder's at Prentice-Hall Publishers (students)

This portion of the website has information specific to our textbook. You will find be able to look up government officials here, get autobiographies, & find out information about the 3 branches of government. You will also find brief summaries of each section in the text, plus practice tests.

http://www.phschool.com/atschool/Magruders/texas/Student_Area/MAG_S_BK_index.html

Magruder's at Prentice-Hall (teachers)

This section has information similar to the student section, but includes other info specifically helpful to teachers, such as access to PowerPoint slides for each section.

http://www.phschool.com/atschool/Magruders/texas/Teacher_Area/MAG_T_BK_index.html

Stanford University Encyclopedia of Philosophy

This searchable site has a tremendous amount of information about philosophers & their philosophies. You can search by name, such as John Locke, or by philosophy, such as affirmative action.

<http://plato.stanford.edu/contents.html>

Political Information.Com

A search engine devoted to all things governmental and political. Lots of info.

<http://politicalinformation.com/>

Living Room Candidate

A wonderful website that has political ads that have appeared on TV. Using streaming video, the ads go all the way back to Eisenhower and cover all of the candidates in each election. The more recent elections have a great number of ads available for each candidate.

<http://www.livingroomcandidate.com>

Fact Check.com

The Annenberg Foundation's website that looks into the facts surrounding issues and claims made by the government, officials, and candidates.

<http://www.factcheck.org/>

Pro-and-Con

A service of Congressional Quarterly, this site provides both sides of controversial issues. It is a subscription service, but you can get the login and password at the Clemens library.

<http://www.pro-and-con.org/login.htm>

The Avalon Project of Yale Law School

A source for the texts of a variety of primary source documents that stretch all the way back to pre-18th Century papers.

<http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/>

Civics Online

Sponsored by the University of Michigan, this organization seeks to enhance the teaching of civics in the classroom. There are links to articles, primary sources, lesson plans, and other info.

<http://civics-online.org/>

C-Span

The internet companion to the C-Span television. This site contains a wide variety of governmental information in text, audio, and video formats. Also has schedules for upcoming TV shows on C-Span.

<http://www.c-span.org/>

Courts, Constitution, & Legal Sites

Supreme Court

The official homepage for the US Supreme Court, it contains a vast amount of info on the court, their past and current decisions, as well as their docket.

<http://www.supremecourtus.gov/>

Cornell Law Database of Supreme Court Decisions

A searchable database that contains current as well as historic Supreme Court Cases.

<http://straylight.law.cornell.edu/supct/index.html>

The Oyez Project

“Oyez” is a Latin term that means “hear ye” and is used to announce the arrival of the Supreme Court Justices in the court room. This site has a searchable database of present and past cases. Most have abstracts (summaries) available. There is also a section where you can hear audio from selected case arguments.

<http://www.oyez.org/oyez/frontpage>

Justice Learning

This terrific site is jointly sponsored by NPR and the New York Times. It contains a variety of links on current issues, the Constitution, and the Courts. Current issues include things like education policy and gun control. In the section on the Constitution, for each article and amendment, they tell what it says, what it means, and a timeline of laws and court decisions that affect the article & amendment. There is also a section where you can get texts to speeches from various politicians & judges concerning each of the issues.

<http://www.justicelearning.org/>

The US Constitution Online

A one-stop site for finding the text of the Constitution, as well as information about how it is amended.

<http://www.usconstitution.net/>

The First Amendment Center

An easy way to check out current topics related to the first amendment freedoms (press, speech, religion, etc)

<http://www.firstamendmentcenter.org/>

First Amendment Cyber-Tribune

The author of this site died in 1994, but it still maintained by his hometown newspaper. Its purpose is to watch information, proposed laws, laws, etc and assess their impact on the 1st Amendment.

<http://fact.trib.com/>

Nolo Press Self-Help Center

Nolo is a publisher that specializes in self-help books on law and court procedures. Written in regular English, not in Lawyer-speak.

<http://www.nolo.com/>

Affirmative Action & Diversity Project

The site, sponsored by the University of California at Santa Barbara, tracks the history & current status of affirmative action.

<http://aad.english.ucsb.edu/>

U.S. Code

This is a searchable database of all federal codes and laws. Divided into broad topics.

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/uscode/>

Bill Of Rights Institute

They track legislation and its effects on the Bill of Rights. They also provide “eLessons” for teachers on Bill of Rights issues.

<http://www.billofrightsinitiative.org/>

ConCourts

An interesting site that compares and contrasts the courts in the various countries of the world. Lots of charts and tables.

<http://www.concourts.net/>

Federal Court Concepts

This site has information about the Federal Court System including its history, structure, and links to court cases. Very good info.

<http://www.catea.org/grade/legal/intro.html>

Landmark Cases

A list and information about some of the most important cases decided by the Supreme Court. Not a huge list, but all of the cases listed are truly important. Includes a case study, moot court info, role playing, and political cartoons for each case. You can search the cases by name or topic.

<http://www.landmarkcases.org/>

The Executive Branch

The American President

The PBS companion site to the series “The American President”. Lots of valuable info.

<http://www.americanpresident.org/>

White House Official Site

This is the official White House website. In addition to info about the White House, it contains a great deal of info about the President, his advisors, his cabinet, his budget, and his agenda.

<http://whitehouse.gov>

Electoral Vote.com

An interesting site that focuses on the 2004 Presidential election. Has a large amount on how the Electoral College works, as well as its history. Lots of maps and charts.

<http://www.electoral-vote.com/2004/info/welcome.html>

Federal Election Commission

Official website of the Federal Election Commission. Lots of info and historic info.

<http://www.fec.gov/>

Federal Election Commission: How the Electoral College Works

Specifics on how the Electoral College works today.

<http://www.fec.gov/pages/ecworks.htm>

Federal Election Commission: Electoral College Menu

Menu to varied info on the Electoral College.

<http://www.fec.gov/pages/ecmenu2.htm>

The National Archives

The national storehouse of information. Search for information on the Electoral College or the President, it's there! Also has online images of Electoral votes going back to George Washington. Very cool.

<http://www.archives.gov/>

Politics1

One of my favorite websites. It contains a vast amount of information about political parties and their candidates. This particular site is already looking forward to the 2008 election.

<http://www.politics1.com/p2008.htm>

Electoral College Calculator

Allows you to pick each state and specify which party takes the state. It automatically totals the votes and declares a winner.

<http://www.grayraven.com/ec/>

Character Above All

Companion website to the PBS series of the same name.

<http://www.pbs.org/newshour/character/>

POTUS (President of the United States)

This is a great site that has detailed biographies on the Presidents, as well as other information about the chief executive.

<http://www.potus.com>

Presidential Libraries

Clinton

<http://www.clintonfoundation.org/cpc-index.htm>

Bush (the elder)

<http://bushlibrary.tamu.edu/>

Reagan

<http://reaganlibrary.com/>

Carter

<http://jimmycarterlibrary.org/>

Ford

<http://fordlibrarymuseum.gov/>

Nixon

<http://www.nixonfoundation.org/>

Johnson

<http://www.lbjlib.utexas.edu/>

Kennedy

<http://www.jfklibrary.org/>

Eisenhower

<http://eisenhower.archives.gov/>

Truman

<http://www.trumanlibrary.org/>

FDR

<http://www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu/>

Hoover

<http://www.hoover.archives.gov/>

Hayes

<http://www.rbhayes.org/hayes/>

The Legislative Branch

Your Congress.Com

A humorous look at Congress and what they do. Lots of good info told in a relaxed manner.

<http://www.yourcongress.com/>

Congress.Org

A great website that has a great deal of information on Congress, how they pass laws, the courts, interest groups, etc. They also have a quick way to determine the party leaders in Congress & who your representatives are in national, state, and local government.

<http://www.congress.org/congressorg/home/>

Legislative Information on Thomas

Part of the Thomas website, you can find out all kinds of legislative information here. This includes recent House, Senate, and committee action on bills. You can also search for an individual bill. There is also a section on how bills pass through the House & the Senate.

<http://thomas.loc.gov/>

U.S. House of Representatives Official Website

A huge website that includes just about anything that you want to know about the House. Includes a quick way to search for your Representatives in the House.

<http://www.house.gov/>

U.S. Senate Official Website

A mirror site to the House webpage, you can find an unlimited amount of info here. Also includes a quick way to search for your Senators.

<http://www.senate.gov/>

State of Texas Legislation Website

This site allows you to find the status of bills in the Texas Legislature and to research specific action taken on a bill.

<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/tlo/legislation/legislation.htm>

Office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives

This website is the storehouse for info from the Clerk of the House. Lots of lists and historical data that you can't find anywhere else.

<http://clerk.house.gov/>

Who Represents Me in Texas?

Fill in your address and this website determines who represents you in Texas Government.

<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/fyi/fyi.htm>

Information About Voting

Project Vote Smart

Designed to give the average voter a place to locate information about upcoming elections, candidates, election news, and political parties. Another of my favorite sites.

<http://www.vote-smart.org/>

Center for Voting and Democracy

The sponsors of this website investigate the impact of different types of elections & voting methods on elections.

<http://www.fairvote.org/>

Federal Election Commission

Official website of the Federal Election Commission. Lots of info and historic info.

<http://www.fec.gov/>

League of Women Voters

A site not just for women, it contains information on candidates and issues in a wide variety of elections at national and state levels.

<http://www.lwv.org/>

Votes for Women, 2004

This site tracks the impact of women's voting in national elections. Statistics & charts also available.

<http://www.votesforwomen2004.org/>

National Organization of Women (NOW)

Admittedly liberal, this site tracks women's issues in politics and government. It also provides voting and candidate information.

<http://www.now.org/index.html>

The Vanishing Voter

A site dedicated to reversing the trend in non-voters. Lots of information. Teachers can download voting posters.

<http://www.vanishingvoter.org/>

Campaign Search

This site takes speeches from Presidential Candidates and determines what percent of their speaking time is used for each of the major issues. You can click on each issue and go to a page where you can listen to audio of speeches from the candidate on the issue. All of the information is for the 2004 election.

<http://campaignsearch.com/>

Vote By Issue

A site dedicated to reversing the trend in non-voters. Lots of information. Teachers can download voting posters.

<http://www.vanishingvoter.org/>

Quizzes on Politics/Political Parties

Student Center

31 questions, finds your place in the political spectrum.

<http://www.studentcenter.org/tests/politicaltest.php>

Idea Log

20 questions, finds your place on a 4 square grid that equates to the political spectrum.

<http://idealog.org/idealog.asp?ClassID=>

Party Matchmaking

25 questions, determines your party out of 7 available.

<http://www.3pc.net/matchmaker/quiz.html>

Political Compass

About 40 questions, compares your economic and political positions, places you on a quadrant.

<http://www.politicalcompass.org/>

Beyond Red and Blue

25 questions, places you in a political "typology". Good info and descriptions.

<http://typology.people-press.org/>

Politopia

15 questions, places you on a political map.

<http://www.politopia.com/>

Political Quiz Show

25 questions, places you on a political spectrum.

<http://madrabbit.net/webrabbit/quizshow.html>

World's Smallest Political Quiz

Famous quiz, 10 questions, places you on a quadrant.

<http://www.self-gov.org/quiz.html>

Special Interest Groups

Open Secrets.Org

A website that tracks the funding for political campaigns and candidates. It includes info on the sources of funding for candidates & politicians, who paid the contributions, etc. Good site with some illuminating info!

<http://opensecrets.org/>

Political Money Line

This site takes unintelligible financial information from the FEC site and turns it into useful information on financial support for politicians and candidates from PACs, private contributors, companies, and so on.

<http://www.fecinfo.com/>

Political Money Line

A comprehensive site that tracks contributions from PACs, 527 groups, and individuals. It shows from who, to who, and how much. Very good info.

<http://www.tray.com/>

Other Sources

Selectsmart Politics

An interesting site, but with tons of pop-up ads. They feature selectors (short quizzes) that guide you to selecting something that matches your personality on a variety of things, including politics. Political selectors include ones that determine your political leanings, your candidates, your political party, and so on. These selectors are submitted by viewers, some are good and some are not.

<http://www.selectsmart.com/politics.html>

Pew Research Center: The People and the Press

An interesting site that contains a lot of information about the mood of the country taken from a variety of opinion polls. Includes the Political Typology Quiz listed below.

<http://people-press.org/>

Pew Research Center Political Typology Quiz: Beyond Red and Blue

Answer 25 questions concerning your feelings about current issues in our country, and this quiz categorizes your political typology (leanings, or where you are on the political spectrum). The results page is very good, giving you a very good characterization of your typology, as well as which political party you match most closely. It includes definitions of the other regions on the typology.

<http://typology.people-press.org/typology/>

Mad Rabbit

Take a quick 25 question quiz and find out where you are on the political spectrum. It compares your position with those of familiar political figures, such as George Bush (1 & 2), Hillary Clinton, etc.

<http://www.madrabbit.net/webrabbit/quizshow.html>

Go Vote

Another quiz site where you can take a variety of quizzes that tell you where you stand on a variety of issues and candidates.

<http://www.govote.com/quiz.htm>

Political Humor

A site full of quotes, cartoons, audio, and video of our government and politicians at their best. A very good and comprehensive site.

<http://politicalhumor.about.com/>

Political Parties

Democratic National Party

Home of the Democrats.

<http://www.democrats.org/>

Texas Democrats

Home of the Democrats in Texas.

<http://www.txdemocrats.org/>

Republican National Party

Home of the Republicans.

<http://www.rnc.org/>

Republican Party in Texas

Home of the Republicans in Texas.

<http://www.texasgop.org/>

Libertarian Party

Home of the Libertarians.

<http://www.lp.org/>

Green Party

The Greens have split into two distinct parties. Their respective websites are listed.

<http://www.gp.org/>

<http://www.greenparty.org/>

Information on Other Countries

NationMaster

A compilation of facts over world nations from literally thousands of sources, such as the CIA Factbook, State Department Briefing Guides, etc. Lots of custom charts & graphs you can make.

<http://www.nationmaster.com/>

United Nations Official Website

Lots of info about the UN and its member countries.

<http://www.un.org/english/>

United Nations Official Website: Cyber School Bus

Cyber School Bus is part of the UN site, but it is designed as a research tool for students. It allows you to find information and facts about all of the UN countries.

<http://www.un.org/Pubs/CyberSchoolBus/index.asp>

Miscellaneous

Gutenberg Project

This is an effort to make books and documents available online. The complete text is available online for over 16,000 books and documents, including such things as the Constitution, the Federalist Papers, the AntiFederalist Papers, John Locke's complete works, and a variety of other books.

<http://www.gutenberg.org/>

InfoPlease

Once you get through the popup ads, this is a great search site for information contained in encyclopedias, almanacs, etc. Very good info.

<http://www.infoplease.com/>

Your Congress Tax Cut Information

Let's say we wanted to trim \$1.6 billion from the budget. It is hard to picture that in everyday terms. But this calculator does it for you. For instance, how many cheeseburgers does it take to equal \$1.6 billion?

http://www.yourcongress.com/M_B_T_Calc.asp

Congressional Quarterly Press

One of the leading sources of governmental information. This is their catalog to some very good, but pricey, books.

<http://www.cqpress.com/gethome.asp>

The Utopia Project at the University of Texas

A portal to a vast amount of information that is useful to teachers, parents, and students. I got a very interesting checklist to analyze political ads on television here.

<http://utopia.utexas.edu/>

Chris Cagle

A website that features cartoons from a variety of political cartoonists.

<http://cagle.slate.msn.com/>

Influence of Polling on Attitude and Behavior

This is actually a student project done in an education class at the University of Minnesota by Margaret McCalla. Lots of good info and ideas here.

http://www.dartmouth.edu/~chance/course/student_projects/polling.html

eMints

A search engine designed for students and teachers. Topics are listed alphabetically or by age group. When you click on a topic, another page comes up with a variety of links and resources. Very good info.

<http://www.emints.org/ethemes/index.shtml>

White House History

The site of the White House Historical Association. Huge archives of info, pictures, and so on that establishes the place of the White House in history. Lots of pictures, charts, timelines, trivia, facts, and articles. Also has a history of the Press Corps at the White House.

<http://www.whitehousehistory.org/>

Mainly for Teachers

Including:

**TAKS, TEKS, & Other State Info
AP & IB Information**

Texas Education Agency: TAKS Practice Activities

Information about TAKS testing and practice activities for each TAKS Objective. Mainly 8th Grade objectives.

http://www.tea.state.tx.us/ssc/teks_and_tas/taas/review/taksobj.html

TRACK Program at the University of Texas

This is a great program that is designed for teachers to test TAKS and Core Knowledge readiness prior to the TAKS test.

<http://www.track.uttelecampus.org/>

Texas Education Agency

This is the portal to all things educational in Texas.

<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/>

Advanced Placement Central

Information for teachers, parents, and students about AP Courses and Testing.

<http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/>

Lighthouse Initiative for AP/TEKS in Texas

This is a wonderful site that has a vast amount of information for science, English, social studies, and math teachers. Especially useful for AP teachers.

<http://www.tealighthouse.org/index.html>

Online Writing Lab (OWL)

This one site is the corporate knowledge for anything connected with doing a research paper. Developed by Purdue University, it will walk a student through every stage of preparing a research paper. Includes both MLA & APA formats, it also has downloadable PowerPoints for teachers on plagiarism, the research process, and so on.

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/>

The Citation Machine

You gotta see this site! Take any resource of any type (book, magazine, TV, movie, speech, etc) for a research paper and this site will prepare a citation and internal citation for you. All you do is input the info in the blocks in their form, select the format you want (MLA, APA), and it generates the info for you.

<http://citationmachine.net/index.php>

Filamentality

This is a website that promotes online learning projects such as hotlists, web explorations, and so on. They even sponsor free websites for teachers who want to build web exploration projects for their students. A great resource for teachers.

<http://www.kn.sbc.com/wired/fil/index.html>

International Baccalaureate Organization

The official website of the IBO. This 2 year program offered at Samuel Clemens, confers an internationally recognized high degree upon the students successfully completing the program.

<http://www.ibo.org/ibo/index.cfm>

Rubistar

This is a terrific site that allows teachers to generate excellent rubrics by simply filling in some basic information. Very useful and time saving.

<http://rubistar.4teachers.org/index.php>

Political Cartoons.com

A site full of political cartoons. It is designed so that you can search for cartoons about a particular subject.

<http://www.politicalcartoons.com/>

BBC Motion Gallery

This is an unbelievable site that has a vast collection of video clips that are available for download. And the best part is that they are free if you are willing to accept them with a slightly lowered clarity. I tried them and found them to be useable for presentations.

<http://www.bbcmotiongallery.com/customer/index.jsp>

Teachers.net

A fairly useful site designed for teachers. It contains lesson plans, ideas, resources, and chat rooms for teachers.

<http://teachers.net/>

Kathy Schrock's Guide for Teachers

If you haven't seen this site before, it is one of the most useful sites around for teachers. Part of Discoveryschool.com, it contains an almost unlimited amount of lesson plans, ideas, resources, and links for teachers of all subjects.

<http://school.discovery.com/schrockguide/index.html>

Scriptorium

A database of over 7000 printed advertisements that appeared between 1911 and the 1950s. All are available for download.

<http://scriptorium.lib.duke.edu/adaccess/>

Best History Sites

A very good site that allows you to search for online history sites. You search for the sites based on the time period you are researching. Terrific site!

<http://www.besthistorysites.net/>

Biography.com

A companion website to the Arts & Entertainment series on Biographies. You can search a database of over 25,000 names and obtain a short biography.

<http://www.biography.com/>

The Discoverer's Web

This website allows you to search for information on voyages of discovery and exploration, and the men/women who made them. You can search by name or by period.

<http://www.win.tue.nl/cs/fm/engels/discovery/>

History/Social Studies for K-12

Designed for teachers, this search engine/database allows you to search for information based on your subject.

<http://home.comcast.net/%7Edboals1/boals.html>

Time Capsule

This site really caught my imagination. Type in any month, day, and year, and you get a variety of information about that day in history: newspaper headlines, who was President, what was playing on the radio, the cost of supermarket items, and so on. Very cool!

<http://www.dmarie.com/timecap/>

The Webquest Page at San Diego State University

Webquests are very useful tools for teachers. This site gives you all the basic info you need. Also see the Filamentality website (located elsewhere in this list) for detailed info.

<http://webquest.sdsu.edu/webquest.html>

Pink Monkey

Pink Monkey makes study guides similar to Cliffnotes, but they are available online. Some are free, some aren't. They are for college subjects, but are very useful for high school. The free notes cover various classes from math and history. Very useful for AP and DC classes.

<http://www.pinkmonkey.com/studyguides/studyguidesmain.asp>

Authentic History

This site has audio recordings, primary documents, maps, charts, and pictures throughout US history from the Antebellum Period to the present day. Extensive.

<http://www.authentichistory.com>

ed.gov

This site contains "Federal Resources for Educational Excellence". Broken out by topic or subject, there are links to sites, information, and sources of free items for teachers. Also has a link to No Child Left Behind information.

<http://www.ed.gov/free/index.html>

Playing with Time

This site doesn't have anything to do with social studies, I just think it is cool. They have a huge archive of time lapse and stop motion pictures of a variety of things. Watch a water balloon explode in slow motion, etc!

<http://www.playingwithtime.org/>

International Posters

Posters of every type are shown here. Lots of international and American posters that cover a wide range of topics such as propaganda, film, travel, and so on.

<http://www.internationalposter.com/home.cfm>

Professional/National/State Organizations

American Heritage Education Foundation

<http://www.americanheritage.org/>

Institute of Texan Cultures

<http://www.texancultures.utsa.edu/public/index.htm>

Junior Achievement

<http://houston.ja.org/>

Project Vote

<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/projectvote/index.htm>

State Bar of Texas

http://www.texasbar.com/Content/NavigationMenu/Pro_Bono_and_Community_Service/Educating_Youth/Educating_Youth1.htm

Texas Alliance for Geographic Education

<http://www.geo.txstate.edu/tage/>

Texas Council for the Social Studies

<http://www.txcss.org/>

Texas Council on Economic Education

<http://www.economicstexas.org/>

Texas Historical Commission

<http://www.thc.state.tx.us/>

Texas Parks & Wildlife

<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/>

TravelTex

<http://www.traveltex.com/>

Texas Social Studies Supervisors Association

<http://www.tsssa.org/>

Texas State Historical Association

<http://tsha.utexas.edu/>

National Council for the Social Studies

<http://www.ncss.org/>

National Council on Economic Education
<http://www.ncee.net/>

Economics International
<http://www.ncee.net/ei/>

National Geographic Society
<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/>

Society for American Archeology
<http://www.saa.org/>

Scholastic Assistance for Global Education (SAGE)
<http://sage.tamu.edu/index.asp>

American Federation of Teachers
<http://www.aft.org/>

Texas Federation of Teachers
<http://www.tft.org/>