



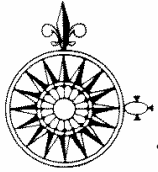
The Nebraska State Council for the Social Studies

In Association with the National Council for the Social Studies



Nebraska News

Fall 2002



The Journey and the Joy of Rediscovery: A Social Studies Conference on Engaging All Learners in the Adventure

NSCSS will join with the Omaha Public Schools, the Nebraska Department of Education, GEON, NIE, the Henry Doorly Zoo and various other organizations to sponsor a conference, which will be held at the Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo. There will be a political candidate forum, Outstanding Teacher Awards, and "break-out" sessions related to the various disciplines such as geography, history, psychology, world cultures, and much more as well as tours and educational programs at the zoo.

Date: Monday, October 7, 2002

Time: 9:00-2:00

Place: Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo

Phone: 402-557-2436

**Cost: \$10.00 members/ \$25.00 non-members
(includes breakfast, lunch and IMAX!)**

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President's Message

The events of September 11, 2001 focused our nation's attention on the need to develop capable citizens who make informed decisions in a democratic society. This task traditionally falls to the role of Social Studies teachers. Teachers deliver, daily, quality instruction on targets identified by proposed standards. Local school boards have designated a significant part of their budgets to align curriculum with standards. The public believes the words of Thomas Jefferson that ". . . an educated electorate is the only sure safeguard of a democracy (and) must include . . . core democratic values."

NSCSS firmly believes it is time for the State Board of Education to take action. We have petitioned the Board to approve the clarified state standards for Social Studies/History in the 2002-03 school year. It was a teacher task force that developed the frameworks for the 1998 standards document, and a teacher task force that clarified these standards. Join your voice with ours to acknowledge the commitment and work of our peers. Let your state board member and your communities know that we cannot afford to wait in our mission to prepare citizens for the 21st century. Urge adoption of Social Studies/History standards in 2003-2004.

Karen Stanley, NSCSS President

Useful Websites



List of Lewis and Clark sites.

<http://www.lewisandclark.com/links/links.html>

Expedition facts and stories

<http://www.lewisandclark.com/facts/faqs.html>

What was happening with the Corps of Discovery when they were near modern-day towns and cities?

<http://www.lewisandclark.com/plan/planning.html>

Time magazine

http://www.time.com/time/2002/lewis_clark/

Check out this site about the 1804-06 Lewis and Clark mapping expedition through the Northwest. <http://www.pbs.org/lewisandclark/>

The Jefferson National Expansion Memorial has completed the first section of a curriculum guide on the Lewis and Clark Expedition and the Louisiana Purchase.

<http://www.nps.gov/jeff/LewisClark2/Education/CurriculumGuideMain.htm>

National Geographic tales of this historic event.

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/features/98/lewisclark/>

American Treasures of the Library of Congress

<http://lcweb.loc.gov/exhibits/treasures/trr001.html>

"Re-live the Adventure" of Lewis and Clark

<http://lewisandclarktrail.com/>



HISTORY

Professional Development Opportunities

National Council for Social Studies annual conference November 22-24, 2002. Phoenix, Arizona. Theme: "A Century of Character and Change." Contact the following address for more details: <http://www.ncss.org/conference/>

Fulbright Teacher and Administrator Exchange Program. Provides international opportunities for K-12, two-year and four-year college faculty and administrators. Additional information is available at www.fulbrightexchanges.org

Freedom's Answer. School-wide project to encourage citizens to vote. Principals and superintendents of most schools have received literature about the program. Details are available at www.FreedomsAnswer.net

The Foundation for Teaching Economics offers on-line courses offer: tuition-free courses qualified for graduate level credit. The FTE offers high school teachers FREE high quality Internet courses that qualify for graduate level or high school credit. Contact the Foundation for Teaching Economics at 260 Russell Blvd., Suite B. Davis, CA 95616-3839 (800) 383-4335 or http://www.fte.org/teachers/t_programs.ht.

The American Promise is a terrific way to spark discussion and thinking about democracy, government and U.S. history in your classroom. American Promise has developed activities and projects on-line that can be used immediately. You can also order their FREE teaching kit for a complete set of activities. For more details contact http://www.farmers.com/FarmComm/AmericanPromise/guide_main.html

Social Studies Standards Timeline and Update



June 1998: State Board approves the Social Studies/History Standards

February 7, 2000: Attorney General's opinion, "unconstitutionally vague"

March 2001: Social Studies teachers were charged with the task of clarifying the Social Studies/History Standards.

1. A group of 23 teachers from across the state, from different grade levels, and representing the major disciplines and the NDE staff convened.
2. This group took the 1998 Social Studies/History Standards, knowing that they could not delete any content, and reduced the number from 166 to 110 "Clarified Social Studies/History Standards."

Fall of 2001: The Draft Clarified Standards were presented in 16 workshops at the ESUs.

1. Our goal was to get input from as many teachers as possible.
2. The teachers were asked to note the Standards that were not covered in their curriculums.
3. Unanimously, the response was that we are teaching this material.

July 2002: The Standards were further clarified and a recommendation on how and when to assess and report to the state was drafted.

1. The group consisted of NDE staff and 19 teachers from across the state, from different grade levels, and representing the major disciplines was convened.
2. The group took the 2001 Draft, Clarified 110 Standards, knowing that they could not delete any content, and refined them to less than 100 "Clarified Social Studies/History".
3. The group also wrote a position paper to give further recommendations as to when and how to assess and report to the state.

August 2002: The State Board approved the "Clarified Social Studies/History Standards as a "Working Draft" found at http://www.nde.state.ne.us/SS/pdf/Social_Studies_Standards_DRAFT_2002.pdf



FREE MEMBERSHIP for new teachers of social studies in Nebraska! Join NSCSS for one year FREE! Complete the registration form and send in with "New Teacher" marked in the payment box, then enjoy your first year as a professional social studies teacher!  



Mark your calendars and plan ahead the **Spring Meeting for the NSCSS will be in Grand Island, Nebraska in February.** Look for more details in the next newsletter



Lesson Plan Contest

WIN \$50.00

Who: Any member may submit a model lesson plan.

How: Submit a lesson plan to NSCSS for publication

What: In each newsletter, a different lesson plan will be published.

When: Submit lesson by November 1, 2002.

Where: Send lesson to Rose Barta, 10417 "Y" Street Omaha, NE 68127

Components: Title, grade level, Anticipatory set, objectives, procedures, and assessment or summary. Please identify the Nebraska State Social Studies standards instead of local standard.

Reward: Each of the three winning lesson plans will be published and the author will receive \$50.00!

Remembrance of 9/11



Websites

Google's News Collection
www.google.com/news

Red Cross
www.redcross.org

Remember Always
www.rememberalways.com/wtc

Book of Condolences
www.three30.com/tragedy/

Commemoration Sites:

www.9-11-2001.org

www.twinscollapse.com

www.wallofamericans.com

www.the-strength-of-america.org

<http://www.washtimes.com/national/20020819-34549100.htm>

Lesson Plans

1. Civil Liberties and September 11th (New York Times - Glasthal and Khan)

"In this lesson, students evaluate the effectiveness and fairness of proposed military tribunals designed to fight terrorism. They will then compare American civil liberties, as stated in the U.S. Bill of Rights, with changes in these rights that may take place for some individuals living in the U.S., as a result of the U.S.A. Patriot Act." 2-02

<http://www.nytimes.com/learning/teachers/lessons/20011126monday.html>

2. September 11th Related Lessons (New York Times)

"Interdisciplinary lessons developed in partnership with The Bank Street College of Education in New York City. For grades 6-12." 2-02

<http://www.nytimes.com/learning/general/specials/terrorism/index.html>

WTC Internet Remembrance Campaign - World Trade Centre Victims' ... remember.worldatwar.org/

More links to external tribute sites. Participate Ulrich Hoffman, a freelance German journalist, is planning to publish a piece on "9/11 -- a year after". ...

Description: Post memories and condolences. Websites are encouraged to participate by posting one of the banners.

Welcome to Imagine New York: Giving Voice to the People's Visions

www.worldtradecenter.com/ - 18k - 20 Aug 2002

Materials

1. Firefighters Raising Flag in New York (DallasNews.com)

Provides an email greeting card with a picture of firefighters raising the American flag.

[http://www.dallasnews.com/cgi-](http://www.dallasnews.com/cgi-bin/cardstock/upcard.cgi?step=1&orientation=v&pic=america/0911firefighterflag.jpg)

[bin/cardstock/upcard.cgi?step=1&orientation=v&pic=america/0911firefighterflag.jpg](http://www.dallasnews.com/cgi-bin/cardstock/upcard.cgi?step=1&orientation=v&pic=america/0911firefighterflag.jpg)

2. Pencil "Remember September 11th" Flag - Printable and Double-Sided (PencilFlag.com)

Provides a small paper flag for remembering September 11th. It can be printed and folded for a picture on both sides of the paper. Can be used at the top of a pencil, just below the eraser. http://www.pencilflag.com/p_flag.htm

3. Rebuilding the World Trade Centers (CNN News - Hirschhorn)

Discusses options for new buildings near the World Trade Center locations, but not on the "footprints" of the buildings. A memorial park is planned for the footprint area where the two towers stood. 7-02 <http://www.cnn.com/2002/US/07/16/wtc.site.plans/index.html>

Conference reg. Form here

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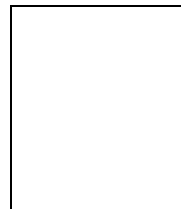
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