



Students in Virginia Teacher of the Year Michelle Cottrell-Williams' World History HILTX class at Wakefield learn about four different empires through a skill building activity.

Announcements

Assistance with Canvas

In our visits to social studies classes throughout the county, we are seeing implementation of Canvas. To provide support for this implementation, we have created a [Canvas Tips Google Site](#) for you to add tips as you begin using Canvas in your classroom. Many thanks to Paxton Helms for providing our first set of tips. We encourage all of you to expand this tip list. Editing options work best in the Chrome browser.

<https://sites.google.com/s/oB7UflPo5cdoRWEhyV2c2OFF3WVU/p/oB7UflPo5cdoRTFRFVkyMVBouU/edit>

APS Resources

#**APSChats** has kicked off for this year. Please join, the chats will be once a month on Tuesdays from 8-9 PM. The chats in the fall will focus on Personalized Learning-topics and include:

- Nov 14th: Teacher as Facilitator, Student as Active Participant
- Dec 12th: What's Tech Got to do With It?
- Jan 9th: Incorporating the Arts

This links to a video on "How to participate in the Chat."

<https://drive.google.com/a/apsva.us/file/d/oBxFac7FDjTzgQ2xGa1JqQ05VTjg/view?usp=sharing>

ATTENTION TEACHERS!

Doing something interesting or unique in your class? Taking students on a field trip? Have a guest speaker coming in? Tweet photos, information and blurbs on the official APS Social Studies Twitter account! <https://twitter.com/APSsocstudies> @APSsocstudies



Resources

Prepare your students for Election Day (Nov. 7th)!

Election Information Website WWW.VOTE411.ORG offered by the League of Women Voters, provides:

- Candidate contact information and positions (Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General)
- Virginia House of Delegates (45th, 47th, 48th and 49th Districts)
- Arlington County Board and Arlington School Board
- Register to vote
- Election Laws – ID needed for voting
- Absentee voting process
- Polling place finder
- Build your ballot – take along to polls on Election Day

[AMERICAN EVOLUTION](#) – Curriculum Resource Website of Virginia History, 1619-2019

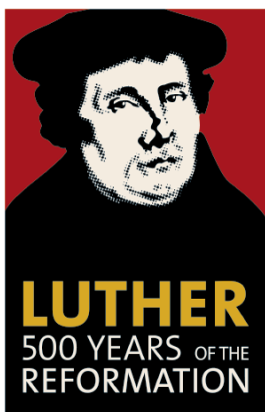
AMERICAN EVOLUTION™, a Sub-Agency of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, Inc. commemorates the 400th anniversary of several key historical events that occurred in Virginia in 1619 that continue to influence America today. Visit the AMERICAN EVOLUTION™ Education webpage and learn more about new free curriculum resources that bring the legacy of 1619 to life in the classroom. Teaching resources include lesson plans, primary source audio recordings, video resources, and historical background information.

[History in Dispute: Charlottesville and Confederate Monuments](#)

This free lesson plan by The Choices Program includes handouts, discussion questions and video clips to explore the current ongoing issue of what to do about Civil War Confederate monuments.

[Myanmar and the Rohingya](#)

This free lesson plan by The Choices Program includes resources, information and individual accounts to help understand the current conflict and crisis being experienced by the Rohingya people of Myanmar.



October 31st marks the 500th anniversary of the birth of the Protestant Reformation, when Martin Luther nailed his *Ninety-Five Theses* to the door of the castle church in Wittenberg, Germany. Some resources that may be helpful for covering Luther and the historic anniversary in your classes:

- <https://www.visit-luther.com/explore-luthercountry/events/2017-500th-anniversary-of-the-reformation/>
- <https://www.luther2017.de/en/2017/reformation-anniversary/>
- Rick Steves' Luther and the Reformation 500th anniversary on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CXK9NNp1yk4>

If you didn't get a chance to view Ken Burns' latest masterpiece on PBS, *The Vietnam War*, check out the official website for classroom resources (such as scenario-based activities), interactive photo mosaic, shared stories, music, archival footage and film episodes. The entire documentary is 18 hours long and took 10 years to create and produce.

<http://www.pbs.org/kenburns/the-vietnam-war/resources/>



Student & Teacher Opportunities

[The Rule of Law Project](#)

Funded and supported by The Virginia Law Foundation and the Virginia Bar Association, the Rule of Law Project pairs members of local bar associations with civics, government, law teachers to educate students about the origin, meaning and applicability of the rule of law as the basis of democratic ideals and institutions. The Project is typically presented in one of three formats:

1. Individual Classroom Presentations – a judge and/or attorney interacts with the students during a standard class period (or half-period for schools with block scheduling).
2. Grade Level Assembly – An hour-long assembly for the grade level in which Civics and Economics is taught, presented by a panel consisting of members of each of the three branches of government.
3. Multi-School Assembly – A half-day program which brings together two or more schools of diverse student bodies and combines elements of both the individual and grade level programs.

Contact John Koehler if you'd like to arrange for them to come to your class:

jkoehler@thecenterforruleoflaw.org

[1948: Creation & Catastrophe](#) is a newly released documentary film about the creation of the state of Israel. It tells the story of the beginnings of the new state through the eyes of those who lived it. Georgetown University's Center for Contemporary Arab Studies is hosting a free viewing of the film with the co-directors on **Tuesday, Oct. 17** from 6:00-8:30 PM on the main campus. [Click here to register to attend.](#)

[A Celebration of Maasai Culture](#) is an opportunity to immerse yourself in Maasai dancing, storytelling and music at the Smithsonian National Museum of African Art on **Saturday, Oct. 21** from 2:00-5:00. Maasai artisans will guide a workshop on bead-making, share stories and show a documentary on their community life today. This event is free and open to the public, but you are encouraged to [register to attend.](#)

[Trans-regional and Global Themes in Teaching: African, Latin American, Asian & Middle Eastern Perspectives](#) – Teacher Workshop

This professional development workshop on teaching regional and global studies in your curriculum will feature Georgetown faculty in the School of Foreign Service. Teachers will have time to network with colleagues and university faculty to support curriculum development. This free workshop will be held on **Saturday, Oct. 28**, CCAS Board Room, ICC, Georgetown University. [Click here to register to attend.](#)

[The Role of Congress in Federal Holidays](#) – Teacher Workshop

Why do we celebrate Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday in November? Why do we have the day off from work and school? Join the Capitol Visitor Center for a teacher workshop exploring the role of Congress in federal holidays and the unique history and development of Thanksgiving. Participants will explore congressional history, the law-making process, holiday stories, primary resources and artistic imagery. Workshop is **Saturday, Nov. 4**, 10:00-2:00 at the Capitol Visitor Center, Congressional Meeting Room North. To register, email education@visitthecapitol.gov. For more details, see the [Teacher Workshop flyer](#).

[K-12 Workshop: Adding a Global Dimension to your school or classroom](#) – Teacher Workshop

To celebrate International Education Week 2017, the U.S. Department of Education invites you to a workshop aimed at helping K-12 school administrators and teachers incorporate a global dimension into their schools and classrooms. The workshop is **Monday, Nov. 13** from 1:00-4:00 at the U.S. Department of Education Building in Washington, DC. [Click here to register to attend.](#)

[National Geographic Bee Registration](#) is open

Schools with students in grades four through eight are eligible for the National Geographic Bee, and any paid school employee can [register their school online](#). The National Geographic Bee registration fee is \$120 per school until December 22, 2017, and \$140 from December 23, 2016 until registration ends on January 26, 2017. School's map and globe moneys may be applied to Bee registration.

National History Bee Registration is open

Schools with students in grades four through eight are eligible for the [National History Bee](#), and any paid school employee can [register their school online](#). The National History Bee registration fee is \$150 per school until registration closes on Jan. 8, 2018.

Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange & Study (YES) Abroad

This program provides merit-based scholarships for high school students to spend an academic year studying and living abroad. Selected participants attend a high school while living with a host family in select countries with significant Muslim populations. You must be a U.S. citizen, age 15-18 at the start of the program. Applications for the 2018-19 school year are due Dec. 5, 2017.

Student Programs and Teacher Workshops – Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery

From October 2, 2017, to June 15, 2018, the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery will offer student programs five days a week. To view a complete list of the 2017–2018 programs, and to register, visit <http://npg.si.edu/teachers/student-groups>. (If you do not see exactly what you are looking for, please remember we can customize programs to meet your needs. For more information about our professional development workshops and to register, visit <http://npg.si.edu/teachers/teacher-workshops>.)

Trainings & Courses

Gilder Lehrman Institute – Self-Paced Online Courses

The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History's Self-Paced Course series offers graduate-level online courses taught by eminent historians, available to watch or listen to at your own time and pace, with no deadlines or expiration dates. [Courses in the series](#) range from early American history through the end of the 20th century and feature some of the nation's foremost American history scholars.

[Global Competence Certificate](#) is an online graduate certificate program with courses that focus on teaching and learning as related to global competence and includes summer travel to a fieldwork destination.

Conferences

Virginia Council for the Social Studies Conference in Richmond

"Uncovering the Past to Empower the Future" is the theme for the 51st Annual Conference of Virginia Social Studies Educators, **November 3-4, 2017** at the Richmond Marriott Hotel, Richmond, Virginia. Registration information to follow.

[The National Council for History Education](#) National Conference, San Antonio, Texas, April 19-21.

Off the Beaten Path

2017 marks the 100th anniversary of the Russian Revolution. But you don't have to travel all the way to Russia to see great Fabergé eggs! Two places in the area that have great collections are [Hillwood Estate](#), the DC mansion of Marjorie Merriweather Post and the [Virginia Museum of Fine Arts](#) in Richmond.



[Nemours Estate](#), the home of the duPont family in Wilmington, Delaware is a great place to visit to see a Gilded Age era 18th century French style mansion, gardens and antique cars owned by the wealthy family.

[The Cold War Museum](#) at Vint Hill (a former U.S. Army communication base) in Warrenton, Virginia houses a small but interesting collection of Cold War era artifacts. It is free and open on Saturdays and Sundays and by appointment.

[Kids Euro Festival](#), Oct. 21-Nov. 5, is one of the largest performing arts festivals for children in America, bringing Europe's most talented children entertainers to the Washington, DC metro area. It includes free performances, concerts, workshops, movies, storytelling, puppetry and magic.

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