

Social Sciences

Regulatory Agency Portal

www.regulations.gov

- Great for any discussion of the regulatory power of the federal government
- Provides speedy HTML text links to all proposed changes to how the Federal Government regulates the economy – law change proposals are in printer friendly format
- Good to relate to a current news story to show students the importance of citizen oversight of the government

U.S. Senate and House

www.senate.gov

www.house.gov

- The official sites of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives
- Helpful lists link that illuminate the machinations of the government legislative process
- Provides the ability to contact our state's senators should a project require social involvement

U.S. Census Bureau

www.census.gov

- Reliable, up to date, demographic and economic information
- Multiple formats available, graphs, tables
- Dozens of economic figures:
 - Housing starts
 - Retail sales
 - Durable goods, construction spending
 - Historic comparisons available

Consumer Product Safety Commission

www.cpsc.gov

- Good site to reference when students are learning about government involvement and consumer activism
- Interesting product recall information, especially at Christmas time



U.S. Consumer Product
Safety Commission

Cleveland

www.city.cleveland.oh.us/

- Cleveland's official city website
- www.din.com/cr.index2006.2006Budget.pdf - the location of the current budget
- The local legislative process and links to council explained very well
- Provides material for discussions about local governments involvement in the economy

Cuyahoga County

www.cuyahogacounty.us/

- Official site of Cuyahoga County
- Great links to learn about how the county serves as a conduit of federal dollars and mandatory services like Medicaid

National Rifle Association

www.nra.org

- A good site to browse to show kids how organized and sophisticated a lobby, or PAC can be

American Association of Retired Persons

www.aarp.org

- The site of the country's most powerful lobby
- The budget and member information is very impressive
- Also, the legislative agenda it prescribes will be increasingly important in the face of the aging baby boomer generation

Congressional Budget Office

www.cbo.gov

- Congressional Budget Office
 - Kids should see the fact sheet
- CBO's mandate is to provide the Congress with:
- Objective, nonpartisan, and timely analyses to aid in economic and budgetary decisions on the wide array of programs covered by the federal budget and
- The information and estimates required for the Congressional budget process.
- A lot of economic research available that is pertinent to fiscal and monetary policy

Department of Labor

www.dol.gov

- US Labor Department
- Information for workers and employers
- Great information about rights and obligations, family leave, minimum wage etc.

Food and Drug Administration

www.fda.gov

- Food and Drug Administration
- Recalls link is interesting as are the explanations of what the FDA actually regulates
- It's work in bioterrorism is also a hot topic
- Look to the "FDA Activities" link for some things that the students will enjoy

Environmental Protection Agency

www.epa.gov

- The “For Kids” section seems juvenile, but is quite applicable for high school students
- Look also to the “about” link; this is wonderful in understanding our government’s largest regulatory agency

U.S. Trade Representative

www.ustr.gov

- Office of the United States Trade Representative
- Resource for information about trade agreements around the world
- Details how the US is promoting free trade in the world today

Global Voices Online

<http://globalvoicesonline.org>

- This is a Web 2.0 website which highlights human rights abuses around the world
- Video reports and links
- Funded by credible sources like Reuters
- Listings by country provided
- RSS feed available, can be added to many home sits

Central Intelligence Agency

www.cia.gov

- Click on the “**world factbook**” link
- Contains an intelligence file on every country in the world
- Maps, charts, advisories
- World rankings based upon social and economic figures
- Short concise history of each country
- Updated frequently
- Objective and reliable

National Geographic Kids Site

<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/Games/Geography/Geospy>

- National Geographic's interactive geography game

Flash Geography Games

<http://games.crossmap.com/category/educational.htm>

- Interactive geography games
- These games can even be embedded into your own website
- If these expire, just google “flash geography games”

Fodor's Travel

www.fodors.com

- A basic travel site that can be helpful in exploring the cultures of other countries

Blank Outline Maps

[http://geography.about.com/library
/maps/blindex.htm](http://geography.about.com/library/maps/blindex.htm)

- Blank outline maps from every corner of the world

National Standards for Geography

<http://geography.about.com/od/teachgeography/a/18standards.htm>

- The 18 National Geography Standards

United Nations

www.un.org

- The photo and video archives are very helpful for teaching
- Especially the 15 minute year in review
- The news and information is very reliable
- Ambassadors will sometimes write back to students!

National Council for Social Studies

www.socialstudies.org/

- Professional organization for the teaching of social studies
- Organization posts lesson plans and resources across the discipline
- Also offers resources for teacher to improve in their careers

Teachers Hub Social Studies Guide

<http://teachershub.com/teaching/th-history.cfm>

- The teachers version of High School Ace
- Links to other collections of lesson plans
- Heavy on US History resources

Social Studies Lesson Plans and Resources

www.csun.edu/~hcedu013/index.html

- Site compiled by the education department at Cal State Northridge
- Includes online activities across the discipline
- Some activities seem more for middle school but can be adapted upward for high school

US History Topics Teaching and Learning Resources

http://free.ed.gov/subjects.cfm?subject_id=178

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HistoreSearch.com

www.historesearch.com

- Site offers links to history resources
- The site can be used for US and World History courses
- Also contains links to national and state standards

TechTrekkers, History Sites

www.techtrekkers.com/social.htm

- A collection of history and social studies links by a teacher in Virginia
- Written with the Virginia state standards in mind but still useful as a starting point
- Written across the board k-12
- Teachers will have to search to find lessons appropriate to their grade level

High School Government

www.aboutschool.com/6govern.htm

- A collection of links for US History and Government
- The government links are better than the History links so this would be better for a Government class

United States Congress

<http://house.gov>

<http://senat.gov>

- Provides information on current and past legislation and debates
- Schedules of committee meetings and vote published
- Sites contain links to teaching resources and references

National Geographic

<http://nationalgeographic.com/>

- One of the best commercial sites for information for geography
- The kids site can be used in high school geography classes
- Covers topics related to natural history and anthropology

Government Lesson Plans:

http://www.mdk12.org/instruction/curriculum/hsa/government/lesson_plan/lesson16.html

- This website identifies the different types of economic systems, and how each system answers the questions what to produce, how to produce and for whom to produce? It also discusses characteristics of mixed economies.

United Nations

www.un.org

- The United Nations is one of the best sources for information about specific topics for geography, government, and current events
- Links to various organizations within the UN allow students to explore topics or countries in detail

50states.com

<http://50states.com/>

- The CIA Factbook for the United States
- Collection of links based on state
- Great for students in geography and government

History Matters

<http://historymatters.gmu.edu/>

- Created by the American Social History Project / Center for Media and Learning (Graduate Center, CUNY) and the Center for History and New Media (George Mason University).
- Designed for high school and college teachers and students to serve as a gateway to web resources.
- Offers first-person primary documents focusing on ordinary lives.
- Although new materials are added regularly, much of the material is from the years 1876-1946.

National Geographic Education

<http://plasma.nationalgeographic.com/mapmachine/index.html>

- This website allows students to research countries and their cultures. It has links to people places, news music and maps.

From Revolution To Reconstruction And What Happened Afterwards

<http://odur.let.rug.nl/~usa/D/>

- This site has important documents from pre 1400 to 2001.
- When I introduce types of economic systems, and the foundation of free enterprise I review what my students learned in American History by going over the documents of the Revolutionary Period.

The Valley of the Shadow

<http://valley.vcdh.virginia.edu/>

- This site provides detailed resources related to the issues behind the Civil War.
- Details life in two American communities, one Northern and one Southern, from the time of John Brown's Raid through the era of Reconstruction.
- It was developed through the University of Virginia and contains thousands of primary resources.

Business Week

<http://businessweek.com>

- Links to the top 50 philanthropists and the names of their foundations.
- Links to articles on philanthropy

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