

# Online Social Studies Resources for Students

## *Useful Online Resources Available at No Cost*

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### Culture Activity Sites

#### [Amazing Aztecs](#)

Print out a worksheet with questions, look for the answers online, and fill in the sheet as you go.

#### [A Bronzeville Story](#)

Read or listen to a story about **Bronzeville**, Chicago's famous African American neighborhood

#### [The First Thanksgiving](#)

**Compare and contrast** the lives of Pilgrims and Wampanoag.

#### [Discover Ethnicity](#)

Take a journey back in time by looking through a family album to discover the ethnicity that makes up your family tree.

#### [Family Traditions Calendar](#)

Recognize and develop new **family and cultural traditions**

#### [Family Ties](#)

Interactive game that helps children build their own **family trees**, and other resources to learn about family history

#### [Collaborate: Create Something as a Team](#)

Work together to create a **puzzle** or a **mural**

#### [Tomasito's Mother Comes to School](#)

**Read a book** about a student whose mother comes to class. At first he is angry and embarrassed...until he discovers that his mother and teacher actually want to get to know each other better in order to help him learn.

#### [This is Me Book](#)

Build **self-esteem** by creating an original "This is Me" book. Glue or attach childhood information, pictures and drawings on blank or the "Create a Book" pages, or in a photo album.

#### [Design a Theme Park that Focuses on Wonders of the World](#) (Grades 4-8)

#### [Community Club](#)

Click on the **workers** to find out about their job

## **Geography Activity Sites**

### [Grandpa's Globe](#)

Click on the **globe** to explore the world

### [Illinois Department of Transportation](#)

Review **maps** of Illinois

### [Map Games](#)

Various games and quizzes using **maps**

### [Maps and Mapmakers: Seeing What's on the Map](#)

## **Government Activity Sites**

### [Considering the Constitution](#)

Read about the Constitution and then answer questions

### [Creating the United States: Word Search](#)

Find words that relate to some of the **founding documents of the United States**

### [Social Studies Section from Kids.gov](#)

A list of **government websites** for students in grades K-5

### [Supreme Court of the United States](#)

Learn about the **Supreme Court** on their official website

### [U.S. Constitution text](#)

Review portions of the **U.S. Constitution**

## **History Activity Sites**

### [American Memory from the Library of Congress](#)

Browse collections of U.S. history topics, including primary and secondary sources

### [Civil War](#)

Research/informational sites about the **Civil War**

### [Historical Documents from USA.gov](#)

List of **historical documents** to read/reference.

### [Spartacus Educational](#)

A collection of **history websites**

## **General Social Studies Activity Sites**

### [Awesome Library](#)

**Resources and books** for kids about social studies topics

### [Free Documentaries](#)

Download and watch **documentaries** for free

### [HBO Documentaries](#)

View educational **documentaries**

### [National Geographic Games](#)

Downloadable **games, puzzles and quizzes**

### [C.I.A. The \*\*World Factbook\*\*](#)

Provides information on the history, people, government, economy, geography, communications, transportation, military, and transnational issues for 266 world entities.