



Technology in Action Guide

Elementary Social Science



Standards Targets Connections

Inquiry	
Civics	Geography
Economics and Financial Literacy	History
Social Emotional Learning Standards Connections— SEL Goal 3—Demonstrate decision-making skills and responsible behaviors in personal, school, and community contexts	



Inquiry Tools



Fact Monster includes an online almanac, thesaurus, dictionary, encyclopedia, atlas, and timelines. Student friendly and no logins are required to search. Great videos, subject areas as well - Science, Social Science, ELA, Math, etc. Does connect to educational games, so monitoring is essential.

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



Ducksters is a simple, K-5 student friendly database option. Includes history, science, geography, economics and some fun topics as well, sports and fun facts. Resources pages are detailed but to the point making it easier for some students to maintain attention and not get frustrated in too much "text". Links to some educational games, so monitoring is essential.

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



Factitious is a game that tests your knowledge of Fact or Fiction news. Can you tell real news from fake news? Simple platform that checks users knowledge of the news. The factual news articles can connected to the answers.

<http://factitious.ugamestudio.com/#/>



Recap—by Swivl is a free app/website tool that provides teachers with new, creative way to gather evidence of student thinking using video recordings.

Create and assign questions to a student, a group of students or the entire class to be answered during or after a lesson via the devices camera/microphone. This app works on iOS, Android, Chromebooks and desktop machines. <https://letsrecap.com/>



FactCheck.org is a website that monitors the factual accuracy of what is said by major U.S. political players in the form of TV ads, debates, speeches, interviews and news releases. The cover many current events in the nation and globally. Their goal is to apply the best practices of both journalism and scholarship, and to increase public knowledge and understanding.

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



Civics Activities



Ben's Guide to the U.S. Government, a service of the Government Publishing Office (GPO), is designed to inform students, parents, and educators about the Federal Government, which issues the publications and information products disseminated by the GPO's Federal Depository Library Program.

<https://bensguide.gpo.gov/>



My Hero Project has a mission of MY HERO that is to use media, art and technology to celebrate the best of humanity and to empower people of all ages to realize their own potential to effect positive change in the world.

The freely accessible, not-for-profit project is supported by visitors of all ages who share stories, art, and short films on our award-winning multimedia journal and digital library.

<http://myhero.com/teachersroom/index>



iCivics is a non-profit organization dedicated to reinvigorating civic learning through interactive and engaging learning resources. The iCivics games place students in different civic roles and give them agency to address real-world problems and issues. They are rooted in clear learning objectives and integrated with lesson plans and support materials. Educators can create accounts and then classes with student usernames and passwords, create assignments and monitor student completion. <https://www.icivics.org/>



Law Related Education is developed by the Texas State Bar and has many resources for educators. Once on the website there is a "games" page that includes content on American symbols, guessing occupations, the preamble, the pledge of allegiance, branches of the government and the constitution. There is also a page called Justiceville that has 4 more games for the early elementary students.

<http://bit.ly/2vn9H05>

Geography Activities



The Global Awareness Map- There are 194 countries around the world. Find out more on each country's people, government, religions, US military presence and current issues. Students can select a region and start exploring.

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



National Geographic Kids website has Earth and space, Life Science and Physical Science resources in the form of videos, research information all at an elementary level.

The platform has engaging material and connections to content standards. Lesson ideas and resources for educators are available on all categories. Videos and games available on many geography topics.

<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>



Economics and Financial Literacy Activities



Admongo—Everywhere you look, you see advertisements—not just on TV and online, but on buses, buildings, and scoreboards. Do your students have the critical thinking skills to understand ads, what they're saying, and what they want kids to do? <http://bit.ly/2vmUOuG>



Energy Star Kids website has resources for educators and students on the use of energy, different forms of energy, energy conservation and how students can help in the environment and to save energy at home and in the community. Mostly geared towards elementary and middle school, but some facts could be relevant to high school research needs.

<http://bit.ly/2vg3nap>



h.i.p Pocket Change shows students with coins, we literally carry the past in our pockets. The games, stories, and other activities bring coins to life. They present not only the extraordinary people pictured on the coins, but also the generations of citizens who have carried this change. <http://bit.ly/2vfTmdn>

History Activities



Jamestown Online Adventure allows students to be the Captain of the Jamestown Colony: Can they do any better than the real colonists? They can ask their fellow colonists and the Native Americans for advice. Be careful,

though, because some advice is better than others! There is no login for the game and it can not be saved unless educators download and save the program to the computer.

<http://www.historyglobe.com/jamestown/>



America's Story- The site was designed especially with young people in mind. Students can explore Amazing Americans, Jump Back in Time, Explore the States, Join America at Play, or See, Hear and Sing with exciting entertainers. No login required to explore the great collections. <http://bit.ly/2vmHcQd>



Even MORE Resources

To find more resources and the latest up-to-date technology to support technology integration, please visit www.ilclassroomtech.weebly.com.

- ◆ Assessment tools
- ◆ Audio/video tools
- ◆ Content area support
- ◆ Digital portfolios
- ◆ Computer science
- ◆ Learning management systems
- ◆ Mobile apps
- ◆ Research tools
- ◆ Social Emotional Learning
- ◆ Technology terms



epals Global Community[®] pairs educators and students around the world in exciting project-based learning for language learning practice and cultural exchange. Our global challenges bring together learners to apply important concepts, from STEM to cultural studies, through events such as the Smithsonian Invent It! and Folklife challenges.

<http://www.epals.com/#/connections>



IL Geographic Alliance -The interactive maps which cover a wide variety of topics including physical geography, historical geography, population, cultural processes and patterns, political geography, agriculture and rural land use, industrialization and economic development, cities and urban land use, as well as general reference maps. <http://arcg.is/2vmVD6F>



Pod To Plate - Illinois Ag in the Classroom sponsored website has many interactive resources to help students understand the agriculture within the state of Illinois. Videos, games, online resources and lesson plans for grade levels 3rd-8th. Largest collection of soy bean resources from planting through production in Illinois. <http://bit.ly/2vgcqs8>



EconEdLink—Meet the students where they are by using technology to help teach economics and financial literacy. Simulations, games, videos and other interactive resources make education fun and engaging for the 21st century learner.

<http://www.econedlink.org/tools/1>



Financial Literacy for Everyone allows students to test their money skills and give a brain a workout with these fun and educational games. Elementary to high school will find games to help with understanding spending and saving.

<http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/play>



The TimeMap of World History is a comprehensive atlas and encyclopedia of world history. It contains over 650 maps and 1,000 pages of supporting text. It is designed to be easy to navigate, through both time and space.

It is structured to make the complex mesh of history accessible and comprehensible. <http://www.timemaps.com/history>



Timeline JS3 is a simple timeline creator that hosts the produced timeline that can be embedded on any website or block. The timeline can be created using a simple Google spreadsheet and the website gives educators the template to start with and a video tutorial. Multimedia can be included in the timeline such as video and website links. Timelines can also be shared via Google Plus, Gmail, Facebook or Twitter. <http://timeline.knightlab.com/>