

Iowa Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference
Monday, October 17, 2011
Workshops

Schedule:

5:00 – 6:00pm Conference Registration, Appetizers and Networking with Colleagues

6:00 – 8:00pm Workshops

Primarily Teaching: Using Primary Sources in the History Classroom

Presenter: Stefanie Rosenberg Wager, Des Moines Public Schools

Using primary sources in a history classroom promotes historical thinking skills and the “doing” of history. Oftentimes, however, primary sources are not used in the classroom because they seem too long, too boring, or too inaccessible. This workshop will focus on a variety of strategies related to the use of primary sources in K-12 history classrooms. Participants will come away with practical strategies related to the use of these documents, including how to access documents, and incorporate them in easy and even fun ways.

Student Saving Skills – Effective Instruction

Presenter: Nancy Peterson, Gilbert Community Schools

Participants of this workshop will be exposed to a variety of lessons that address the different learning styles of the students. They will learn ways to make rigor fun and how to make it real. Learning styles and lesson design will be addressed during this workshop.

Social Networking in Teaching Resources

Presenter: Leslie Pralle Keehn, Northeast Hamilton Schools

A round-table conversation and workshop for brainstorming, sharing, and obtaining ideas and information about different, free Web 2.0 teaching resources and how they might apply to Social Studies. Bring a laptop and any lesson plans, resources, or ideas you have to share. Walk away with a real-time library of tested resources, like-minded colleagues, and inspiring new ideas that you helped create. The agenda will include Today'sMeet, Twitter, Glogster, JayCut, WikiSpaces, and more, but bring your own ideas and resources to share with the group!

Update on China: Politics, Economics, and Diversity

Presenter: Canada Snyder, Des Moines Public Schools

Michael Schaffer, Des Moines Public Schools

A two-part program presented by the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia, this workshop will include information, resources and classroom strategies for teaching about China.

Part I: China's Diversity – This portion of the workshop will answer the question: How does the interaction between China's diverse people and geographic regions shape China's many cultures and traditions. Lesson plans and handouts will be provided.

Part II: Update of Political and Economic Situation in China Today – Where is China now and where will she be in the future? Is China a sleeping tiger? Information gathered from attending the China Global Positioning Seminar held in Beijing in July, 2011 will be shared and discussed.