

Rhode Island Grade Span Expectations for Social Studies (“Social Studies GSEs”)

APPENDIX B – Suggested Resources**

*Suggested National/Global Resources***

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Topic	Name, source	Description	Website	Grade level(s)
Civics, Government	Bill of Rights Institute	Online lesson resources: topics, discussion questions, informational links	http://www.billofrightsinstitute.org/instructional/resources/Lessons/Lessons_List.asp	HS
Civics, History, Government	Center for Civic Education	Online lesson plans aligned to national standards	http://www.civiced.org/index.php?page=lesson_plans	ES, MS, HS
Civics, History, Government	National Endowment for the Humanities	Online lesson plans aligned to national standards	http://edsitement.neh.gov/special_features_view.asp?id=1	HS
Civics, History, U.S. Presidents	United States Mint	Online lesson plans aligned to national standards and games	http://www.usmint.gov/kids/teachers/lessonPlans/presidential/download.cfm	ES, MS, HS
Civil Rights	The National Archives, U.S. Government	Online information and documents and suggested (unaligned) lesson plans	http://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/civil-rights-act/activities.html#standards http://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/memphis-v-mlk/activities.html#standards	MS, HS
Civil War	The National Archives, U.S. Government	Online information and documents and suggested (unaligned) lesson plans	http://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/civil-war-docs/activities.html#standards	MS, HS
Electoral College Vote	The National Archives, U.S. Government	Online information and documents and suggested (unaligned) lesson plans	http://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/electoral-tally/activities.html#standards	MS, HS
Geography	National Geographic	Online materials/games/activities/ quizzes	http://www.mywonderfulworld.org	ES, MS, HS
Geography, maps	National Geographic	Printable maps	http://www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions/atlas/	ES, MS, HS
Government	Ben’s Guide, Government Publications Office	Links to student-oriented websites on government/law topics	http://bensguide.gpo.gov/subject.html#government	ES, MS, HS
Primary Sources	American Memory Collection, Library of Congress	Online materials and unaligned lesson plans	http://memory.loc.gov/learn/lessons/psources/pshome.html	MS, HS

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Social studies, U.S./world history	Federal Resources for Educational Excellence (FREE)	Online materials on a variety of topics	http://www.free.ed.gov/HandSS.cfm	ES, MS, HS
U.S. History	American Memory Collection, Library of Congress	“Learning Page” – Starting point for collections with associated lessons/materials	http://memory.loc.gov/learn/start/index.html	ES, MS, HS
U.S. History	American Memory Collection, Library of Congress	Online text and images of documents; suggestions for lessons and projects	http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/ndlpedu/collections/	ES, MS, HS
U.S. History	Best of History Web Sites	Online lesson plans, teacher guides, activities, games, quizzes, and links to history web sites	http://www.besthistorysites.net/	ES, MS, HS
U.S. History	Teach US History	Online primary source documents and some unaligned lesson plans	http://www.teachushistory.org	ES, MS, HS
U.S. History	We the People	Online information regarding aligned lesson plans and curriculum units	http://www.civiced-ri.org/const.htm	ES, MS, HS
WWII Japanese internment in U.S.	Smithsonian Institute – American History	Online flash presentation detailing the period of Japanese internment from start to finish	http://americanhistory.si.edu/perfectunion/experience/index.html	HS

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Beginnings to present	Blackstone Valley Tourism Council	Contact information for local area historical societies; also offerings of educational programs and partnership with the Museum of Work and Culture	http://www.tourblackstone.com/historic.htm	ES, MS, HS
Beginnings to present	Burrillville Historical and Preservation Society	Online historical information, facilities for field trips	http://www.bhps.org/	ES, MS, HS
Beginnings to present	Heritage Harbor Museum	Forthcoming museum exhibits on RI history, lesson plans, and online materials/activities	http://www.heritageharbor.org/	ES, MS, HS
Beginnings to present	Rhode Island General Assembly	Online text descriptions of time periods in RI history	http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/RhodeIslandHistory/	MS, HS
Beginnings to present, Historical Records	Rhode Island Historical Society	Online information regarding historical resources, events, properties, museums, and the library	http://www.rihs.org	ES, MS, HS
Beginnings to present	RI.gov	Facts and history of Rhode Island	http://www.ri.gov/facts/	MS, HS
Civic Engagement	We the People / Project Citizen / Foundations of Democracy	Online information regarding aligned lesson plans and curriculum units. This site also demonstrates alignment to the NECAP literacy standards.	http://www.civiced-ri.org/projcit.htm	ES, MS, HS
Colonial and Civil War Eras	Cranston Historical Society	Online historical information, facilities for field trips	http://www.cranstonhistoricalsociety.org/	ES, MS, HS
Colonial era to present	East Greenwich Historic Preservation Society	Online contact information and local historical information on the Old Kent County Jail, Varnum House and the Town Hall	http://www.eghistoricpreservation.org/	ES, MS, HS
Colonial era to present	East Providence Historical Society	Online information and photos and visiting information	http://www.ephist.org	ES, MS, HS
Colonial era to present	Fort Adams	Online information and photos and visiting information	http://www.fortadams.org/	MS, HS
Colonial era to present	Museum of Newport History	Online information on the museum and tours	http://www.newporthistorical.org/museum_newhist.htm	ES, MS, HS
Colonial era to present	Newport Historical Society	Online information regarding field trips, resources, and contact information	http://www.newporthistorical.org	ES, MS, HS

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Colonial era to present	Newport Restoration Foundation	Online historical information and photos, information on school field trips, outreach programs, and visiting	http://www.newportrestoration.com/	ES, MS, HS
Colonial era to present	Providence Preservation Society	Online information regarding historical buildings, educational programs, and Children’s Heritage Education Tours for grades 3-10	http://www.ppsri.org/	ES, MS, HS
Colonial era to present	Rhode Island Historical Records Repository Board	List of and contact information for historical and preservation societies in RI	http://www.state.ri.us/rihrab/HistSoc.html	MS, HS
17 th -18 th century	Gilbert Stuart Birthplace and Museum	Online information on visiting, on the history of the property, and on guided tours tailored to specific age groups and grade level expectations	http://www.gilbertstuartmuseum.com/	ES, MS, HS
17 th -20 th century	South County Museum	Online information and photos on the museum, exhibits, and educational resources offered	http://www.southcountymuseum.org/	ES, MS, HS
18 th century	Governor Stephen Hopkins House	Online contact information and history of the historic site	https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Stephen-Hopkins-House/196940663773551	ES, MS, HS
18 th century	The Maxwell House	Online information and photos of the house and exhibits, and visiting information	http://www.massasoithistorical.org/	ES, MS, HS
18 th century	Whitehall Museum House	Online contact information and history of the property; open by appointment	http://www.whitehallmuseumhouse.org/	ES, MS, HS
18 th -19 th century	Preservation Society of Newport County – Newport Mansions	Online information and photos, educational programs, teacher resource guides (aligned to RI GSEs), and visiting information	http://www.newportmansions.org/	MS, HS
18 th -19 th century	Sprague Mansion	Online information on the mansion and tours	http://www.cranstonhistoricalsociety.org/mansion.html	MS, HS
18 th -20 th century	John Brown House	Online information on exhibits and educational resources	http://www.rihs.org/Museums.html	ES, MS, HS
18 th -20 th century	John Hunt House Museum	Online historical information and photos and visiting information	http://ephist.org/hunt.htm	MS, HS
18 th -10 th century	Smith’s Castle	Online information and photos on the history of the property and school tours/programs	http://www.smithscastle.org	ES, MS, HS
19 th -20 th century	Blithewold	Online information and photos and visiting information	http://www.blithewold.org/	MS, HS
19 th -20 th century	Mapleville School & Coronet Worsted Company	Online historical information and photos	http://www.bhps.org/mapleville_school_coronet_co.php	ES, MS, HS
19 th -20 th century	The Museum of Work and Culture	Online information regarding museum exhibits	http://www.woonsocket.org/workandculture.htm	ES, MS, HS

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Historical Records	Rhode Island State Archives	Directory for finding state and local historical documents	http://www.state.ri.us/rihrab/direct.html	MS, HS
Industrial Revolution, Post-American Revolution, 18 th -20 th century	Slater Mill	Online information regarding Slater Mill	http://www.slatermill.org	ES, MS, HS
Judiciary	Justice Rules, Judiciary of Rhode Island	Online information regarding program and free materials	http://www.courts.state.ri.us/outreach/default-justice-rules.htm	ES, MS, HS
Judiciary	Rhode Island Court System	Online and print materials for curriculum/lessons, venue for field trips, speakers	http://www.courts.ri.gov	ES, MS, HS
Maritime history	Herreshoff Marine Museum	Online information and photos, library, and visiting information	http://www.herreshoff.org/frames/mmframe.htm	MS, HS
Post-American Revolution	Old Sturbridge Village	Online historical information, curriculum materials, lesson plans, and information regarding visits and educational programs	http://www.osv.org	ES, MS, HS
Revolutionary War Era	Newport Colony House & Wanton-Lyman-Hazard House	Online information regarding standards-based field trips to historic buildings	http://www.newporthistorical.org/junior.htm	ES, MS, HS