

Online Professional Development in Social Studies

Are you looking for new ideas to engage your students? Are you struggling meeting the needs of your special populations? These series of **online workshops** will provide you with tools to differentiate Social Studies in your classroom. Teachers will experience different instructional strategies and learn tips to engage all students in their classroom. Each course provides 2 hours of professional development in Social Studies.

Teachers will:

1. Discussion is vital in the Social Studies classroom – learn different strategies to involve all learners in **class discussions**.
2. Academic vocabulary challenges many students. Do you have the latest research and activities to **support vocabulary** in your classroom?
3. Many of our students struggle with reading content. Learn a variety of strategies to **support all your readers in class**.
4. Writing is more for than just language arts. With solid strategies, you can **improve writing skills** in Social Studies.
5. Learn how to use **anchor charts** in secondary Social Studies to support student learning.



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Dawn earned her Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Texas A&M University. In her education journey, she was shaped by her various roles as a classroom teacher, instructional coach, curriculum coordinator, professional development trainer, university professor, and teacher-author. Dawn has provided Social Studies professional development for over 20 years to more than 10,000 teachers from Alaska to Florida. In 2015, Dawn started Social Studies Success with the mission to revolutionize Social Studies instruction. With a goal of improving education, Dawn is currently providing classroom resources, and professional development services.



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Course Descriptions

Writing Strategies for Social Studies

Writing is more for than just Language Arts. But is writing instruction in your class more a miss than a hit? This course will explore both **learning to write** and **writing to learn** strategies and how they can benefit your students in social studies. We will examine:

- Why writing is essential in Social Studies.
- The learning to write process of prewriting, composing, and revision.
- Writing to learn strategies to incorporate writing throughout your lesson.

Reading Strategies in Social Studies

Do your students struggle with the complex text found in secondary Social Studies? Do you need solid instructional strategies to support your ELL/SPED? This course will explore the **Three Stages of Reading** and how they can benefit your students in secondary social studies. We will examine:

- A Model Lesson.
- Strategies for Before Reading to prepare your students for reading.
- Strategies for During Reading, including graphic organizers.
- Making reading stick with After Reading Activities.

Vocabulary Strategies in Social Studies

Are your students struggling with all of the vocabulary required for your Social Studies course? This course will explore the many different ways you can teach vocabulary in social studies. We will examine:

- Dawn's **6 Steps for vocabulary instruction**
- How to choose vocabulary terms
- Strategies for teaching vocabulary with visuals
- Strategies for getting students to talk about vocabulary terms
- Strategies for writing with vocabulary
- Games to play with vocabulary

Discussion Strategies in Social Studies

Do you need new ways to engage students in discussion in your classroom? Does cold calling really work? This workshop will teach you different ways you can engage students through discussion in social studies. We will examine:

- the **four steps for creating an effective discussion**,
- strategies for whole class discussion,
- strategies for small group discussion, and
- silent discussion strategies.

Anchor Charts in Secondary Social Studies

This course will explore the many different ways anchor charts can benefit you in secondary social studies. We will examine:

- The purpose of anchor charts.
- How anchor charts benefit students.
- The many different ways you can use anchor charts in your classroom.
- Tips for how to plan and create your own anchor charts.

Directions

Click on the link below for your online session. The password is:

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