

## Chicago Archdiocese Web Resources

**EE= Early Elementary**

**LE= Late Elementary**

**MJH= Middle/ Junior High School**

**EHS= Early High School**

**LHS= Late High School**

### **Goal 14 Political Systems**

#### **Goal 14 Category 1: U.S. Political System (includes foreign policy)**

(All) Ben's Guide to U.S. Government for kids is a fun, interactive government site that includes resources indexed by grade level. (*student resource*)

<http://bensguide.gpo.gov/index.html>

(All) The Core Documents of Democracy site includes primary source links to cornerstone documents of the American political system. (*student resource*)

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/coredocs.html>

(All) The CIA Kids' Page includes games, primary sources, and interactives. It also discusses the role of the U.S. in world politics, indexed by grade from K-12. (*student resource*)

<https://www.cia.gov/kids-page/index.html>

(LE, MJH) The White House kids page contains games, videos, primary sources, and new features designed to get students interested in American government. (*student resource*)

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/kids/>

(LHS) This PBS site includes lesson plans on U.S. history and government for high school teachers. It includes handouts and worksheets, as well as providing teachers with a list of correlated national standards. (*teacher resource*)

<http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/teachers/history/>

(NJH, EHS, LHS) The Digital History site's Famous Court Cases page includes dozens of trial transcripts and primary source for cases ranging from the Salem Witchcraft Trials to the O.J. Simpson Trial. (*teacher resource*)

[http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/supreme\\_court/legal\\_history.cfm](http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/supreme_court/legal_history.cfm)

### **Goal 14 Category 2: State/ Local Illinois Political Systems**

(All) The Courts in the Classroom page from the Indiana Supreme Court includes lesson plans for teachers of grades K-12. Materials include webcasts, lessons, and additional resources. (*teacher resource*)

<http://www.in.gov/judiciary/citc/>

(LE, MJH) The Indiana Historical Bureau provides an indexed list of Indiana state symbols, along with historical information and primary sources. (*student resource*)

<http://www.statelib.lib.in.us/www/ihb/emblems/index.html>

(EHS, LHS) The City of Chicago provides a Your Government page with more information about how the local government functions. (*student resource*)

[http://egov.cityofchicago.org/city/webportal/portalChannelAction.do?BV\\_SessionID=@@@1403225377.1183144597@@@&BV\\_EngineID=cccdaddlfdmddmgcefecellldffhdfgm.0&toChannelName=Government](http://egov.cityofchicago.org/city/webportal/portalChannelAction.do?BV_SessionID=@@@1403225377.1183144597@@@&BV_EngineID=cccdaddlfdmddmgcefecellldffhdfgm.0&toChannelName=Government)

### **Goal 15 Economics**

#### **Goal 15 Category 1: General Economics**

(EE, LE) Moneyopolis uses an entertaining narrative cartoon to teach basic economic principles. Students play interactive

games within the narrative to reinforce their skills. (*student resource*)

<http://www.moneyopolis.org/new/home.asp>

(EE, LE) The U.S. Mint's Kids Page includes fun games and activities to reinforce students' understanding of basic economic concepts. (*student resource*)

<http://www.usmint.gov/kids/>

(LE, MJH, EHS, LHS) The Stock Market Game gives students the chance to invest and manage a hypothetical sum of money in stock portfolios. The site includes a teacher support center and a "New to SMG" introduction. (*student and teacher resource*)

<http://www.smg2000.org/>

## **Goal 15 Category 2: Government Policies**

(EE, LE) The Social Security Kids Page gives students a brief, easy-to-understand overview of how social security works. (*student resource*)

<http://www.ssa.gov/kids/kids.htm>

(EHS, LHS) The IRS Understanding Taxes page features 37 lessons, online activities, and tax tutorials designed to give high school students a better understanding about how the taxation system works. (*student resource*)

[http://www.irs.gov/app/understandingTaxes/jsp/s\\_student\\_home.jsp](http://www.irs.gov/app/understandingTaxes/jsp/s_student_home.jsp)

(MLS, EHS, LHS) The IRS Teacher Home includes a wealth of materials to support a curriculum for government services. The available resources include everything from online presentations to assessments. (*teacher resource*)

<http://www.irs.gov/app/understandingTaxes/jsp/whys/lp/IWT1L1lp.jsp>

## **Goal 16 History**

### **Goal 16 Category 1: State/ Local Illinois History**

(LE, MJH) The Kids Corner of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources site includes information about archaeology digs in the Indiana area. (*student resource*)

<http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/archeokids.html>

(All) The Indiana Historical Society's public programs division for teachers offers a list of professional development resources, student programs, exhibitions, and distance learning courses. (*teacher resource*)

[http://www.indianahistory.org/pub\\_prog/edu/teachers.html](http://www.indianahistory.org/pub_prog/edu/teachers.html)

(LE, MJH, EHS, LHS) The Indiana Historical Bureau's Teacher Resource site contains primary sources, timelines, maps, and research links for Indiana educators. (*teacher resource*)

<http://www.statelib.lib.in.us/www/ihb/resources/index.html>

### **Goal 16 Category 2: U.S. History**

(EE, LE) The 50 States page from Harcourt School Publishers includes historical and cultural information about all 50 states. (*student resource*)

<http://www.harcourtschool.com/ss1/states/index.html>

(EE, LE) The Amazing Americans site from America's Library contains a variety of resources about famous Americans throughout history. (*student resource*)

<http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/aa>

(EHS, LHS) The Digital History site, developed in part with the cooperation of the Chicago Historical Society, includes 24

teaching modules indexed to different time periods in American history. Each module includes background, documents, and multimedia resources. (*teacher resource*)

<http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/modules/index.cfm>

(MJH, EHS, LHS) The Learning Page of the American Memory site provides lesson plans indexed by subject and grade. Teachers can read guides such as "Using Primary Sources in the Classroom" to build their own lesson plans as well. (*teacher resource*)

<http://memory.loc.gov/learn/lessons/index.html>

(LE) The Digital History site's Time Machine offers a fun, interactive Flash-based exploration of American history. (*student resource*)

<http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/timemachine/beginX.html>

(All) The National Endowment for the Humanities provides American history lesson plans searchable by subject and grade range. Each plan includes sets of web links for students to use during research. (*teacher resource*)

[http://edsitement.neh.gov/tab\\_lesson.asp?subjectArea=3](http://edsitement.neh.gov/tab_lesson.asp?subjectArea=3)

(MJH, EHS, LHS) The Ohio State University eHistory site includes multimedia histories, online books, and a searchable primary sources database that contains historical documents, official records, oral histories, and maps. (*student resource*)

<http://ehistory.osu.edu/osu/>

### **Goal 16 Category 3: World History**

(MJH, EHS, LHS) HyperHistory Online provides timelines of events, people, and time periods through history. The site includes pre-history archaeological resources and time lines for major civilizations. (*student resource*)

[http://www.hyperhistory.com/online\\_n2/History\\_n2/a.html](http://www.hyperhistory.com/online_n2/History_n2/a.html)

(MJH, EHS, LHS) The British Museum's Mapping History site features rare and unusual illustrated maps from the museum's collection. From Ptolemy's World Map to the Christian Knight World Map, these maps provide intriguing information about historical viewpoints. (*teacher resource*)

<http://www.bl.uk/learning/artimages/maphist/mappinghistory.html>

(EHS, LHS) The World History: Finding History site is a database of primary sources, archives, and document analysis guidelines for world history. The site is divided into major world regions. (*student resource*)

<http://chnm.gmu.edu/worldhistorysources/whmfinding.php>

(EHS, LHS) The Historic Cities index contains interactive maps, literature, and documents about major cities from 1486-1800 A.D. (*student resource*)

[http://historic-cities.huji.ac.il/historic\\_cities.html](http://historic-cities.huji.ac.il/historic_cities.html)

#### **Goal 16 Category 4: Environmental History**

(LE) The EPA Kids site provides a fun, interactive overview of ways in which people interact with the natural environment. (*student resource*)

<http://www.epa.gov/kids/>

(MJH) Purdue University's History of Horticulture includes readings and lectures on the early development of agriculture. It includes a specific focus on the people of early river valley civilizations. (*teacher resource*)

<http://www.hort.purdue.edu/newcrop/history/default.html>

(All) Dr. Reese Eikle's Laboratory offers a fun, interactive overview of environmental issues in Indiana. The site included lower-level resources, such as the "Use Your Brain Game" and higher-level resources, such as information on environmental hazards. (*student resource*)

<http://www.in.gov/idem/who/kids/lab.html>

(LE, MJH, EHS, LHS) The Natural Resources Education Center houses education programs on forestry, water education, and wildlife education. Resources include an indexed list of correlations to the Indiana state standards. (*teacher resource*)

<http://www.in.gov/dnr/nrec/>

## **Goal 17 Geography**

### **Goal 17 Category 1: Physical**

(EE, LE) The Harcourt School Publishers Geography Glossary contains a complete glossary of geographical terms for students. Definitions include audio, text, and images. (*student resource*)

[http://www.harcourtschool.com/ss1/HSP\\_GeoGlossary/index.html](http://www.harcourtschool.com/ss1/HSP_GeoGlossary/index.html)

(EE, LE) The National Geographic Kids Page contains games and activities such as GeoSpy, which lets students review their knowledge of geography through an interactive game. (*student resource*)

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

(MJH, EHS, LHS) The CIA World Factbook's Reference Maps section includes maps of the world broken down into countries and regions. It also contains political, physical, and time zone maps. (*student resource*)

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/docs/refmaps.html>

(EHS, LHS) The National Map is an online, interactive map including topographical information and visual overviews of United States Geography. It uses high-tech geospatial data to allow a "zoom" function down to the level of individual landforms. *(student resource)*

<http://nationalmap.gov/>

### **Goal 17 Category 2: Historical/ Human**

(All) The Discovery School Lesson Plans Library contains geography lesson plans indexed by grade level from K-12. Lesson plans include objectives, materials, and procedures. *(teacher resource)*

<http://school.discovery.com/lessonplans/geog.html>

(EE, LE) The Learn Illinois site includes kid-friendly information on state capitols, including a simple map. *(student resource)*

<http://www.state.il.us/kids/learn/capitols/>

(EHS, LHS) The National Atlas provides an overview of the cultural geography of the United States from 1790-1920. Resources on the site include page-by-page images of historical atlases across the past 200 years. *(student resource)*

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/census2.html>

## **Goal 18 Social Systems**

### **Goal 18 Category 1: Culture (art/ language)**

(All) The National Clearinghouse for English Language Acquisition includes a database of resources about language and culture. These educator materials are designed to help teachers gain background knowledge about culture, customs, and languages. *(teacher resource)*



<http://www.ncela.gwu.edu/resabout/culture/>

(EE) The Peace Corps kids site includes a short, entertaining overview of the role of folktales in culture. (*student resource*)

<http://www.peacecorps.gov/kids/folktales/>

(EE) The National Endowment for the Humanities features a curriculum titled "The Alphabet is Historic." This unit introduces very young students to the history of the alphabet and its role in language over time. (*teacher resource*)

[http://edsitement.neh.gov/view\\_lesson\\_plan.asp?id=517](http://edsitement.neh.gov/view_lesson_plan.asp?id=517)

(LE) The National Endowment for the Humanities features a lesson plan titled "Cinderella Folk Tales: Variations in Character." The lesson is designed to help elementary students understand how folk tales express culture. (*teacher resource*)

[http://edsitement.neh.gov/view\\_lesson\\_plan.asp?id=420](http://edsitement.neh.gov/view_lesson_plan.asp?id=420)

(LE, MJH) The British Museum's cultural tours for families and children provide an online overview of art and culture through time. Some of the tours include teaching resources as well. (*student resource*)

[http://www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk/explore/families\\_and\\_children/online\\_tours.aspx](http://www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk/explore/families_and_children/online_tours.aspx)

(LE, MJH, EHS) The Smithsonian Education site's Everything Art page provides tours of art exhibits, create-your-own activities, and an ask-the-expert page. (*student resource*)

[http://www.smithsonianeducation.org/students/explore\\_by\\_topic/everything\\_art.html](http://www.smithsonianeducation.org/students/explore_by_topic/everything_art.html)

**Goal 18 Category 2:** Social Systems (includes roles/interactions)

(EE, LE) The Harcourt School Publishers Multimedia Biography Database is an index of hundreds of interactive biographies, searchable by last name or by category. (*student resource*)

<http://www.harcourtschool.com/ss1/biographies/index.html>

(EE, LE) The Kids Next Door page from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development gives young students an overview of what good citizenship means in the context of communities. (*student resource*)

<http://www.hud.gov/kids/index.html>

(MJH, EHS, LHS) The NCES Kids Zone provides a wealth of information about public schools, libraries, and colleges. Students can also use the free "Create a Graph" function to make charts and graphs for classroom presentations. (*student resource*)

<http://nces.ed.gov/nceskids/>

(EHS) The Medieval Sources Online page includes original documents, maps, and artwork from the time of the Crusades. (*student resource*)

[http://www.medievalsources.co.uk/portal\\_crusades.htm](http://www.medievalsources.co.uk/portal_crusades.htm)

(EHS, LHS) The Silk Road Project's educator's page includes teaching plans with kits and multidisciplinary connections. (*teacher resource*)

<http://www.silkroadproject.org/teachers/index.html>