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## **1. Gilder-Lehrman**

A new continuing education opportunity from Gilder-Lehrman covers the causes and consequences of the Great Depression and the New Deal. This self-paced course includes lecture from professor of US History, Eric Rauchway as well as Primary Source materials you can bring to the classroom. Learn how the Great Depression led to the Fascist movement and how the New Deal helped the United States mobilize for World War II. Learn more in the link below.

<https://www.gilderlehrman.org/news/new-self-paced-course-great-depression-and-new-deal>

(from Kailie Burk , Rockford Schools)

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## 2. Henry Ford Museum

Follow the Henry Ford Museum on Instagram @TheHenryFord and every month discover rarely-seen, behind-the scenes artifacts. Watch live as museum staff members unveil the artifacts and discuss their historical significance. Assign your students to join the Instagram Live event, or enjoy it for yourself to discover what The Henry Ford has to offer. See the link below for each month's theme.

<https://www.thehenryford.org/current-events/calendar/history-outside-the-box/>

(from Kailie Burk , Rockford Schools)

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## 3. Michigan History Center

Available now through March of 2022, is the "I Voted" exhibit at the Michigan History Center. This unique exhibit focuses on the right to vote in the State of Michigan and how voting has evolved since statehood in 1837. Artifacts include historic voting machines, the belongings of suffragettes, ballots, and more. Purchase museum admission or learn more, using the link below.

<https://www.michigan.gov/mhc/0,9075,7-361-61086-566157--,00.html>

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## 4. Grand Rapids Public Museum

Get a taste of the Roaring 20s from the Grand Rapids Public Museum's "Mighty Wurlitzer" Organ. This organ was originally used at the Stanley Theater in Jersey City, where it provided music for silent movies, before making its way to the Grand Rapids Public Museum. Listen live at one of many concert dates throughout November and December or watch a sample of the Organ at work, using the Youtube link below.

<https://www.grpm.org/organ/>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jPhN521qc90&ab\\_channel=LanceLuce](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jPhN521qc90&ab_channel=LanceLuce)

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### **5. MotorCities National Heritage Area**

December 5, 2021. Join Robert Kreipke, Historian Emeritus, as he discusses how General Motors and the Ford Motor Company contributed to the United States' mobilization effort in both World Wars. Use the link below to learn how to attend this unique event at Michigan Military Technical & Historical Society, 16600 Stephens Rd., Eastpointe.

<https://www.motorcities.org/events/ford-the-arsenal-of-democracy-lecture>

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### **6. Library of Congress**

<https://www.loc.gov/classroom-materials/exploring-the-stories-behind-native-american-boarding-schools/>

Lesson Plan: “Exploring the Stories Behind Native American Boarding Schools”  
Students analyze the issues relating to the forced acculturation of Native Americans through government-run boarding schools through the use of primary sources.

(from Dick Cooley, GVSU)

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### **7. River Raisin National Battlefield Park**

<https://www.warmuseum.ca/war-of-1812/explore-history/the-native-american-war/key-native-american-personalities/>

Examination of Key Native American Personalities involved in the War of 1812 from a Canadian museum.

(from Dick Cooley, GVSU)

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### **8. Colonial Williamsburg: YouTube video on Native American Systems of Government.**

<https://youtu.be/BDnPHslza94>

(from Dick Cooley, GVSU)

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**9. PBS:**

<https://wgvu.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/native-americans-thanksgiving-lesson-plan/native-americans-thanksgiving-lesson-plan/> Lesson plan for Middle and High School: Thanksgiving Through the Lens of Native Americans Today.  
(from Dick Cooley, GVSU)

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**10. National Women’s Hall of Fame:**

<https://www.womenofthehall.org/inductee/winona-laduke/>

Biography of Winona LaDuke, Native American land rights activist.

(from Dick Cooley, GVSU)

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**11. Clements Library/U of M** <https://clements.umich.edu/>

Dec. 17, 2021 @ 10:00am. The Clements Bookworm: Online Event for History Lovers. Panelists and featured guests discuss history topics in this webinar series. The focus of this webinar will be readings that have influenced the staff.

(From Nadine Hall, Greenhills School, Ann Arbor)

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**12. History News Network** <https://historynewsnetwork.org/>

Features articles for Historians: “Pre-Columbian City in Peru site of Mass Grave of Women, Children”, “Rethinking Afro-Indigenous History in the United States” and “The Horrifying American Roots of Nazi Eugenics”.

(From Nadine Hall, Greenhills School, Ann Arbor)

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**13. Michigan Council on Economic Education**

The Foundation for Economic Education may be of interest for history teachers with a program entitled, Pivotal Moments in Economic History. Topics include: American Revolution and the New Nation (1776-1800)The Early American Republic (1800-1850) and The Civil War Era (1850-1876) Information can be found at :  
<https://fee.org/classroom> Questions: Contact Derek D'Angelo derek@michiganecon.org

(David Hales, Wayne RESA)

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## 14. Michigan Geographic Alliance

MGA is once again co-sponsoring the ESRI Map Michigan contest. Open to students in grades 4-12, 5 high school and 5 middle school students will be awarded \$100 for analyzing, interpreting, and presenting data from Michigan via an ArcGIS Online StoryMap. ESRI ArcGIS Software is free for all K12 schools. For more information visit [the ESRI competition Website](#). Visit past Michigan [High School](#) and [Middle School Winners](#) here. Questions: Contact Gabrielle Likavec <[glikave@SVSU.edu](mailto:glikave@SVSU.edu)>

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## 15. Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies

In his newest book *Our First Civil War: Patriots and Loyalists in the American Revolution*, H.W. Brands cautions us to remember that before America could win the revolution, the rebels had to win a bitter war against friends and family. Join them for a fresh perspective on the American Revolution. When: December 9, 2021. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. This even is free. To Click Here: [RSVP for this event](#) Questions: Contact [hc@gvsu.edu](mailto:hc@gvsu.edu) (616) 331-2770

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## 16. MCSS

The call for proposals for the spring conference (to be held virtually) is now open! Visit the MCSS website at <https://www.mcssmi.org/Conference-2022/> to put in a proposal today!

(David Johnson, MCSS)

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## 17. Michigan Council for Civic Education

What is a Mock Trial and How Do I Get Started? Mock Trial transcends the courtroom to provide lifelong skills in speaking, listening, collaboration, argument, confidence, and civic self-efficacy. You only need 8-10 students to participate in this law simulation. Interested? Please start with this helpful [FAQ about getting started in Michigan](#). Registration began in November but it's not too late! MCCE and the State Bar of Michigan are here to provide support and guidance to help ensure successful participation. Questions: Contact Ellen Zwarenstejn <[ezwarenstejn@miciviced.org](mailto:ezwarenstejn@miciviced.org)>

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**18. Historical Society of Michigan <https://hsmichigan.org/>**

\*\*\*On Wednesday, December 8, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., the Historical Society of Michigan is presenting a virtual lecture by Catherine Cangany of the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan, titled “Reams of Hate: Henry Ford’s Antisemitic Newspaper.”

\*\*\*On Wednesday, December 22, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., a virtual lecture will be given by Sue Fedie of the Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum, “Little House in the Big Woods: The Life of Laura Ingalls Wilder.”

For more information about these and other “History Hounds” lectures, see <https://hsmichigan.org/programs/history-hounds-lecture-series/>

(Jana Pisani, Ferris State University)

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**19. “This Month in History,” from the History Place**

<https://www.historyplace.com/specials/calendar/index.html>

\*\*\*December 3, 1931--The British dominions of Australia, Canada, Ireland, Newfoundland, New Zealand, and South Africa gained total legislative independence with the Statute of Westminster.

\*\*\*December 6, 1865--The 13th Amendment to the Constitution was ratified, abolishing slavery in the United States.

\*\*\*December 18, 1956--Japan was admitted to the United Nations.

\*\*\*December 26, 1893, Chinese Communist leader Mao Tse-Tung was born in Hunan Province, China.

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**20. Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia**

<https://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/news/jimcrow/index.htm>

The website of the Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia at Ferris State University has a wealth of resources for educators, including a resource guide, a Social Studies curriculum guide for grades 9-12, a virtual tour along with a virtual tour unit plan, a media literacy unit plan, and a “COVID-19 and Racial Disparity” unit plan for grades 9-12.” For more information, see

<https://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/news/jimcrow/education/index.htm>

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**21. “Bridge” (Center for Michigan)** <https://www.bridgemi.com/center-michigan>

\*\*\* Tracie Mauriello, article titled “Michigan House Passes Bill Democrats Say Would Whitewash Black History,” November 3, 2021. See the article at <https://www.bridgemi.com/talent-education/michigan-house-passes-bill-democrats-say-would-whitewash-black-history>

\*\*\* Tracie Mauriello, “Michigan Education Chief Pushes Reforms to Get More Teachers in Classrooms,” November 9, 2021. See the article at <https://www.bridgemi.com/talent-education/michigan-education-chief-pushes-reforms-get-more-teachers-classrooms>

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**22. George Washington’s Mount Vernon** <https://www.mountvernon.org/>

George Washington’s Mount Vernon is offering Teacher Institute Residential Programs with various dates from June 14-August 6, 2022. Themes include “George Washington at War,” “First in Business,” “Slavery in George Washington’s World,” and “Martha Washington and the Women of the 18th Century.” For more information, see <https://www.mountvernon.org/education/for-teachers/teaching-institutes-professional-development/residential-programs/summer-residential-programs/>.

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**23. Other Michigan Museums**

**Arab American National Museums** <https://arabamericanmuseum.org/>

\*\*\*Four performances: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday Dec. 9-11, 2021 (In-person) and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, 2021 (In-person + livestream) *Kilo Batra: In Death More Radiant* is a theatrical reimagining of the death of Cleopatra. Join us in the present, Cairo in the 1920s, and ancient Egypt all at once for a poetic reckoning of the positionality of women and queer identities in Arab culture. The play will be performed in English and Arabic with supertitles provided in both languages.

\*\*\*7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, 2021 *EVE — A Poetry Performance Project by Fargo Tbakhi and George Abraham*. Join us for an evening of poetry and performance art with Fargo Tbakhi and George Abraham! This event will showcase work from the local community. *EVE — A Palestinian Necropastoral*, a re-imagining of Milton’s *Paradise Lost* through the lens of Palestinian liberation.

**Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History** <https://www.thewright.org/>

7:00pm-December 26, 2021 - January 1, 2022. *Welcome to our celebration of Kwanzaa!* Each night, the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History will present songs and dances, storytelling, poetry reading, and more to mark the occasion. Be



prepared to take in the festive sights and sounds of the holiday!

#### **24. Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus**

<https://www.holocaustcenter.org/>

7:00pm-Monday, December 13. *Learning from our parents past to make a better future*  
Rabbi Hanoch Teller, globetrotting storyteller extraordinaire and the son of a Holocaust survivor, has lectured before audiences on five continents, in 40 American states and 24 other countries. His presentations – imbued with joy and drama, laughter and pathos – provide a one-of-a-kind experience for listeners young and old.  
(from Nadine Hall, Greenhills School, Ann Arbor)

#### **25. Visit the Mann House in Concord for special December holiday hours**

For the first time in 25 years, the Mann House in Concord is decorated for the holiday season! You can visit the home's first floor during Concord's Home for the Holidays event, December 3 – 12, 2021. ! The Mann House opens for special hours during the week, in conjunction with events all over the village! For complete schedule, see the attached "flyer or visit

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MIDNR/bulletins/2fc0137>

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#### **26. "MCSS Toolbox" seeks articles and info for publication**

The former MCSS Journal is now a publication focused on the nuts and bolts of teaching social studies, K-16. Are there some things you have tried or would like to try? Any interesting experiences teaching during the pandemic? Have you gotten out of your classroom or building for learning? Any suggestions for staying sane during the election and the pandemic? If so, please consider sharing your ideas with the Michigan social studies community. Deadline for the MLK issue is December 31, 2021. Please send all items [pettapiece@wayne.edu](mailto:pettapiece@wayne.edu) in a .DOC file to Bob pettapiece, Editor,

[atpettapiece@wayne.edu](mailto:atpettapiece@wayne.edu)

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#### **27. Bill of Rights for you on Wed., Dec. 15th**

Check out your knowledge of the Bill of Rights (adopted in 1791) with this quiz posted by MCHE webmaster Scott Durham at

[https://b7d469cf-2863-4c6b-84b6-8dec3345290c.filesusr.com/ugd/0e2d8e\\_9434b7a45a354b73bf5d4b840ab4b4c7.pdf](https://b7d469cf-2863-4c6b-84b6-8dec3345290c.filesusr.com/ugd/0e2d8e_9434b7a45a354b73bf5d4b840ab4b4c7.pdf). Your students, colleagues and friends might also enjoy

showing how much (or how little) they know about this key document of American democracy.

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## **28. Michigan Redistricting Update**

As some of you know, I have been ‘actively’ following the efforts of the Michigan Redistricting Commission to create maps for Michigan’s 13 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, 38 in the State senate, and 110 in the State House. The attached “Redistricting in Michigan, Nov. 17,” document is some of the details I compiled to share with friends. Hopefully, The report provides information in a factual, not partisan, basis. In contrast with many media reports, I do believe the 13 M.I.C.R.C. members have conscientiously strived to fulfill their complex task in conformity with the goals of the voters who approved Proposal two in November 2018. Anyone who has watched the MICRC during its televised public meetings has to be impressed by their efforts. However, the final results will be subject to extensive scrutiny and criticism from all sides. Balancing the seven criteria written into the Michigan Constitution of 1963, as amended, has proven virtually impossible. The efforts of the MICRC are worthy of extensive classroom discussion as we attempt to fulfill our role in the process of civic education. I encourage you to take the time to observe the work of the Commission on Thursday, Dec. 2 10 a.m.-2 p.m in Lansing at <https://www.michigan.gov/micrc/> Encouraging your students to also watch is a meaningful strategy to promote civic efficacy. Will the MICrC complete its work by the end of 2021 or will they decide to continue working to improve the proposed maps, thereby extending the process into 2022? This topic as well as the voting procedure to adopt the official maps is on the agenda for the Dec. 2nd meeting.

Anyone can email the Commission and/or speak either virtually or in-person at the upcoming public meetings they have next week. The final decision-making process might seem complicated but actually is fairly straightforward, if it becomes necessary. Please email me if you have any questions. Jim McConnell [jam1776@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jam1776@sbcglobal.net)  
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## **29. Shop with us this holiday season for unique Michigan-themed gifts! From the Michigan History Museum Gift Shop**

The Museum Stores at the Michigan History Center in Lansing and the Michigan Iron Industry Museum in Negaunee specialize in unique items made by Michigan artists, including jewelry, candles, lotions and soaps, coffee and tea, chocolates and candy, drinkware and apparel.

The Michigan History Center store, located at 702 W. Kalamazoo St, is open Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The store is also open by appointment Monday - Thursday. Call 517-335-2582 to make an appointment.

The Michigan Iron Industry Museum store, located at 73 Forge Road, is open Wednesdays through Sundays, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Can't get to one of our stores? The shop at Michiganology.org is always open! Purchase hand-made puzzles and prints, mugs, t-shirts and socks that feature images from the collection of the Archives of Michigan. All proceeds benefit education and programs at the Michigan History Center.

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### **30. HSM offers A sneak peek at their next conference in March 2022...**

Held annually in the spring in the metro Detroit area, the 64th Annual Michigan in Perspective: Local History Conference will take place March 25-26, 2022, at a new location—the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. Details available in late December at [www.hsmichigan.org](http://www.hsmichigan.org)

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### **31. Arts and Humanities Touring Grants available from Michigan Humanities Council**

Application window opens November 15, for performances between December 1 and February 28. Did you miss the MHCwebinar explaining the big changes coming to the Touring program? Watch a recording at

[https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/play/i7BozMsXWOr4qM1rEaE3Zm4Vp1yrgmKyEXPKMBoLT-mf2WAEqoUn0FiUf\\_zwml5FlvvvmUKSkkz71FWC.jIFYX1M3N47I2u4g](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/play/i7BozMsXWOr4qM1rEaE3Zm4Vp1yrgmKyEXPKMBoLT-mf2WAEqoUn0FiUf_zwml5FlvvvmUKSkkz71FWC.jIFYX1M3N47I2u4g)

To learn more about the Michigan Humanities Council, visit

<https://www.michiganhumanities.org>

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