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MCHE Professional Learning: Teach with Primary Sources Using the Slow Reveal Process *RESCHEDULED*

Data visualizations such as maps, graphs, and timelines are among the many primary sources that can and should be used to study the past. However, data visualizations can be challenging for students to read. This workshop introduces teachers to a process called "slow reveal," a highly engaging instructional method to aid students in making sense of data.

Participants will learn about the slow reveal process, gain access to a wealth of primary source resources, and create their own slow reveal presentation.

Dates: January 21 and 28th, 2023: 9 a.m.-noon EST

For more info and to register:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1p6CwTLqTTxAiA8nBspyhGc663SD-Lh5/view?usp=share_link

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

Online Exhibits: *Framing Identity: Representations of Empowerment and Resilience in the Black Experience* - The concept of identity is not a single reality that defines us, but a series of personal experiences, traditions, and innovations which contribute to cultural advancements. The lectures of Frederick Douglass embody this concept. This exhibition aims to explore the ways creative intellectuals express their identity and community through portraits, photography and literature.

American Encounters - Native American History at the Clements Library highlights the great range and depth of the Clements Library's collections related to Native American history. The exhibit features items drawn from many areas of the collection, including books, maps, manuscripts, prints, and photographs, which document over four centuries of history.

(From Nadine Hall, Greenhills School, Ann Arbor)

2. The Other Michigan Museums

Arab American National Museum <https://arabamericanmuseum.org/>

Dec. 7 @6:00pm - *Telling Your Story*: Family History Preservation Workshop. Have you ever wanted to make family tree? Join the Museum community history and archive staff along with event partner, Family Search, for a free family history workshop. Learn to preserve basic photo's and documents, receive free archival supplies, and learn how archives work.

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

Dec. 15@ 5:00pmn - 9:00pm. Curator chat on the recent exhibition, *To Whom Much is Given*. The conversation will be moderated by Nate Wallace. The evening will also feature a jazz performance by the Marion Hayden Trio.

The Zekelman Holocaust Center <https://www.holocaustcenter.org/>

Survivor Talk Sundays - Every survivor's story is unique and provides a special, first-hand account of life before, during, and after the Holocaust. Meeting survivors lets us see all the victims of the Holocaust as real people who had – and lost – family, friends, and communities. Come meet our survivors and hear their personal stories of suffering and resilience. It is an experience you do not want to miss. Please join us Sundays at noon to hear from our survivor speakers, followed by a public tour at 1:00 PM.

(From Nadine Hall, Greenhills School, Ann Arbor)

3. History News Network <https://historynewsnetwork.org/>

Features articles and podcasts for Historians; “*What Links Covid and Curriculum Conflicts in Schools*”, “*Decades in Making, San Diego Museum will Honor Chicano Community and Movement*”, and Kimberly Crenshaw on CRT and Acknowledging American History (podcast).

(From Nadine Hall, Greenhills School, Ann Arbor)

4. Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia , Ferris State University

The Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia's website provides resources for teachers, including a media literacy unit plan, a virtual tour unit plan, and, most recently, a COVID-19 and racial disparity unit plan. All of these plans contain a wealth of information and links to further resources. For more information about educational programming at the Jim Crow Museum, see

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

(Jana Pisani, Ferris State University)

5. “Bridge”

***”Democrats Sweep Michigan Board of Education and MSU, UM, Wayne State Races,” by Isabel Lohman, November 9, 2022.

***”Analysis: Parents Rights School Board Campaigns Lost Most Michigan Races,” by Koby Levin and Isabel Lohman, November 10, 2022.

<https://www.bridgemi.com/topics/talent-education>

(Jana Pisani, Ferris State University)

6. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum

The website of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum contains a section of teaching guides, which provide information and links to primary source documents for lessons such as “Teaching the Gettysburg Address,” “Examining Lincoln’s Views on African Americans and Slavery,” and “To Kill and to Heal: Weapons and Medicine of the Civil War.” For more information, see

<https://presidentlincoln.illinois.gov/learn/educators/educator-resources/teaching-guides/>.

(Jana Pisani, Ferris State University)

7. The Historical Society of Michigan

The Historical Society of Michigan publishes a *Michigan History for Kids* curriculum set which integrates Michigan’s GLCEs for third and fourth grade, using both digital and print platforms. To view the topics and subjects that are covered in the set, access the teacher’s section of the website, and order copies of the set for classroom use, see <https://michigankids.org/home/>.

(Jana Pisani, Ferris State University)

8. This Month in History

*** December 1, 1918–Iceland was granted independence by the Danish Parliament.

***December 7, 1787–Delaware became the first state to adopt the Constitution.

***December 10, 1948–The United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

***December 27, 1996–A genocide trial began for the killing of an estimated 800,000 Tutsis in Rwanda as a result of a civil war.

(Jana Pisani, Ferris State University)

9. Michigan Council for the Social Studies

Proposal window for the spring conference is closing on December 9th, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. Don't miss your opportunity to share some of your knowledge and attend the MCSS conference at a discounted rate! [Submit a proposal here](#)

The latest issue of the Great Lakes Social Studies Journal is now published and [live on our website!](#) This issue centered around rethinking professional learning contains articles about empowering social studies curriculum, summer professional learning adventures, and more!

(Dave Johnson, Wexford-Missaukee ISD)

10. Library of Congress

<https://www.loc.gov/classroom-materials/natural-disasters/>

Primary Source Sets on Natural Disasters: Tornadoes, Hurricanes, Droughts, Floods, Earthquakes, Fires. Analyzing primary sources, along with using graphic organizers and guides.

(Richard Cooley, GVSU, retired)

11. River Raisin National Battlefield Park: A Nation Repays Its Debt: Soldiers' Homes and Cemeteries. (Teaching with Historic Places) To see the full lesson plan, visit:

<https://www.nps.gov/articles/a-nation-repays-its-debt-the-national-soldiers-home-and-cemetery-in-dayton-ohio-teaching-with-historic-places.htm>

This lesson plan could be applied to any Veterans' Home or Cemetery that has veterans in it (most cemeteries have veterans' graves). Local application: have students go to a local cemetery and find a veteran's grave and then write a biography of that person. Soldiers and Sailors website from National Park Service and the National Archives website, plus local resources may help with student research.

(Richard Cooley, GVSU, retired)

12. Colonial Williamsburg: Want a Democracy? Participate! Under Level One, Elementary Lesson plans, scroll down to the appropriate lesson. " While voting is

not the only way for citizens to participate in a democracy, it is by far the most visible. Responsible citizens in a democracy make informed and knowledgeable decisions when they vote. Individuals' decisions in voting booths affect all Americans, and can have consequences far beyond the terms of the people elected. Citizens who exercise their right to vote must be informed, and prepared for the consequences of the majority's decisions."

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13. PBS:

<https://dsl.richmond.edu/panorama/congress/#view=cartogram&year=2018&xyz=0.5/0.5/1>

"Electing the House of Representatives: This site map displays the changing patterns across regions and between urban and rural areas in how the nation is represented".

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14. National Women's Hall of Fame:

<https://www.womenofthehall.org/inductee/jeannette-rankin/> Jeanette Rankin: First woman elected to the U.S. Congress.

(Richard Cooley, GVSU, retired)

15. Check out "Frontline" on Trump

You might "enjoy" watching: "Frontline: Lies, Politics and Democracy" It is a 20 plus years of Trump, using quotes to show he has always been a bully. His time with "The Apprentice", run for GOP nomination, campaign, and, in second hour, the aftermath the of the 2020 election. Visit

<https://www.pbs.org/video/lies-politics-and-democracy-nz4szh/>

(From Jim McConnell, Dearborn schools (ret.))

16. Take the Bill of Rights Quiz in December

With the Semiquincentennial of the American revolution only a few years away, here is an opportunity to demonstrate your knowledge of a key event culminating the nation-building years from 1775 to 1791. Many historians view the ratification of their Bill of Rights as the final act in this historic drama. You might learn some interesting trivia by taking the attached Bill of Rights Quiz. Answers are posted on the MCHC website <https://www.teachinghistoryinmi.org/> Under "Contests & Awards." A quiz on an historical topic is posted for EVERY month of the year.

(From Jim McConnell, Dearborn schools (ret.))

17. David Hales, Wayne RESA Social studies Consultant, to retire in June

Without any bias, I believe David Hales has been one of the most outstanding social studies leaders in Michigan history. I have known him and worked with him since his days as an elementary teacher in the Farmington Schools, as MCSS Board member and President, as board member/key leader in the Michigan Council for History Education, the Michigan Council for Economic Education, and the Michigan Center for Civic Education Through Law. He served on the Michigan Commission on the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 and the Michigan Commission on the first World War Centennial. In addition, he helped the Historical Society of Michigan offer Michigan History Day to students across the state. He also helped offer a variety of student essay contests and the U.S. Presidential Electoral College Prediction Contest. All this he did while providing leadership for Wayne County social studies teachers. To help in the transition to a new person, Wayne RESA has posted this unique opportunity now, with a plan to have the new person work with David during a six month transition. For more info on this position, see the attachment.

(From Jim McConnell, Dearborn schools (ret.))

18. Michigan Civil War Association commemorates and perpetuates the memory of Michigander's participation in the Civil War.

Check out their Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/michigancivilwarassociation/>] For more info, email MichCWAssn@gmail.com. Jack Dempsey, a MCWA leader, recently published a new book. “Heart in Tatters: Eunice Hunt Tripler and the Civil War”, published by Mission Point Press (2022). Attached is a flyer on describing the book, which is available on Amazon at

https://www.amazon.com/Heart-Tatters-Eunice-Tripler-Civil/dp/1958363413/ref=sr_1_1?crid=ZSJFCFFDVMT2&keywords=heart+in+tatters&qid=1666375569&qu=eYJxc2MiOiIwLjk1IiwicXNhIjoiMC4wMCIsInFzcCI6IjAuMDAifQ%3D%3D&s=b00ks&sprefix=heart+i%2Cstripbooks%2C162&sr=1-1

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19. Celebrate Unique Holidays each Month of the Year

A recent article in the Lansing State Journal featured information on unique holidays celebrated in diverse cultures and faiths. You can see the full article at <https://www.lansingstatejournal.com/story/life/2022/01/01/advance-diversity-add-15-inclusive-holidays-your-2022-calendar/8922570002/>

Here is a December holiday to note: INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES DEC. 3 This holiday was established in 1992 by the United Nations General Assembly, to promote understanding and awareness of the issues faced by

people with disabilities worldwide - a population that includes nearly 50% of the population that is 60 and older, one in ten children and around a billion people. It's because of this the World Health Organization recognizes disability as a global public health issue, a human rights issue and a development priority. Observe this day by volunteering at a local senior citizens organization or assisted living facility; offer assistance to friends and neighbors who may need help with simple tasks such as picking up mail or going to the grocery store; and be more aware of the need to show compassion - if a person in front of you is slowing you down in your rush to get from one place to another, realize it could be a person with a disability - take the time to understand and support all of the people around you. Learn more at idpwd.org.

What's your favorite holiday?

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