



HISTORY-SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

“... and the best is History.”

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This Month in History

Brazil gained independence (1822)
John Brown raided Harpers Ferry (1859)
The Model T went on sale (1908)
The Nuremberg War Crimes Trial began (1945)
The Peoples Republic of China was founded (1949)
The Soviets launched Sputnik I (1957)
The Cuban Missile Crisis began (1962)
Thurgood Marshall was sworn into the Supreme Court (1967)
Anwar Sadat was assassinated (1981)
East and West Germany were reunited (1990)

Karla Shiminski, Program Manager



Greetings to everyone from Old Town. I am Karla Shiminski, the program manager servicing (with an incredible staff) our 4th grade students, teachers, elementary schools and community by bringing local San Diego history alive at the Old Town Program. I have spent the last 20 years in the education field as a teacher, consultant, staff developer and administrator. Curriculum development is one of my passions. The Old Town Program provides me the opportunity to lead staff in developing unique multi-media lessons tailored specifically to the California History/Social Science Standards. Throughout the year, our mission is to inspire students to not only discover our history's rich content about the people who made San Diego, but to learn from these people's choices and think about how our actions make a difference today and tomorrow. I look forward to sharing with you the work that we are doing at the Old Town Program and to offer our services to anyone who would benefit.

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History-Social Science in Elementary Schools

By Lucy Laudate

Social studies instruction is thriving in many of our elementary classes. I have been fortunate to visit several schools to observe students interacting with our new adopted textbook. One 4th grade teacher felt the literacy prompts in the book helped her tackle literacy, as well as social studies standards. Another 4th grade teacher is creating graphic organizers to help her students with the material. I am working with a 4/5 combination, where the teacher is writing a short course guide to help teachers in combination classes address the History-Social Science Standards for both grade levels. If you need help in scheduling, planning social studies instruction, or would like to share your lessons with other teachers, please call me at 619-725-7222 or e-mail me at llaudate@sandi.net.

Upcoming Events

- **Grades K-5 and Grades 6-8 New Textbook Training:** The textbook training has been rescheduled to November 7 & 8 from 12:00-5:00 for Elementary teachers and November 8 from 3:45-5:15 for Middle school teachers. For information contact Lucy Laudate at llaudate@sandi.net or Matt Hayes at mhayes@sandi.net
- **National Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference:** November 30- December 2. www.socialstudies.org/conference/
- **CSPAN Classroom Workshop:** November 27 from 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM at the Mission Bay Training Center. For more information, contact Matt Hayes at mhayes@sandi.net
- **Distinguished Lecture:** Presidential Historian Robert Dallek, December 5 from 3:30-5:00 at Marston Middle School. Contact Kirk Ankeney at kankeney@sandi.net

NCSS Annual Conference

The National Council for the Social Studies will hold its annual conference in San Diego this year. NCSS offers a special rate for San Diego area teachers. Schools that send four teachers pay \$165 for three teachers and the fourth teacher gets free admission. The registration deadline for this special price is October 29.

Please email Kirk Ankeney, Lucy Laudate, or Matt Hayes if you plan to attend. We will organize a lunch for attendees from San Diego Unified School District on Friday, November 30.

Textbook Adoptions- World & US History

Look for information about joining the grade 10 or 11 textbook adoption committee. Letters have been sent by the IMC to principals. (Due Date: Nov. 2).

Mission Statement

To provide the curriculum, tools, resources, and professional development for history-social science teachers and students to succeed in the classroom.