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The Wisconsin Historical Society Educator Update contains the most current education-related news from the Wisconsin Historical Society. With information on classroom resources, National History Day, the Wisconsin Historical Museum, the Library-Archives Division, historical sites all around Wisconsin, and more, our monthly roundup is packed with ideas for Wisconsin educators.

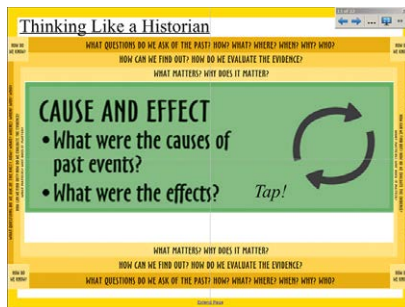
Director's Cuts

[Kurt Griesemer](#), School Services Director

NEW Interactive Whiteboard Resources Now Available

Have you downloaded your interactive whiteboard resources yet? New chapters are once again online.

Developed for use with "Wisconsin: Our State, Our Story," these new interactive components are designed to reinforce importance teaching concepts embedded in each chapter.

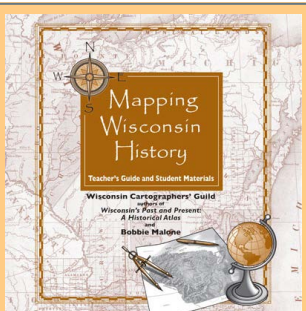


With direct ties to Thinking Like A Historian, vocabulary activities, end-of-chapter assessments, video, and more, each interactive provides you, the teacher, with new ways to engage your students in the study of Wisconsin history.

Contact [Maris Education](#) for your login and password and [download chapters 1-10 today](#).

Preview Website Now Online

Have you visited the new Preview of the [Society's website](#) yet? We'd love to have your feedback.



**AVAILABLE
NOW!**

The joy of maps abounds in this exciting CD of classroom materials from the Wisconsin Historical Society's Office of School Services and the Wisconsin Cartographers' Guild, creators of the best-selling book, "Wisconsin's Past and Present: A Historical

Atlas."

For use either independently or as a companion to the Atlas, this publication includes color and black and white maps depicting landscape and glaciation; American Indians; migration and ethnic settlement; cities and counties; mining; timber; agriculture; and industry and transportation.

Background information, classroom activities, and worksheets give educators the opportunity to explore and integrate Wisconsin history and geography with students from grades four and up.

Available now from the [Wisconsin Historical Society Press](#).

Please email questions, comments, and your suggestions for improvements to [Kurt Griesemer](#) or at 608.264.6547.

Digital Citizens

Students in Mrs. Price's 4th grade classroom at [Marshall Elementary](#) are well on their way to becoming responsible digital citizens. Using freely available online tools, they recently created blog posts to share about their historical fiction reading unit.

These student-created blog posts contain media (photos, links to video, mapping sites), creative written summaries, reactions to their reading, and more, and are then posted to the classroom intranet.

Said Mrs. Price: "Students are incredibly engaged with both the activity and each other. They love looking at each others' work online and commenting on it."

Feel free to contact [Mrs. Price](#) for more information on the tools she is using in her 21st century classroom.



Crazy Hair Day!

April Highlights from the Wisconsin Historical Museum

[Beth Lemke](#), Museum Educator, Wisconsin Historical Museum

We all use maps to find our way. Yet maps can show much more than destinations. They help define who we are and where we belong, and can help us understand our world in new ways.

Beginning April 2, 2013 at the [Wisconsin Historical Museum](#) visitors can view the newest temporary exhibit [You Are Here: Maps & Meanings](#). Come see a variety of striking, intriguing and revealing maps from the rich collection of the Wisconsin Historical Society and explore the place we call "Wisconsin."

The Wisconsin Historical Museum is pleased to share its exhibits, collections and stories with school groups. You can review your visit options by checking out the Wisconsin Historical



TAPS (Testimony and Primary Resources) Workshop

The TAPS conference has been rescheduled for May 7th. It will be held at the [Wintergreen Resort and Conference Center](#) in the Wisconsin Dells.

Please contact [Kris McDaniel](#) at the Wisconsin

Department of Public Instruction for more information.



Museum's [Printable Field Trip Catalog](#). Museum Education staff look forward to working with you to identify your group needs and tailor a program to enhance your museum visit.

If you are interested in making reservations for a spring or fall of 2013 Wisconsin Historical Museum field trip, please email our [Museum Education staff](#) or phone 608-264-6557.

National History Day in Wisconsin

[Sarah Klentz](#), National History Day Coordinator

The Southeastern Regional was held in Milwaukee on March 2 at the UW-Milwaukee campus! Over 500 students from all over the area brought their best projects. Overall the competition was highly successful and there were a lot of great projects!

The Southcentral Regional was held in Madison on March 9! Despite the rainy weather, the students, parents, teachers, and judges all met to celebrate history! We had more new schools than ever in attendance with 270 students attending.

Visit the [NHD website](#) for details on the remaining regional competitions in La Crosse, Eau Claire, Green Bay, and Stevens Point.

We want to thank all the teachers, parents, students, and volunteers that take time out of their busy schedules to help with these events! We look forward to the next regionals!



Interested in volunteering for a regional or statewide competition? [Sign up](#)

to be a judge or volunteer.

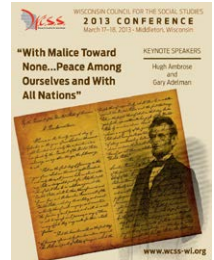
Thank you!

Sarah Klentz
National History Day Coordinator

WCSS Wants Your Feedback

Thank you to everyone who attended and/or presented at the [2013 Wisconsin Council of the Social Studies](#) conference. Your enthusiasm for bringing quality social studies instruction to the classroom is the spark that keeps our fires burning.

If you haven't yet turned in your [evaluation form](#), please do so. Only 350+ days until WCSS 2014!



Thank you for reading our newsletter! If you have resources you'd like to share, please consider submitting an article.

Sincerely,

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