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A K-12 Resource for ALL History / Social Studies Teachers

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## iHistorian!



### This could be your teaching partner ...

In this monthly section, we will feature something new, innovative, or just plain cool that one of our own is doing and is AWESOME! We will be scouring and searching classrooms at sites, looking for something good to share. Are you doing something innovative? Know someone who is? Let us know with an [email](#).

### Elementary: Teaching HSS Using Common Core

CSUSB-Palm Desert Campus is offering a special institute for K-5 Teachers. The institute is geared toward all teachers in K-5. The focus is on integrating the Common Core State Standards with the grade-level social studies curriculum. Cost is 10 sessions for \$150. You can earn 4 units of CSUSB extension credit to advance on the salary schedule. See this [flyer](#) for more information.

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### NEW H/SS Adoptions Begin 2019/2020

The PSUSD Board adopted texts of Impact by McGraw-Hill for grades 6-8 and History/Government/Econ Alive! by TCI for grades 10-12 are now live. Over the summer, [42 high school](#) and [50 middle school](#) teachers took time out of their

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### A Year of Many BIG Accomplishments

2018-19 was a year of many BIG accomplishments for the History/Social Studies departments across the district.

- \* Piloted 3 textbook options
- \* Successfully adopted new curriculum 6-12
- \* Trained most of the secondary teachers in the new curriculum
- \* Completed Units of Study, [6-8](#) and [9-12](#)
- \* Wrote a 3rd grade [Native American](#) curriculum unit
- \* Started an 8th grade Native American curriculum unit

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### CLEVER is the Way

The new secondary curriculum is to be accessed through [Clever](#). Brian Guzman (ETIS) says,

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### Don't Become a Statistic

The [Learning Policy Institute](#) estimates 19%-30% of teachers leave the profession within their first five years. That number is staggering given the time and money

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### Upcoming Dates

- 8/7 - [First Day of Instruction](#)
- 8/19 - [TCI Training](#) - HS (not previously trained)
- 8/20 - [McGraw-Hill Training](#) - MS (not previously trained)
- 9/2 - [Labor Day](#) (Observed) - NO SCHOOL
- 9/9 - [Secondary Lead Teacher Meeting](#) - 8:30

Do you have upcoming events at your site others should know about? Email [reves@psusd.us](mailto:reves@psusd.us) and let us know.



LIFELONG LEARNING STARTS HERE!

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### Elementary: Teaching HSS Using Common Core

Each session will provide time for teachers to collaborate with colleagues in a relaxed, fun environment. Focus will be on the History Social Science Standards. Thursdays, Sept. 26 to Dec. 5 from 5 to 8:30 p.m. [Click here](#) for more details and how to sign up.

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### NEW H/SS Adoptions Begin 2019/2020

summer break to attend training in the new materials. Teachers had the opportunity to work with professional trainers, collaborate with colleagues, and start preplanning for the school year.

If you missed out on this great opportunity, we have you covered. There will be one more training opportunity in late August. It will be specifically for teachers that did not attend the training dates in June or July. Invitation emails will be going out to those teachers soon with the details - keep your eyes open for it!

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### A Year of Many BIG Accomplishments

- \* Started a K-12 Monthly Newsletter to inform H/SS teachers district-wide
- \* Initiated [www.psusdhistory.us](http://www.psusdhistory.us) dedicated to providing H/SS teachers an online resource and central location for most things PSUSD/History related
- \* Connected history teachers through Social Media ([Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#))

And these were just the BIG items. *A special thank you "Shout Out" to all the lead teachers and colleagues who inform, inspire, and instruct growth throughout the district.* How can we top that this year!

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### CLEVER is the Way

"Clever allows us to share up to date data with teachers swiftly and securely. It also makes it easy for teachers to find all their App's in one place." This means that when students move classes, teachers, or sites, their data will follow them automatically during the nightly data updates. There is no longer a need to remember "add" a student to your class or get their work from a previous teacher.

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### Don't Become a Statistic

invested in career professional development. According to [We Are Teachers](#) Blog, there are 7 Dos and Don'ts to help keep you refreshed and motivated (more veteran teachers can be the support network for newer teachers).

Don't Go It Alone → Do Find Your People

Don't Get Bugged Down → Do Empower Yourself

Don't Stall Out → Do Keep Learning

Don't Let Your Passion Slip Away → Do Keep It Exciting

Don't Spin Your Wheels → Do Work Smarter, Not Harder

Don't Neglect Yourself → Do Make Self-Care a Top Priority

Don't Drown in the Mundane → Do Focus on Your Passion

For more details on these, visit the full [BLOG](#).