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

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Ramona Frost, Sunny Sands ES



September's iHistorian!

Some teachers teach a subject, others teach students. Ramona Frost is the latter. Instead of viewing her students as empty vessels that need to be taught subjects each day, she views them much differently. "They come to us with a vast amount of life experiences and

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End of 2018-19 Survey Results

Here is a summary of the results of last year's End of the Year Survey. Click links for results.

[Elementary Results](#) [Secondary Results](#)

Some big takeaways:

- Secondary needs less support with Standards/Framework (makes sense, they are teaching a lesson a day);

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Secondary sites (LA & H/SS), will soon have access to [Turnitin](#) - Education with Integrity. It helps students write authentically - from first draft to final submission...

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K-12 H/SS Framework Shifts

In 2016, CA adopted the H/SS Framework for grades K-12. The [Framework](#) does not replace the [Standards](#) adopted in 1998, but instead gives focus to them. One notable aspect of the Framework is the Shifts in Focus that California has for education across the state. They are in the areas of: **Content, Literacy, Inquiry, and ...**

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EDSITEment! (The best of the Humanities on the web)

Are you looking for K-12 Lesson Plans? Have you tried [EDSITEment!](#)? EDSITEment is a partnership among the National Endowment for the Humanities,

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Looking for a "NEW" 9/11 Lesson?

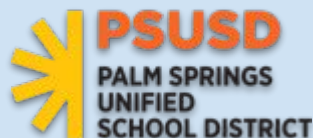
The 9/11 Memorial & Museum offering a FREE Anniversary in the Schools webinar. Join students and teachers from around the world to commemorate the 18th anniversary of 9/11 by registering for the 9/11 Memorial & Museum's FREE Anniversary in the Schools webinar. Connect with Museum staff and guest speakers to hear

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Upcoming Dates

- 9/2 - [Labor Day](#) (Observed) - NO SCHOOL
- 9/9 - [Secondary Lead Teacher Mtg.](#) - 8:30 AM
- 9/10 - [BOE Meeting](#) - 6 PM
- 9/11 - [3rd grade Native American Curriculum](#) "REFRESHER" Training 4-6 PM ([PDlinks](#))
- 9/11 - [Patriot Day](#) - ([Lesson Plans](#))
- 9/17 - [Constitution Day](#)
- 9/24 - [BOE Meeting](#) - 6 PM

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knowledge. As teachers, it's up to us to expand that knowledge by blending left and right brain activities to ensure comprehension."

Ramona has lived in multiple states while growing up and has fond memories from all over America. She currently resides in Palm Springs. She has a BS from Central Michigan University and earned her teaching credentials from CSU, San Bernardino. She has been in education for 31 years - 22 with PSUSD. Her current assignment is 3rd grade at Sunny Sands Elementary School in Cathedral City.

As one of the early implementation teachers of the 3rd grade Native American Curriculum, she has provided insight and vision for this program.

"Third grade students are extremely fortunate to have PSUSD partner with the Agua Caliente Tribal Council. What an amazing opportunity for 3rd grade students in PSUSD to learn about the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians with materials directly from the Tribe."

According to the [Library of Congress](#), using Primary Sources to teach history:

- Engages students;
- Promotes student inquiry;
- Encourages critical thinking and analysis skills.

Ramona reinforces this philosophy:

"It's one thing to teach a specific subject, but to have the material created by the people, actually see where they reside on a daily basis and then, explore the Canyons in person takes on a whole new meaning. The partnership with PSUSD and AC provides free transportation and park entrance fees for all 3rd grade students in PSUSD. That is an investment in our future!"

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Hopefully, students will share their new understanding and appreciation with their family and friends.

Feel free to reach out to Ramona for more information on this 3rd grade curriculum or just to congratulate her at: rfrost@psusd.us.

Are you doing something innovative, creative, unique? Send an email with details to reves@psusd.us.

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K-12 H/SS Framework Shifts

Citizenship. To assist in better implementing these shifts, materials adopted by district must have these elements present. The newly adopted 6-8 and 10-12 curriculums have these both imbedded and explicitly included.

Additionally, the Sacramento County Office of Education has developed "The Content, Literacy, Inquiry, and Citizenship (CLIC) Project" website. The website is up and ready for use. The new website houses videos, resources, and materials generated for the CLIC Project. It has "Professional learning and resources to help educators and school administrators successfully implement California's History-Social Science Framework". [Click here](#) to visit the site.

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first-person stories about the attacks and recognize the importance of commemoration during this 35-minute program. The webinar is available on-demand beginning Wednesday, September 11, 2019. On the anniversary, Education Programs staff will answer student questions through an exclusive live chat. Register for the unique opportunity [HERE!](#) See a sneak peak of the program in this less than two minute video, with this [link](#).

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End of 2018-19 Survey Results

- Secondary is more interested in support with lesson planning and teaching strategies;
- Elementary teachers are more interested in support with coaching/content knowledge
- Both groups agree, that they prefer support during 2-1-2 time

It is this last agreed upon category, that we can offer our support the most. If there is a way we can support your department/grade level in anyway, please reach out and we can schedule the support you need and/or would like.

T.E.A.M. = Together Everyone Achieves More isn't just a cool acronym, it is a philosophy of support. Click [here](#) to request support.

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with:

- Accelerated Feedback;
- Plagiarism Prevention;
- Building Information Literacy Skills;
- Promoting Creative and Critical Thinking;

and so much more. Training is currently scheduled and will be phased in over the next couple of months - starting in Language Arts, then History/Social Studies. Watch this [< 3 MINUTE VIDEO](#) to get a great overview. More information will be shared with Lead Teachers at their next meeting on September 9 at 8:30 AM at the DSC - A.

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EDSITEment! (The best of the Humanities on the web) and the National Trust for the Humanities. [EDSITEment](#) offers a treasure trove for teachers, students, and parents searching for high-quality material on the Internet in the subject areas of literature and language arts, foreign languages, art and culture, and history and social studies.

EDSITEment has lesson plans K-12 in the areas of Civics, Geography, U.S. History, and World History. Check out this video about EDSITEment! (MAKE a VIDEO)

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Upcoming Dates

- 9/27 - [Native American Day](#) (California)
- 10/2-4 - [MS Parent Conferences](#) (Minimum Days)
- 10/3 - [Regional College & Career Fair](#) - 4-8PM, Agua Caliente Resort, RM
- 10/4 - [End of First Quarter](#) (HS)
- 10/7 - [District PD Day](#) (Schedule TBA)
- 10/19 - [Jr. Ranger Expo](#) - Indian Canyons, PS
- 10/22 - [BOE Meeting](#) - 6 PM
- 11/1 - [End of First Trimester](#) (ES/MS)
- 11/2 - [Kewet: Native American Learning Day and Market](#) - PSHS
- 11/4 - [History Writing Workshop](#) (HS)
- 11/4-8 - [ES Parent Conferences](#) (Minimum Days)
- 11/7 - [History Writing Workshop](#) (MS)

Do you have upcoming events at your site others should know about? Email reves@psusd.us and let us know.