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Fulbright Teacher Exchange Opportunities

Ever thought of teaching abroad for a year? **The October 15th deadline for the Fulbright Teacher Programs is approaching!** This is an international professional development opportunity for K-12 educators. See <http://www.fulbrightteacherexchange.org/> for application information.



National History Day
Teacher Workshops:
Flagstaff (Sept. 10th),
Tempe (Oct. 8th), &
Tucson (Oct. 22nd).

Sign up for a teacher's workshop
providing information and resources on
National History Day in Arizona.

Contact Megan Gately for more
information and registration
<mailto:mgately@azhs.gov>.

NCSS ★ WASHINGTON DC

**DIMENSIONS
OF DIVERSITY**



DECEMBER 2-4 ★ 2011

<http://www.socialstudies.org/conference>



September 11th
The Choices Program
www.choices.edu
Brown University

The Choices Program uses a
problem-based approach to make
complex international issues
accessible and meaningful for
students of diverse abilities and
learning styles.

Being an American Essay Contest!

Students in grades 9-12 - Win \$1,000!

The Bill of Rights Institute is sponsoring the 6th year of this contest for students across the country. In 1,000 words or less answer the essay question: "How does the Constitution create a culture of Liberty?"

Visit the Essay Contest page of *The Bill of Rights Institute* for more information:

<http://my.billofrightsintstitute.org/page.aspx?pid=569>

Phoenix Art Museum



Education
Department
602-257-4356

<http://www.phxart.org/education/>

To learn more about events, activities, resources, and organizations involved with social studies, visit the ACSS website. If you have information you'd like to share with other Arizona social studies educators, you can contact ACSS through the website

<http://www.azsocialstudies.org>



Perspective and the Digital Age

Alan November is a prominent educator who travels the world to give speeches on the future of education. He also talks with a lot of people.

One question he regularly asks leaders at the top of their field is: what is the most important skill you need to possess to be successful? "Empathy" was the answer he kept getting - an understanding of other people's culture and other's point of view.

This is a very interesting 20 minute lecture that gives some practical advice on how to teach these important concepts to children including use of Google.

<http://asiasociety.org/education/resources-schools>



Target Field Trip Grants

Five thousand grants of \$700 each will be awarded to teachers to fund a school field trip that connects their curriculum to out-of-school experiences. **Deadline: October 3rd. Simply Google "Target Field Trip Grants" and follow the trail...**

GeoConference - September 24th

Register now!

Early bird registration ends Sept. 12th!

The *Arizona Geographic Alliance* GeoConference 2011 is scheduled for Saturday, September 24th.

Location: Mesa Community College, 1833 W Southern Ave, Mesa from 8 am to 1 pm.

Cost: \$20 (\$30 after 9/12/11)

The Registration form and a preliminary Program can be found at the AzGA website -

<http://geoalliance.asu.edu/azga/>

Or go directly to the Registration Form at http://alliance.la.asu.edu/geofest/2011GeoConference_Flyer.pdf

What to expect from GeoConference:

1. Classroom lessons & activities that integrate geography with science, language arts, math and history
2. An introduction to an array of National Geographic Geography Awareness Week materials to support this year's theme: *Geography - The Adventure in Your Community* as well as locally focused activities & materials
3. Sessions on Geospatial Technology GIS, GPS, Google Earth, NationalAtlas, World Mapper
4. A CD of classroom ready lessons from this GeoConference to take back to your classroom and teach the next day
5. Geography content lectures by university geographers
6. Networking with other teachers
7. Door Prizes
8. Light Refreshments
9. 4.5 Professional Development hours