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1. George Washington's Mount Vernon

The George Washington's Mount Vernon website has a large number of resources for teachers, including information about professional development activities, distance learning, lesson plans, online collections, and a digital encyclopedia on George Washington, among others. To receive educator email updates, see

<https://www.mountvernon.org/education/for-teachers/sign-up-for-educational-updates/>

(From Jana Pisani, Ferris State University)

2. Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia at Ferris State University

<https://www.ferris.edu/jimcrow/>

The Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia on the campus of Ferris State University has reopened; its open hours are Tuesdays-Fridays from noon to 5:00. In addition, the museum's website contains links for a list of Jim Crow laws, an online virtual tour, information about redlining, and a number of informational videos centered around racism in the United States. Self-guided tours are also available during open hours.

(From Jana Pisani, Ferris State University)

3. Veterans Day in Michigan!

Encourage your students to celebrate the service of Veterans no matter where you teach! Pure Michigan has created a list (link below) of Veterans Memorials across the State. Find the ones closest to you and send students to snap a photo and learn a few facts for extra credit! Memorials span from Grand Rapids to Traverse City to Escanaba and more!

<https://www.michigan.org/article/trip-idea/michigan-destinations-to-visit-veterans-day>

(from Kailie Burk , Rockford Schools)

4. Gilder-Lehrman

November 4th, Join Gilder Lehrman curators as they discuss 3 primary source documents related to the death of JFK. These include his never-given speech, a ticker tape report of the assassination, as well as Lyndon B. Johnson's proclamation of a National Day of Mourning. Collect Professional Development Credits or enjoy this fascinating history from the comfort of your home. Use the link below to learn more and register.

<https://www.gilderlehrman.org/programs-and-events/collection-programs/inside-vault>

(from Kailie Burk , Rockford Schools)

5. Henry Ford Museum

New exhibit available at the Henry Ford Museum beginning now through January 2, 2022. This exhibit will focus on the question of "what belongs in a museum?" A question that may sound familiar to teachers who ask "What is history?" or "How are history books made?" Come get inspired by these questions and gain behind-the-scenes access to The Henry Ford. Use the link below to learn more and purchase tickets.

<https://www.thehenryford.org/current-events/calendar/collecting-mobility-new-objects-new-stories/>

(from Kailie Burk , Rockford Schools)

6. Library of Congress: Using Data Sets: Energy Raw Materials.

As the United States and the World invests in new sources of energy, these sets of maps will help students analyze what raw materials exist in the production of energy and help to drive a classroom conversation on the types of energy which exists now and what might exist in the future.

<https://www.loc.gov/resource/g3701gm.gct00013/?sp=134&r=-0.926,-0.055,2.853,1.431,0>

(from Dick Cooley, GVSU)

7. River Raisin National Battlefield Park

This is a link

(<https://www.nps.gov/media/video/view.htm?id=FDE906CB-59D0-4780-AC8C-7FCCC026393A>) to a new short video which helps explain the background to the battlefield.

(from Dick Cooley, GVSU)

8. Colonial Williamsburg: Historic Trades: Background and Lesson.

(https://resourcelibrary.history.org/sites/default/files/Historic%20Trades%20Background%20and%20Lesson_0.pdf)

This lesson explores the colonial trades and the system used for training people for those trades.

(from Dick Cooley, GVSU)

9. PBS: Virtual Walking Tour of the Cherokee Nation Council House.

(<https://wgvu.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/cherokee-nation-council-house-interactive/virtual-field-trips-walking-tour/>)

An interactive tour of the Council House. Many Cherokee still live in the Southeastern United States. The interactive tour explains some of the culture and government of the Cherokee Nation.

(from Dick Cooley, GVSU)

10. National Women's Hall of Fame: Women of the Hall: Linda G. Alvarado.

(<https://www.womenofthehall.org/inductee/linda-g-alvarado/>)

As a follow-up to Hispanic Heritage Month, this short biography describes the background and career of Linda Alvarado, who started her own construction company and now is co-owner of a Major League baseball team.

(from Dick Cooley, GVSU)

11. Clements Library/U of M (<https://clements.umich.edu>)

***Nov. 19 @ 10:00am - 11:00am -Native American Boarding Schools as a Tool of U.S. Empire. Dr. Veronica Pasfield discusses her continuing research to understand the full purpose and force of federal Indian boarding schools. While administrators touted assimilation as a benevolent enterprise, the archives show that Indian children were used as hostages to secure the extraction of tribal resources, and “schools” were used as an instrument for transforming indigenous peoples into a permanent underclass in their own homeland.

(From Nadine Hall, Greenhills School, Ann Arbor)

12. Other Michigan Museums

Arab American National Museum (<https://arabamericanmuseum.org/>)

***Nov. 1 @ 7:00 pm - virtual Arab Film Festival featuring the best of critically acclaimed and award winning Arab American and Arab world films. Passes on sale now.

*** Nov. 13 @ 5:00 pm - 2021 Arab American Book Awards: A Ceremony of Live Readings. Features awardees Susan Abulhawa, Sarah M.A. Gualtieri, Helen Zughuib, George Abraham, Noor Naga, Aya Khalil, Anait Semirdzhyan, Susan Muaddi Darraj, Dima Alzayat and Sirène Harb for a celebratory live reading, hosted by artist-in-residence Fargo Tbakhi! Online Live Stream FREE with RSVP.

*** Nov. 14 & Nov. 21 @ 2:00pm - The Ground and the Sky: Creative Writing Workshops for Youth with Ibtisam Barakat & Naomi Shigab Nye. These creative and renowned writers will lead a two-part writing workshop for high school students - no experience necessary!

Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History (<https://www.thewright.org>)

Nov. 9 @ 5:30pm - 8:00pm - Jazz Montage: A Conversation with Author Robin Wilson and Tisha Hammond. Join the museum for a conversation, jazz performances, and book signing for a new children’s book, “Mama Got Rhythm and Daddy Got Rhyme” by Robin Wilson.

Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus

(<https://www.holocaustcenter.org/>)

Nov. 10 @ 1:30 pm - Detroit Jewish Fair Virtual Program with Author Lisa Scottoline. Fueled by true events, this epic historical fiction is about a love triangle that unfolds in the heart of Rome, under the creeping shadows of fascism. *Eternal* is a tale of loyalty and loss, family and food, love and war, all set in one of the world’s most beautiful cities at its darkest moment.

United States Postal Museum - The largest collection of U.S. Postal memorabilia outside of Washington's Smithsonian Institution, the Postal Service Museum houses thousands of items spanning the entire history of U.S. mail delivery. The Postal Museum is open by appointment only; tours are welcome! Please call Mike Schragg at 269-420-7030 to arrange a tour.

(From Nadine Hall, Greenhills School, Ann Arbor)

13. American Museum of Magic (<https://americanmuseumofmagic.com>)

Visitors are invited to explore the contributions and life stories of magicians from around the globe. Immerse yourself in the largest collection of magic artifacts on display anywhere in the U.S. and discover what has been described as “the Smithsonian of American magic.”

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14. History News Network

Features articles for Historians: “The Women Who Won the Vietnam War”, “How the Great War Helped the Drive for Prohibition”, and “Reviving the Conflict Between Columbus and Taíno Chieftain Caonabó Through Historical Fiction”.

(From Nadine Hall, Greenhills School, Ann Arbor)

15. Michigan Council on Economic Education-The Chicago Fed High School Fed Challenge will again be virtual for the 2021-2022 academic year. The competition will feature teams of five or fewer students representing high schools throughout Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin and Indiana. Each team will provide a 15-minute video presentation on the state of the U.S. economy and a policy prescription for the Fed. Finalist teams will advance to a live 15-minute WebEx session to answer judges' questions on their presentation, the economy and the Fed. **Registration Deadline: January 28, 2022** For more information and deadline, please visit the [Chicago Fed High School Fed Challenge website](#)

(David Hales, Wayne RESA)

16. Michigan Geographic Alliance-Geography Education Resources: Developed by staff and trained teacher consultants, the following resources are provided by the MGA to enhance student learning: lessons by grade level, elementary integration resources, World

History and Geography, and US History and Geography resources are all available. Click Here: [MGA Resources](#) Questions: Contact Lisa Marie Tobin tobin11m@cmich.edu

(David Hales, Wayne RESA)

17. Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies-VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION- Thursday, November 11, 2021 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM, Location: In-person at the Charles W. Loosemore Auditorium or virtually by visiting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87222394732> to view the live broadcast. In October of 1993, First Sergeant Eversmann led a group of Army Rangers in a UN peacekeeping operation in Somalia. Having been trapped, outnumbered, and marked for death, Eversmann's survival and heroism earned him a Bronze Star Medal with valor. He's since been immortalized in the film Black Hawk Down. His story highlights the importance of leadership, followership, and responsibility in our age of tribalism.

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18. Historical Society of Michigan <https://hsmichigan.org/>

On Wednesday, November 10, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. a History Hounds lecture will be presented by Ashley Johnson Bavery of Eastern Michigan University, titled "Crossing the Line: Immigration Politics on the U.S./Canadian Border." For more information ,see <https://hsmichigan.org/programs/history-hounds-lecture-series/>.

(Jana Pisani, Ferris State University)

19. "This Month in History," from the History Place

<https://www.historyplace.com/specials/calendar/index.html>

***November 1, 1995--The first all-race local government elections were held in South Africa, denoting the end of Apartheid.

***November 6, 1860--Abraham Lincoln was elected the sixteenth president of the United States, winning 180 out of 303 electoral votes and 40% of the popular vote.

***November 15, 1777--The Articles of Confederation were adopted by the Continental Congress.

***November 26, 1789--President George Washington announced the first American holiday, Thanksgiving Day.

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20. Michigan Redistricting Committee

Michigan Redistricting Commission ready to make Key Decisions

As an educator who has followed the legislative reapportionment issue since the 1962 Baker V. Carr decision of the United States Supreme Court, I find the current efforts of the Michigan independent Citizens redistricting commission (MICRC) an especially valuable civic education activity. Please inform your students of this process as the MICrC moved to make final decisions on the boundaries to be used in electing Michigan's 13 U.S. Congress members, 38 State Senators, and 110 State House of Representatives members. The attached report provides background on the creation and work of the MICrC, the public hearings held in October, and the upcoming schedule to determine districts for the 2022 election and beyond. Please email me if you have any questions. Jim McConnell
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(From Jim McConnell, Dearborn Schools, ret.)
