



Social Studies Newsletter

Thank you for subscribing to the TEA social studies newsletter. The social studies team sends warm wishes to everyone as we embark on the new school year. We look forward to partnering with you over the coming year for the success of all our Texas students.

Today's newsletter provides information on the following topics:

- **Social Studies Stakeholder Engagement Sessions: October 9th and 10th**
- **September 11, 2001 Commemoration**
- **Celebrate Freedom Week**
- **Hispanic Heritage Month**

Social Studies Stakeholder Engagement Sessions: October 9th and 10th

The social studies team at TEA is committed to enhancing opportunities for stakeholder engagement across the state of Texas. Social Studies Stakeholder Engagement Sessions allow the TEA social studies team to expand information sharing and interaction with stakeholders. Each session will have a different informational focus and will include a fifteen-to-twenty-minute presentation from TEA staff, followed by an opportunity for general questions and discussion related to social studies. Stakeholder engagement sessions will be provided on two different days at two different times (during and outside of the school day) to provide stakeholders multiple opportunities to attend. The information shared will be the same in each meeting. All social studies stakeholders (parents, teachers, administrators, etc.) are invited to attend by registering below.

October Topic: State-Approved Social Studies AP and IB Courses

Target Audience: High School Teachers, District Administrators, Campus Administrators, Counselors, Education Service Center Specialists, Parents, and Professional Organizations

Dates & Times

Monday, October 9th, @ 4:30 p.m.

Registration Link: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJApceihqj8rHN3-BODiYd000vKdJSBaFgcm>

Tuesday, October 10th, @ 11:30 a.m.

Registration Link: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0ucu2spjkoGtTt69S-fsFPe1dRoR2i9TiF>

You can access the TEA presentations from the summer stakeholder engagement sessions on the TEA [social studies web page](#).

September 11, 2001 Commemoration

The 9/11 terrorist attacks killed 2,977 people and injured thousands at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and in Somerset County, Pennsylvania. Commemorative events are held at all three sites on the anniversary of the attacks. The 9/11 Memorial & Museum and the George W. Bush Presidential Library are committed to providing students and teachers the tools to understand what happened on 9/11 and how the attacks continue to impact our lives. To access student and teacher resources, visit the [9/11 Memorial & Museum](#) and the [George W. Bush Presidential Library](#).

Celebrate Freedom Week

Each year, during the week that includes September 17, Texas schools honor Celebrate Freedom Week (TEC § 29.907) to highlight the values and ideals on which the United States was founded as well as the sacrifices made for freedom at the founding of the country. Students learn about the intent, meaning, and importance of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution, including the Bill of Rights. Students also examine the relationship between the ideas in these documents and subsequent American history.

Celebrate Freedom Week coincides with Constitution Week, established by the U.S. Congress to encourage all Americans to learn about the Constitution. Both Celebrate Freedom Week and Constitution Week focus on September 17, the date in 1787 when delegates to the Constitutional Convention signed the Constitution. Congress has also designated September 17 of each year as Constitution Day.

The TEA provides resources that include a variety of lessons, activities, and instructional materials for Celebrate Freedom Week and Constitution Day on our [Celebrate Freedom Week web page](#).

Hispanic Heritage Month

Each year, from September 15 to October 15, we celebrate the history and cultural contributions of Hispanic Americans in the United States. Students learn about the contributions in science, arts, literature, and culture of Hispanics throughout American history.

The TEA has created a web page focused on providing resources for [Hispanic Heritage Month](#) that include instructional materials, activities, and lessons that can be used to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and to support instruction in Mexican American Studies.

Thank you for your commitment to serving Texas students.

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