

SLO #3: Practical ideas and suggestions to meet this goal

Historically-Aware Learners who:

Have an understanding of the history and cultures of mankind -Know and articulate the democratic principles of our society Practical ideas and suggestion to meet this goal:

1. Create a timeline.
2. Post History timelines around the house.
3. Read various articles (US news, National Geographic, etc.)
4. Read historical fiction: you can attain a booklist from the library and various bookstores.
5. Attend living history field trips: Re-enactment of famous battles and events.
6. Attend various fairs: Renaissance, Dickens, etc.
7. Participate in local government council (they have a programs for teens)
8. Watch some of the programs from the history channel.
9. Internet research and doing powerpoint and/or poster-board and then oral presentations.
10. Historical songs and stories on CDS
11. Unit Studies
12. Watching the news with parents and discussing daily events
13. Journaling from daily news topics
14. Checking out library videos and historical people such as: Civil War, Gettysburg, etc.
15. Visit the state capitol, state and regional museums, and park, i.e. Sutter's Fort, Coloma, missions, etc.
16. Check for special events such as Living History Days at Sutter's Fort
17. Take tours (for example, San Francisco's Chinatown has a wonderful group of local tour guides, each of whom has a unique presentation of historical information based on individual/family/community experience and knowledge)
18. Memorize the Preamble to the Constitution, the beginning of the Declaration of Independence, etc.
19. Try to pass a citizenship test.
20. Virtual "field trips" such as museums
21. Reading political pamphlets
22. Writing to pen pals in different states and countries
23. Cultural cooking
24. Election-volunteer at a campaign headquarters
25. Watch the evening news or the quick synopsis of headlines on morning news shows
26. Write persuasive papers about events in history, taking a side
27. Create videos, acting out historical events
28. Research a place and its culture before visiting, then write about the experience after the trip

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29. Virtual Field Trips online
30. Visit local historical museums in your city
31. Do a genealogy search
32. Interview grandparents or other older friends about a period of history they lived through. Tape it for the future.
33. Language student of different countries and how they say simple words differently like "Hello" and "Goodbye"

Curriculum Suggestions:

[Great Books](#) has an incredible amount of resources especially for HS

Home Learners has novels in bundles focusing on various historical periods

G.A. Henty Books

Oxford Press Publishes History of US: series of books, very informative, geared for middle school/high

History of US comes in videos, CDs and has reinforcement workbooks.

Blue Stocking Press has an incredible collection of historical audiotapes.

Read Redwall Series (videos are also available)

Rainbow Resources: What in the World is Happening? Genevive Foster, History Pockets

Tom Snyder Productions-History Timeliner CD

Story of the World Book K-3: Great Hall Publications

Time Travelers K-3: Usborne

JackDaw Publications- History packets (supplemental)

King Fisher History as a reference

Oregon Trails CDs

Where in the World is Carmen San Diego? computer game

Bluestocking Press

People's History of US (10 book series)

Uncle Eric Books

[Adventure Tales of America](#)

Scholastic Instructor Books- Colonies

Glencoe-Holocaust unit with workbook and video

Pathways-good coverage, especially in High School Government and History courses

Accent on Composers (Alfred's Music) puts composers in historical context

Glencoe has online tests to take and correct online for their texts

Timelines: make timelines with all material learned in Science, Social Studies, english, Music, etc. Helps students see each event in context of history.

"You Decide- Applying the Bill of Right to Real Cases" presents the various amendments and then gives the student a real case and has them apply the Bill of Rights to that case. Available through Critical Thinking Books and Software.

Usborne books like Children of the World, Geography games, maps, puzzles, and

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electronic toys.