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Mr. Train's Links

Internet links selected by your teacher & librarian for specific classroom activities.

Public Policy / Social Issues

***** Before using websites, one of the best places to search for information is in our "[opposing viewpoints](#)" database!**

ABORTION (PRO-LIFE VS. PRO-CHOICE)

[ABORTION FACTS.COM](#)

Provides links on both sides of the argument, and general information on abortion.

Use [Opposing Viewpoints](#)--- click on the "abortion" topic for pro-choice/pro-life arguments.

ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE

[Alternativemedicine.com](#)

The online magazine for alternative medicine techniques.

[NATIONAL CENTER FOR COMPLEMENTARY AND ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE](#)

ANIMAL RIGHTS

[ANIMAL WELFARE INSTITUTE](#)

Provides information on animal rights and current legislation

[ASPCA- OVERVIEW OF ANIMAL TESTING AND RELATED ISSUES](#)

[PETA- PEOPLE FOR THE ETHICAL TREATMENT OF ANIMALS](#)

Apartheid

[UNITED NATIONS: HISTORICAL IMAGES OF APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA](#)

[WHAT IS APARTHEID?](#)

A brief overview of Apartheid and it's dominance in South Africa.

Capital Punishment

[Death Penalty-- 1,000+ Links](#)

[Death Penalty Information Center](#)

Censorship

[Censorship and Online Filtering](#)

A website of information from the US government.

[National Coalition Against Censorship](#)

[American Library Association](#)

Information on intellectual freedom and censorship

CONDOMS IN SCHOOLS

[Advocates for youth- school condom availability](#)

Advocates for Youth's mission is to "advocate for policies that help young people make informed and responsible decisions about their reproductive and sexual health."

[TEEN HEALTH 411](#)

An article published in April, 2007 about condom availability in schools.

DISCRIMINATION OF HANDICAPPED/MINORITIES/REVERSE DISCRIMINATION

US EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

Click on the type of discrimination (ie- handicap, sex, race, religion) for the facts regarding this type of discrimination.

UNDERSTANDING PREJUDICE

Links related to contemporary forms of racial prejudice and discrimination.

DRESS CODES

CNN.COM-- DRESS DOES DECIPHERED IN THE WORLD WORLD

STUDENT DRESS CODES

An ERIC digest article on the Pros/Cons of school dress codes.

SCHOOL DRESS CODES AND UNIFORM POLICIES

Another ERIC digest article on the topic of dress codes in elementary and secondary schools.

DRUGS

OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY

Federally sponsored drug-related statistics, links, presentations, and resources

U.S. DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION

The mission of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is to enforce the controlled substances laws and regulations of the United States

ELECTORAL COLLEGE

US ELECTORAL COLLEGE

FAQs, and many resources on this topic. from the US National Archives.

** Pay special attention to the FAQs-- they offer a lot of helpful information!!!

NYS Education Department-- The Electoral College

New York State Archives presents a collection of historical documents of the Electoral College from six different presidential elections.

Environmental Issues

Public Policy Issues (Vanderbilt University)—Environment section

Almanac of Public Policy Issues—Environment Link

US Department of Energy

(great links for consumers, researchers, educators, etc.)

Energy Information Administration

statistics from the US gov't

US Environmental Protection Agency

Euthanasia

University at Buffalo Center for Clinical Ethics

US Rulings on euthanasia cases.

EUTHANASIA: PRO/CON

Addresses the question, "Should euthanasia be legal?"

GAMBLING

PBS: FRONTLINE OVERVIEW

Pros/Cons of legalizing gambling with information on gambling addiction.

FAMILYDOCTOR.ORG

An overview of the medical problem of gambling, and how to determine when it is a serious issue.

GAMBLINGRESEARCH.ORG

This site provides a helpful overview of the history of gambling, as well as several other issues related to gambling.

GAYS IN THE MILITARY

HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN

Working for gay and lesbian rights-- type "military" in the search box for articles on this topic.

HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH

Details the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy.

DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL-- Online book

This provides an online version of the "Don't Ask, Don't tell" book by Aaron Belkin and Geoffrey Bateman

GOVERNMENT REGULATION OF INDUSTRY

Safe & Smart- Government Regulation and Industry Self-Regulation

Overviews many government regulation policies regarding the internet industry.

REGULATION AND CONTROL IN THE US ECONOMY

A snippet on regulation and control by the government over the US economy.

GOVERNMENT WIRE TAPPING

US LAWMAKERS WRANGLE OVER WIRETAPPING ACT

WIRETAPPING ARTICLE

An interesting article addressing the wiretapping authorized by President Bush back in 2006.

CBS NEWS- TUG OF WAR OVER WIRETAPPING

Another article on the legislative struggle regarding the policy of wiretapping.

CBS NEWS: MUKASEY DEFENDS WIRETAPPING TERRORISTS

Attorney General Nominee Tells Senators Constitution Does Not Prevent Wiretapping Of Terrorists

Gun Control

GUNCITE: GUN CONTROL AND SECOND AMENDMENT ISSUES PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES AND GROUPS

Extensive links to sites dealing with public issues.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Modern Slavery/Prostitution

An excellent site from the BBC on the current events situations regarding slavery, prostitution, and other mistreatment of humans.

IN PICTURES: FORCED LABOUR AND TRAFFICKING

Another portion of the BBC site on trafficking.

THE LINK BETWEEN PROSTITUTION AND SEX TRAFFICKING

Information from the U.S. Department of State.

OFFICE TO MONITOR AND COMBAT TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

U.S. Department of State.

Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000

2006 Report on the status of this act, as well as a wealth of other information on human trafficking.

IMMIGRATION

US Citizenship and Immigration Services

Legislation and immigration information from the us government.

American Immigration Center

American Family Immigration History Center (Ellis Island)

Provides a very nice overview on the history of Ellis Island.

LEGAL DRINKING AGE

TOBACCO 21.ORG

Provides information from the perspective of keeping the drinking age at 21.

NATIONAL YOUTH RIGHTS ASSOCIATION

An organization dedicated to fighting for the civil rights and liberties of young people.

COLLEGE DRINKING PREVENTION.GOV

Created by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism-- debates the issue of the drinking age in the U.S.

MAGGIE BROOK'S FAIR PLAN

monroe county government site

An overview of Maggie's plan.

WHAM-13 NEWS-- Maggie Brooks

Article on the passing of her "FAIR Plan."

MILITARY DRAFT

PBS- DEBATING THE DRAFT

A NewsHour transcript with Jim Lehrer~ examining the argument of volunteer vs. draft.

MILITARY SPOT. COM

Information on the military draft and selective service.

Prayer in School

INDEPENDENT TELEVISION SERVICE

Outlines the debate (pro and con) of this issue.

ALL ABOUT HISTORY

A brief history of school prayer and some historical cases.

Private School Vouchers

Resources on Private School Vouchers

School Voucher Articles- Education New York

PROSTITUTION

Modern Slavery/Prostitution

An excellent site from the BBC on the current events situations regarding slavery, prostitution, and other mistreatment of humans.

REASONS FOR NOT LEGALIZING PROSTITUTION

An informational piece from the Coalition against trafficking in women.

THE LINK BETWEEN PROSTITUTION AND SEX TRAFFICKING

Information from the U.S. Department of State.

Socialized Medicine

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

This site addresses one aspect of socialized medicine-- medicare and medicaid.

Physicians for a National Health Care Program

SODOMY LAWS

Sodomy laws.org

Details the US and World laws on sodomy, as well as a helpful history on sodomy and sodomy laws.

CNN- SUPREME COURT STRIKES DOWN TEXAS SODOMY LAW

A landmark case article from 2003 on sodomy law.

STANDARDIZED TESTING

The National Center for Fair & Open Testing

An argument on how standardized testing damages education.

STANDARDIZED TESTING AND ITS VICTIMS

An article addressing this issue from an author well-known for being an outspoken critic of standardized testing.

FAMILY EDUCATION.COM

High-Stakes Testing: Is it fair to students?

STUDENT RIGHTS

American Civil Liberties Union: Student Rights

US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Outlines the family educational and privacy act governing protection of student records, etc.

AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW & JUSTICE

Federal Constitutional Rights of Students.

TENURE LAW

eric digest article-- overview of teacher tenure

NYS TEACHERS UNION

This article covers the basics of tenure in NYS, and also provides an abundance of information about the NYS teachers union.

TEACHERS- POSTSECONDARY

U.S. Department of Labor-- Provides overview and information on tenure procedures for post secondary educators.

WAR IN IRAQ

CNN.com NEWS- WAR IN IRAQ MAIN PAGE

Covers news updates, on-the-scene reports, and much more.

WOMEN IN COMBAT

[NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO](#)

A special on women in combat with several helpful articles and information.

[CENTER FOR DEFENSE INFORMATION](#)

Information/arguments on women in the military and their combat roles.

Bill of Rights

[Bill of Rights](#)- Amendments #1-10

[Documents from the Library of Congress](#) -

Links to Bill of Rights

[The National Archives](#)- Includes Bill of Rights

[Bill of Rights.com](#)- General information

[Bill of Rights.org](#)- General information which includes additional links to more details on the Bill of Rights.

Death Penalty Links

Try the databases first:

**Enter the search terms "death penalty" or "capital punishment" to find a variety of newspaper and/or magazine articles online- the databases below will be especially helpful!!

[Opposing Viewpoints](#)-- look directly under the "capital punishment" topic listed on the main homepage-- a variety of newspaper, magazine, statistical information, and viewpoint essays are readily available!

[Newsbank](#) - enter the keywords "death penalty" or "capital punishment"

[Facts.com](#) - enter the keywords "death penalty" or "capital punishment"

Various Internet Links:

[DEATH PENALTY 1000+ LINKS](#)-

Offers an index of thousands of articles/information related to capital punishment.

[DEATH PENALTY CURRICULA FOR HIGH SCHOOL](#)

Outstanding units on the death penalty which aim not only to introduce students to the complexity and arguments for and against, but also to encourage civic participation, develop critical thinking, and improve research skills.

DEATH PENALTY INFORMATION CENTER

Provides a selection of recent articles on the death penalty listed by topic.

United States Citizenship : Rights and Responsibilities

UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION SUPPORT

Provides information on how one may become a US citizen, and outlines several rights and responsibilities.

BEN'S GUIDE TO U.S. GOVERNMENT FOR KIDS

Fairly detailed description of the responsibilities of citizens.

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF U.S. CITIZENS

Collection of links to various citizenship resources

The Patriot Act

UNITED STATES DEPT. OF TREASURY

Includes both general, and detailed information regarding the Patriot Act

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Highlights the general provisions of the Patriot Act.

Try the following databases-- enter the "Patriot Act" as search terms:

Opposing Viewpoints

Newsbank-- There is a "Patriot Act" link right on the homepage under "crime and law."

STOCK PORTFOLIO

Directions to establish a stock portfolio using Yahoo!

CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

CNN CIVIL RIGHTS TIMELINE

CNN timeline with significant dates and details.

CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

Includes titles and the details behind each title.

CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1991

Amended portions of the 1964 act.

HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS: CIVIL RIGHTS ACT

VOTING RIGHTS ACT TIMELINE

ACLU explains each event in the civil rights movement with supporting details.

CIVIL WAR

AMERICAN CIVIL WAR: THE STRUGGLE TO PRESERVE THE UNION

A general treatment of the subject of the Civil War, with occasional forays into various details of the conflict.

AMERICAN CIVIL WAR HOMEPAGE

Comprehensive links to many Civil War sites--listed by broad topic

BATTLES, BATTLEFIELDS, AND CEMETERIES

Links to many Civil War sites from *Cyndi's List*

CIVIL WAR BATTLE SUMMARIES BY STATE!

Presneted by the American Battlefield Protection Program

CIVIL WAR.COM

Another tool to study every single event in this great period of American history.

CIVIL WAR HOME PAGE

From the History Channel, a comprehensive site about the Civil War

CIVIL WAR PHOTOGRAPHS

Library of Congress collection containing over a thousand photographs.

THE CRUSADES

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General information about the Crusades from About.com

HISTORY OF THE CRUSADES

From LookSmart, general coverage of the Crusades

MEDIEVAL SOURCEBOOK: THE CRUSADES

Background and chronological information on each Crusade

THE DECADES

FLASHBACKS: 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, AND 1990s

A statistical database for the four listed decades.

HISTORYTIMELINES.COM

A chronology of the decades.

1920-1929

A chronology of the decade

1920'S EXPERIENCE

It was the age of prohibition, it was the age of prosperity, and it was the age of downfall. It was the age of everything, and you'll find [almost] everything here

THE 1920'S OMS INTERNET RESOURCES

Site provides general information regarding the news, trends, sports, fashion and technology of the 1920's.

LABOR UNIONS

AFL-CIO HOMEPAGE

The main page for general information on the Union

AMERICAN LABOR HISTORY--AN ONLINE STUDY GUIDE

A site containing numerous links to the labor movement

GILDED AGE WEBQUEST: DOCUMENTING INDUSTRY IN AMERICA

You are a member of a film production studio which has recently been hired to produce a documentary about the Gilded Age of American history.

INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD--HOMEPAGE

Official site of the union.

LABORNET

LaborNet was founded in 1991 to build a democratic communication network for the labor movement.

PROGRESSIVE ERA-LABOR

Looksmart listing of numerous sites dealing with labor movement issues.

SPOTLIGHT BIOGRAPHY--LABOR REFORMERS

Biographies of the three prominent labor reformers: Frances Perkins, Samuel Gompers, and César Chávez.

STRIKE ARCHIVE

OThe Great Speckled Bird Stike Site from LaborNet.

TEAMSTERS ONLINE

Official union site.

SUPREME COURT

HISTORY OF AMERICAN POLITICAL PARTIES

This page is designed as a resource on the history of America's main political parties.

POLITICAL PARTIES

National party websites; 2000 platforms for major political parties.

POLITICAL PARTIES PHILOSOPHY AND ISSUES

A breakdown by issues of party platforms.

POLITICAL PARTIES-PROJECT VOTE SMART

Sites for national political parties plus links to other information.

POLITICAL PARTY PLATFORMS

Platforms of parties receiving electoral votes back to 1840.

POLITICAL RESOURCES ON THE WEB

Information about all the parties--including their home pages.

POLITICS1: POLITICAL PARTIES

A Directory of U.S. Political Parties.

WEBQUESTS

LANDMARK SUPREME COURT DECISIONS

The idea of liberty and justice for all would be unthinkable without the Supreme Court. Over the past two centuries, the Supreme Court has been the main reason for the longevity of our Constitution and our government.

WE WERE THERE: A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION WEBQUEST

You find yourself in the late 18th Century United States. Everything is just like you learned in Social Studies Class--except many of the technologies of today exist. You will assume one of the roles of those present at the Convention,

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