

High School Social Studies Substance Abuse Integrated Instructional Activities Resource Page

Social Studies classes provide an abundance of opportunities to embed substance abuse education topics. Whether your curriculum addresses history, civics, social issues, psychology or sociology. In addition, connections can be made with students about the impact of substance abuse on historical figures and events, as well as on the social, economic and political issues of today.

Here are some ideas and resources to consider when lesson planning:

1. Economics

- a. War on drugs <http://www.drugwarfacts.org/cms/Economics>
- b. Supply and Demand
- c. Decision Making and Cost- Benefit Analysis
- d. Financial Market

<http://www.dualdiagnosis.org/drug-addiction/economic-status/>

Information on Economic Status and Drug Abuse with Visuals and facts

2. Civics

- a. Government Drug Prevention/Intervention
- b. Drug Courts
- c. Laws and Law Enforcement
- d. Drug/Alcohol/Tobacco policies (federal and state)
- e. State/Federal Laws

Activities:

Drug Trafficking

Activity examines legal and social consequences of drug trafficking between the United States and Mexico as well as how law enforcement agencies are dealing with this issue

http://www.coedu.usf.edu/main/departments/seced/GlobalSchoolsProject/Miliziano_K.html

Civil Liberties Connection

- Drug Testing: students examine case studies and the application of the 4th Amendments right to privacy
- Drug Testing in the Schools

<http://www.pbs.org/pov/larryvlockney/lesson-plan/>

<http://law2.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/conlaw/searches.htm>

3. World History

- a. Alcohol: The Napoleonic Wars (1803-1815)
- b. Opium: The First Opium War (1839- 1842)
- c. Morphine: The American Civil War (1861-1865)
- d. THC, Mushrooms: The Anglo-Zulu War (1879)
- e. Tobacco: World War 1 (1914-1918)
- f. Speed: World War II (1941-1945)
- g. Marijuana and heroin: Vietnam War (1955-1975)
- h. Brown-Brown, speed: Sierra Leone Civil War (1991-2002)
- i. Pills : War in Iraq (2003-2011)
- j. Heroin: War in Afghanistan (2001-Present)

https://www.unodc.org/documents/wdr2014/World_Drug_Report_2014_web.pdf

<http://www.recoveryfirst.org/world-history-of-drug-use/>

<https://www.thefix.com/content/10-wars-and-drugs-defined-them7413>

4. U.S. History

- a. Prohibition
- b. Harrison Tax Act
- c. Tobacco: World War 1 (1914-1918)
- d. Speed: World War II (1941-1945)
- e. Marijuana and heroin: Vietnam War (1955-1975)

<http://www.williamwhitepapers.com/pr/AddictionTreatment&RecoveryInAmerica.pdf>

- Significant Events in the History of Addiction Treatment and Recovery in America

http://www1.udel.edu/soc/tammya/pdf/crju369_history.pdf

- A history of Drug and Alcohol abuse in America

5. World Geography

- a. **Africa- Child Soldiers**
- b. **Europe- Britain/China Opium War of 1839-42 and 1856-60**
- c. **Latin America- Drug trafficking**
- d. **Asia- Opium Wars of 1839-42 and 1856-60**
- e. **Maps/Charts**
 - **Region/World comparison of drug use/trafficking/deaths/etc.**

<http://www.vision.org/visionmedia/social-issues/child-soldiers/6684.aspx>

- **Information regarding child soldiers around the world**

6. Psychology

- a. **Developmental Psychology- Brain biology of addiction/abuse/habits**
- b. **The Biology of the Mind**
 - i. Neural Systems
 - ii. Neural Communication
 - iii. Neurotransmitters and Drugs
 - iv. Drugs and Consciousness
 - v. Tolerance, dependence, and addiction
 - vi. Psychoactive Drugs
- c. **Social Psychology- Peer Pressure, Relationships,**
- d. **Psychological Psychology- Mental health connection to drug abuse**

Activities:

The Olympics: Body and Mind

Dual activity that incorporates the physiological and psychological aspects of adrenaline effects on an Olympic athlete.

www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/lessons_plans/the-olympics-body-and-mind/

The Mind: An Incredible Machine

Activity that describes the various parts and functions of the brain and the impact of drugs and alcohol on it.

<http://www.discoveryeducation.com/teachers/free-lesson-plans/the-mind-an-incredible-machine.cfm>

The Mind: Teaching Modules: Annenberg Media

Compilation of videos that examine the biology of behavior and the relationship between the mind and body.

<https://www.learner.org/resources/series150.html>

<http://www4.uwsp.edu/psych/mp/tdrugs.htm#alc>

- **Drugs and Behavior Links**