

Region 4, Teaching American History Resource Center

Exploring on Your Own

Outcome

Gain familiarity with the CaseNEX Teaching American History Resource Center, including the teaching resources available and how to navigate the site to quickly and easily put them to use.

Getting Ready

- You'll need a computer with an internet connection. To view the video, a broadband internet connection is recommended.
- Plan to spend about 30 minutes becoming familiar with the TAH Resource Center materials.
- Then, use these resources throughout the year to enliven your social studies lessons.

Step-by-Step Instructions

Login to the CaseNEX TAH Resource center (<http://www.casenex.com/casenet/frontPages/resourceCenter/>), and enter the site. The Resource Center is organized so you may find materials two ways, either by focusing on a particular grade level using the list on the left, or by focusing on the type of resource you need and using the list on the right. Keep these points in mind as you explore what's here:

- Each Grade-Level Resource Page contains the same items listed in the "Resource Overviews" box on the right.
- Within each Grade-Level Resource Page, you'll find the following:
 - The NYS Learning Standards and Core Curriculum in Social Studies.

- The Primary Sources and Lesson Plans links containing tools to enhance social studies education:
 - explanations of primary sources and how to use;
 - selected primary sources related to that grade levels' social studies curriculum;
 - access to primary sources search engines for independent research;
 - lesson plans on how to use primary sources to engage students in higher-level thinking; and
 - additional history lesson plans developed under the Region 4 Teaching American History grant and videos of teacher reflections on those plans.
- The Museum Connections link providing access to New York City museums supporting that grade's social studies curriculum.
- The Additional Resources link pointing to an annotated list of resources by grade level that support the social studies curriculum.

This site is intended to support teaching and learning. Spend about 30 minutes exploring what's here, and we're sure you'll find materials to enliven your curriculum and engage your students. If you like what you've seen here, please pass it on.