



Library Connections to the NJCCS – Social Studies

6.6 Geography, Diversity, Environment

Libraries have information on environmental issues (pro and con, legislature), cultural and ethnic diversity (including country information), and other topics. For example, check the shelves for Biodiversity (333.95), Cultures and racism (305.8) or Atlases (912).

Materials that libraries offer for unique assignments on these topics include:

- § A variety of political, economic, and physical maps describing how geography and environment affect the culture of a people;
- § Collected essays and books on opposing viewpoints about many social, cultural, political issues in the world today;
- § A variety of print and online newspapers describing how cultures portray themselves (stereotypes) and how other cultures view Americans.

6.5 Economy/Global & Local

Libraries have information on economic issues (American and global), industries (ancient and modern), and other topics. For example, check the shelves for Economics (330), Money and the Stock Market (332), or Market Crashes in U. S. History (338.54).

Materials that libraries offer for unique assignments on these topics include:

- § Reference books and historical newspapers describing the value of a dollar, and the cost of various items at different points in history;
- § Real-world current stock price sources, in print and online, that track fluctuations in the markets at home and abroad;
- § Study materials and online tutorials for Advanced Placement tests, academic competitions, or mathematics connections to economics.

6.4 New Jersey and United States History

Libraries have information on New Jersey History (including very local information about your town and county), and on United States History (including people, events, and commentary), and other topics. For example, check the shelves for New Jersey (974.9), Native Americans (970), American Revolution (973.3), Civil War (973.7), or the Great Depression (973.9).

Materials that libraries offer for unique assignments on these topics include:

- § Local history including Revolutionary War battles, famous local people, and state legislation both past and present;
- § Detailed journal articles, essays, and current books on varying points of view on events in American history, from its creation to recent events;
- § Primary and secondary sources for role-playing activities including the Constitutional Convention, World War II Tribunals, and other events.



6.3 World History

Libraries have information on all time periods in World History from ancient civilizations (dynasties and culture) to the formation of modern nations (world politics). For example, check the shelves for Greek and Roman Civilizations (937 & 938), World Religions (290), World Politics (909.8), the United Nations (341.23) or the Holocaust (940.53).

- § Primary and secondary sources on a variety of topics including famous people, places, and events;
- § Essays, videos, and interviews for use in preparation for debates, model United Nations events, or speeches.
- § Current newswires and news sources on current global issues and conflicts, often from the foreign countries themselves.

6.2 Civics, American Values, Democracy

Libraries have information on a variety of civics topics (ethics, democracy) and aspects of American culture (social values, moral conditions). For example, check the shelves for the U. S. Constitution (342.73), Voting (342.73) or Politics (320).

- § Charts, graphs, and forms about various processes of government including making a bill into law, voting, and citizen rights.
- § Primary and secondary sources on past and present politicians' positions, including quotes, statements and interviews by current members of Congress, and local and state government officials;
- § Contact information for agencies, organizations, and policymakers.

6.1 Skills, Sources, Fact vs. Fiction

Libraries have information many types of sources, including print, microform, media and online. Check with your librarians to find out what other materials are available.

- § Online and print statistics and population/census information, including very specific types of data from the U. S. and around the world.
- § Almanacs, atlases, globes and maps for use in teaching location and distance.
- § Works of historical fiction, biography, and autobiography for use in deciphering fact from fiction.