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Dear Colleagues:

This Supplement to the 2018 Massachusetts History and Social Science Curriculum Framework is designed to provide resources for students, families, and teachers to explore. It lists annotated resources that are particularly relevant to the standards in the framework.

- Section I provides digital resources for history and social science.
- Section II focuses on Massachusetts and New England museums, historic sites, archives, and libraries that can be visited in person or virtually to enhance learning in history and social science.
- Section III provides a brief listing of the history of civic holidays and commemorations.
- Section IV provides a history of Massachusetts actions to promote civic education in the 21st century.

Thank you again for your ongoing support and for your commitment to a strong curriculum for all students.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey C. Riley
Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education
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Section I
Recommended History and Social Science Websites for Students and Teachers

Elementary Grades

**United States and World History, Geography, Civics and Economics**

*American Centuries* (Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association)
Materials focused on Western Massachusetts; topics include daily life in the colonies, Shays' Rebellion, African Americans in rural New England, the Civil War. Link to *Impressions from a Lost World* on the 19th century discovery of dinosaur tracks in Massachusetts

*Center for Civic Education*
PK-5 resources on teaching civics

*The Children's Museum Boston*
Interactive exhibits; educator resources, including *Native Peoples of the Northeast* and *East Asia*

*The Coming of the American Revolution* (Massachusetts Historical Society)
Interactive website on the years prior to the Revolution featuring primary sources

*Digital History* (National Endowment for the Humanities, Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, Chicago History Museum, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, University of Houston, National Park Service)
Site contains links to many primary documents, images, multimedia, music

*Discovering Justice*
Resources include a K-5 civics/literacy curriculum

*EDSITEment* (National Endowment for the Humanities)
Comprehensive collections of primary sources and curriculum units and links to other sites in the humanities

*Federal Reserve Education* (Federal Reserve Banks)
K-12 curriculum materials on economics searchable by grade and topic

*George Washington's Mount Vernon: Slavery*
Resources on slave life on a Virginia plantation; examines the contradictions of Washington's fight to free America from Britain and slave ownership

*Heilbrunn Timeline of Art History* (Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York)
Essays, image collection, and timeline of arts and culture in the museum’s collection

*Just for Kids* (Plimoth Plantation)
Interactive exhibit on the first Thanksgiving and videos of a virtual field trip to Plimoth Plantation

*Museum of Fine Arts, Boston*
A vast digital collection of artwork from around the globe, from ancient history to the present day. *MFA for Educators* features a tool for gathering images and resources into online lessons and multimedia presentations.

*National Park Services Historical Sites*
Links to sites, cultural resources, and archaeological programs all over the United States

*National Park Service Massachusetts sites*
A guide to Massachusetts Park Service sites, with links to information about each.

*Norman B. Leventhal Map Center* (Boston Public Library)
Digitized historic map collection searchable by location and historical period and grade level

*Matters of Education*
Curriculum materials for K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12 linked to standards and primary sources and scholarly articles

*National Gallery of Art* (Washington, DC)
Extensive online collections of art, primarily from the United States and Europe; PK-5 curriculum materials for studying visual art and linking it to other aspects of the curriculum
National Geographic Society
Curriculum materials including interactive maps, mapmaking software, articles, videos; articles and photographs from National Geographic Magazine

National History Education Clearinghouse (George Mason University)
Sections on content in world and US history and effective practices such as historical thinking, using primary sources

Newsela
Current events articles from major news media and journals and primary sources adapted for different reading levels, grades 2-12

PBS Learning Media
Videos, interactive media resources, lesson plans searchable by grade level, standard and/or topic; includes student site

Peabody Essex Museum
East India Square, Salem, MA 01970
Asian, African, Oceanic and American art, maritime artifacts and paintings Explore Art presents highlights from the collections online.

Primary Source
Curriculum materials based on primary sources in United States and world history Extensive resource guides for different regions and countries

Resourcesforhistoryteachers (University of Massachusetts Amherst)
Site with links to primary sources, multicultural sources, and multimedia with pages linked to the Massachusetts History and Social Science Curriculum Framework; created and maintained by the faculty and students in the history/social science education program at UMass Amherst

Slavery at Monticello: Paradox of Liberty (Monticello and the Smithsonian Museum of African American History)
Resources on the life of slaves in a Virginia plantation of Thomas Jefferson; explores the contradiction of Jefferson’s belief in equality and his ownership of slaves

Smithsonian Institution (Washington, DC)
Extensive online collections of artifacts

Smithsonian Learning Lab
site designed to give educators access to all images in all Smithsonian collections, searchable by topic or collection; sections for curating a personal collection of annotated images and creating curriculum

Smithsonian Museums on the United States
National Air and Space Museum
National Museum of African American History and Culture
National Museum of American Art and Renwick Gallery
National Museum of American History
National Museum of the American Indian
National Museum of Natural History
National Portrait Gallery
National Postal Museum
National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute

Smithsonian Museums on World Cultures
Cooper Hewitt Design Museum
Museum of design: furniture, architecture, clothing, industrial design

Freer Gallery of Art and Sackler Museum
The art of Ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia, India, China, Korea, Japan, and American 19th century impressionist artists inspired by Asian art

Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden
Contemporary sculpture

National Museum of African Art
Modern and historical arts of Africa

Smarthistory
Resource for the study of art history and cultural heritage around the world; articles and videos searchable by region and time period

Springfield Museums
A complex of art, science, and history museums Online searchable collections include American, European, Asian, and ancient art, Connecticut Valley history, Native peoples of the region, and science

Worcester Art Museum
Online collections of works that include American (from Pre-Columbian to Native American to Colonial to contemporary times), Greek, Roman, Egyptian, Chinese, European, Indian, Islamic, Japanese, Korean, and contemporary art
Middle and High School Grades
United States History, Civics, and Geography

Abraham Lincoln Online
Source for Lincoln texts and events related to Lincoln

African American Digital Collections from the Library of Congress
Collections on Frederick Douglass, Zorah Neale Hurston, Works Progress Administration oral interviews with former enslaved people, musical recordings

America in Class (National Humanities Center)
Primary source collections in history, literature, and works of art from 1492 to the 1960s, with guiding and supporting questions

American Archive of Public Broadcasting (WGBH and the Library of Congress)
Primary interviews and other materials from Public Broadcasting television documentaries; curated exhibits on topics such as elections, Watergate, Civil Rights

American Journeys (Wisconsin Historical Society)
Primary sources of eyewitness accounts and images of explorations of North America c. 1000-1800 CE

American Memory (Library of Congress)
Primary sources, including photographs, texts, cartoons

American Red Cross – Humanity in War
Information on international humanitarian law

American Social History Project (Center for Media and Learning, The Graduate Center, City University of New York)
HERB is a database of primary documents, including visual resources, and curriculum materials in United States history, with an emphasis on working people and ordinary United States residents and citizens, searchable by era and theme.
Picturing United States History is a series of images and lectures on visual culture from a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Teachers’ institute

The American Yawp (Open Source United States History Textbook)
Collaboratively written U.S. textbook with extensive primary sources; updated annually

Archaeology (Archaeological Institute of America)
Articles, videos, online exhibitions on archaeological investigations around the world, including the U.S.

Blackpast.org
Articles and primary sources related to global African and African American history

Choices Program (Brown University)
Curriculum materials on current and modern historical events designed to develop the skills and knowledge for addressing international and public policy issues; includes both U.S. and world topics

Clio – Visualizing History
Online exhibitions of visual primary sources, including photographs, illustrations, quilts and
Click! The Ongoing Feminist Revolution
Resources on women’s history in the United States from the 1940s to the present

Common-Place
Online journal of American history, published by the American Antiquarian Society, includes a section for teachers, Common School

Declaration Resources Project (Harvard University)
Articles and other resources on reading the Declaration of Independence
Digital AAS (American Antiquarian Society)
Selected items from the collection including drawings, photographs, newspapers, political prints, and Paul Revere collection.

Digital Collections for the Classroom (Newberry Library, Chicago)
Extensive annotated collections, each with multiple images and texts, on topics such as historical maps, Chicago and the Great Migration, Native Peoples, selections from historic periodicals; both U.S. and world topics

Digital History (National Endowment for the Humanities, Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, Chicago History Museum, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, University of Houston, National Park Service)
Site contains links to many primary documents, images, multimedia, music

Digital Public Library of America (DPLA)
Open-source materials from United States public libraries, archives, museums, and other cultural heritage institutions. Curriculum materials include Primary Source Sets on a variety of topics in history and literature, each of which includes 10-15 sources, (videos, letters, oral histories, photographs, sheet music). Exhibitions contain short text on a topic and 5-10 visual images from public libraries and archives across the United States; includes both U.S. and world topics

Disability History Museum
An online collection of documents and videos related to the history of the recognition and treatment of disabilities in the United States

EDSITEment (National Endowment for the Humanities)
Comprehensive collections of primary sources and curriculum units and links to other sites in the humanities; includes both U.S. and world topics

Emerging America
Collection of curriculum units using primary sources; professional development; includes material on the history of political and social responses to people with disabilities and industrial history

Facing History and Ourselves
Curriculum materials on topics such as democratic and civic engagement, racism, anti-Semitism, the Holocaust, genocide and mass violence; includes both U.S. and world topics

The Founders’ Constitution (University of Chicago)
Primary sources from the 17th century to the 1830s related to major themes in the Constitution and to each article in the Constitution and each Amendment in the Bill of Rights

George Washington’s Mount Vernon: Slavery
Resources on slave life on a Virginia plantation; examines the contradictions of Washington’s fight to free America from Britain and slave ownership

Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History
Archive of American history with primary sources, articles, online exhibitions, and curriculum units

Harvey Goldberg Series for Understanding and Teaching History (University of Wisconsin)
Books in the series include, American Slavery, the Cold War, U. S. Lesbian, Gay and Transgender History, the Vietnam War; books include primary sources and interpretation, links to other resources.

Google Arts and Culture
Collections of artwork from many museums worldwide, cultural heritage sites, film, biography; includes both U.S. and world topics

Heard Museum: Advancing America in Indian Art: Digital Collections (Heard Museum, Phoenix, AZ)
Historic photographs and art of Native Peoples of the Southwest

Heilbrunn Timeline of Art History (Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York)
Essays, image collection, and timeline of arts and culture in the collection of the Metropolitan Museum; includes both U.S. and world topics
Historical Inquiry (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University)
Site devoted to historical inquiry using primary sources such as texts, artifacts, photographs, audio, video, multimedia; describes a instructional strategy for inquiry and interpretation: summarizing, contextualizing, inferring, monitoring, and corroborating. Applicable to both U.S. and world topics

History Matters (George Mason University)
Online U.S. history course with links to resources

Immigration to the United States, 1789-1930 (Open Collections Program, Harvard University)
Documents and images on immigration including the immigrant diaspora and resistance to immigration

Indians/Native Americans (National Archives)
Primary and secondary sources related to Native Peoples and links to other digitized collections in the Library of Congress, National Park Service, and other sites

Institute for Immigration Research (George Mason University and the Immigrant Learning Center)
“Data on Demand (DoD)summaries provide data on United States immigration searchable by state. Information includes country of origin, age, workforce participation, and other topics

Internet History Sourcebooks Project (Fordham University)
Collection of documents from world and US history, searchable by topic, period, civilization

Billy Ireland Cartoon Library and Museum (Ohio State University)
Large digital collection of cartoon art, including editorial cartoons and graphic novels, searchable by subject, topic or creator’s name; mostly United States; some world history, including Japanese manga collection.
The Opper Project has lesson plans on editorial cartoons searchable by subject (e.g., Lincoln, American Imperialism, the Great Depression)

Robert H. Jackson Center
Information about the work of Supreme Court Justice Jackson, including his role as chief prosecutor of the Nuremberg Trials

LGBTQ+ Resources (Library of Congress)
Audio and Video collections from Story Corps, the Veterans History Project, and American Archive of Public Broadcasting

Norman B. Leventhal Map Center (Boston Public Library)
Digitized historic map collection searchable by location and historical period and grade level; both U.S. and world maps

Martin Luther King, Jr. Research and Education Institute (Stanford University)
Curriculum materials and papers related to Martin Luther King, Jr.

Matters of Education
Curriculum materials for 6-8, 9-12 linked to standards, primary sources and scholarly articles

Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York
Extensive online collection of art from all time periods, all over the world includes MetMedia, a collection of over short videos on art

Museum of Anthropology, University of British Columbia
Online Collections of North, South, and Central American, Asian, Oceanic, European art and artifacts, searchable by place, ethnic group, or type; particularly strong in the arts of the Americas

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
A vast digital collection of artwork from around the globe, from ancient history to the present day. MFA for Educators features a tool for gathering images and resources into online lessons and multimedia presentations.

Museum of Indian Arts and Culture (Santa Fe, NM)
Digital collection of arts and research materials on the Southwest, including the Indigenous Peoples Archive, photographs and records of Indian Boarding Schools in New Mexico; online collections of the arts of the Southwest
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**National Archives**
United States documents, including photographs and film, curriculum units

**National Congress of American Indians**
Organization founded in 1944 to serve the broad interests of tribal governments and communities. Site includes information about current tribal nations and positions on policy

**National Gallery of Art (Washington, DC)**
Extensive online collections of art, primarily from the United States and Europe; curriculum materials for studying visual art and linking it to other aspects of the curriculum

**National History Education Clearinghouse (George Mason University)**
Sections on content in world and US history and effective practices such as historical thinking, using primary sources

**National Museum of Women in the Arts**
[Online Collections](https://www_nmwa_org/art_online) of works of women artists from the United States and around the world and short biographies/artist statements

**National Museum of Women’s History**
Online exhibits on women’s rights, women in law, politics, immigration, entrepreneurship, science, the arts; primary source sets by period and theme

**National Park Service Historical Sites**
Links to sites, cultural resources, and archaeological programs all over the United States

**National Park Service Massachusetts Sites**
A guide to Massachusetts Park Service sites, with links to information about each.

**Native American Heritage (National Park Service)**
Sites and collections across the United States relating to Native Peoples

**Native Americans (Library of Congress, American Memory)**
Primary and second sources, curriculum materials, links to digital collections

**Online Library of Liberty (Liberty Fund)**
Collection of books and articles about the concept of individual liberty and markets; both U.S. and world topics

**Organization of American History**
Articles from back issues of the Organization’s Journal on American history

**Our World in Data**
Data on historic world populations, economic development, health, education, global connections and other topics, presented in graphs and charts

**Partnerships with Native Americans**
Biographies of Native Americans, histories of significant events in Native American history, current issues; bibliographies of books, films, links to Native American newspapers that can be read online

**PBS Learning Media**
Videos, interactive media resources, lesson plans searchable by grade level, standard and/or topic; includes student site; both U. S. and world topics

**Peabody Essex Museum**
Asian, African, Oceanic and American art, maritime artifacts and paintings [Explore Art](https://exploreart_peabodyessexmuseum_org) presents highlights from the collections online.

**Political Maps**
Political maps of national elections 2000-2016; updated for each election cycle. Political maps by state

**Presidential Libraries and Museums**
Documents, images and artifacts of Presidents from Herbert Hoover to Barack Obama

**Primary Source**
Curriculum materials based on primary sources for United States and world history Extensive resource guides for different regions and countries

Articles on teaching, public history, research
Resources for history teachers (University of Massachusetts Amherst)
Site with links to primary sources, multicultural sources, and multimedia with pages linked to the Massachusetts History and Social Science Curriculum Framework; created and maintained by the faculty and students in the history/social science education program at UMass Amherst

Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture (New York Public Library)
Digital Schomburg contains online collections and exhibitions
Digitized books on the slave trade, migrations, and African American women writers of the 19th century
Online exhibitions in United States history with essays, images, maps, timelines include
The Abolition of the Slave Trade
In Motion: the African American Migration Experience
Africana Age: African and African Diasporan Transformations in the 20th Century

Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America, Harvard University
Library specializing in collections about women; online collections of papers and materials related to women, families, and groups such as the Beecher-Stowe Family, the Black Women’s Oral History Project, the Blackwell Family, Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Alice Paul, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Dorothy West

Slavery at Monticello: Paradox of Liberty (Monticello and the Smithsonian Museum of African American History)
Resources on the life of slaves in a Virginia plantation of Thomas Jefferson; explores the contradiction of Jefferson’s belief in equality and his ownership of slaves

Smarthistory
Resource for the study of art history and cultural heritage around the world; articles and videos searchable by region and time period; both U.S. and world topics

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Extensive online collections of artifacts
Smithsonian Learning Lab
Site designed to give educators access to all images in all Smithsonian collections, searchable by topic or collection; sections for curating a personal collection of annotated images and creating curriculum

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National Museum of American Art and Renwick Gallery
National Museum of American History
National Museum of the American Indian
National Museum of Natural History
National Portrait Gallery
National Postal Museum
National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute

Southern Poverty Law Center
Resources on African American history, slavery, racism, immigration, hate crimes, white supremacy movements; see also Teaching Tolerance

Springfield Museums
A complex of art, science, and history museums
Online searchable collections include American, European, Asian, and ancient art, Connecticut Valley history, Native peoples of the region, and science

Stanford History Education Group (Stanford University)
Sections on content in world and US history and effective practices
Reading Like a Historian (historical thinking)
Beyond the Bubble (assessment)
Civic Online Reasoning (news and media literacy)

Story Corps
A searchable collection of audiotapes of oral histories recorded from 2003 to the present by participants all over the United States

Tangible History
Teaching and learning history through examination of objects in the Harvard University museums; a series of videos
Teaching with Historic Places
Curriculum materials based on historic sites in the National Park Service and on the National Register of Historic Places

Teaching Tolerance
Curriculum materials on topics such as race and ethnicity, gender, class, religion, and civil rights, a project of the Southern Poverty Law Center

Time Maps
Atlas of historical maps searchable by region and date; encyclopedia searchable by topic, major civilizations, events, empires; lesson plans and alignments to Advanced Placement courses

Voices of Democracy: the U. S. Oratory Project (University of Maryland)
Collection of text versions of important speeches and debates in U. S. history; curriculum units; includes speeches by African Americans, Native Peoples, women, and men

White House Historical Association Digital Library
Images and documents related to the White House and documents of Presidents and their families while in the White House

Women Working 1800-1930 (Open Collections Program, Harvard University)
Images and texts, including magazines and newspapers about women working

Worcester Art Museum
Online collections of works that include American (from Pre-Columbian to Native American to Colonial to contemporary times), Greek, Roman, Egyptian, Chinese, European, Indian, Islamic, Japanese, Korean, and contemporary art

15 Minute History (University of Texas Austin)
Podcasts by historians and social scientists on topics in world and United States history and social science; both U.S. and world topics
World History and Geography

**African Studies Program – Teaching Africa Outreach Program** *(Boston University)*

Curriculum resources and library for teaching about Africa

**Ancient History Encyclopedia**

Comprehensive site for ancient civilizations which includes texts, maps, illustrations and can be searched by region, topic, or period

**Ancient World Mapping Center** *(University of North Carolina)*

Site that provides free downloadable maps of ancient civilizations in the Mediterranean and promotes innovations in cartography, historical geography, and geographical information science

**Archaeology** *(Archaeological Institute of America)*

Articles, videos, online exhibitions on archaeological investigations around the world

**Asia for Educators** *(Columbia University)*

Curriculum units on the Song Dynasty, the Mongols, the Qing Dynasty, and China and Europe, resources for East Asian art, literature, and religions

**Bible Odyssey** *(Society for Biblical Literature)*

Scholarly articles on historical and literary research of key passages, people, and places in the Bible

**Big History Project**

Videos and texts for teaching history from the beginning of the universe to the present

**Blackpast.org**

Articles and primary sources related to global African and African American history

**Bridging World History** *(Annenberg Foundation)*

Online world history units

**British Library Online Gallery** *(British Library)*

Primary sources in British history, including the Magna Carta, early photography, Black Europeans

**British Museum**

Comprehensive collection of world art

**Museum of the World** is an interactive simultaneous timeline that presents arts and artifacts from the Americas, Africa, Asia, Oceania, Europe; individual objects have written and audio descriptions

**Choices Program** *(Brown University)*

Curriculum materials on current and modern historical events designed to develop the skills and knowledge for addressing international and public policy issues

**Consortium of Latin American Studies Programs** *(CLASP)*

Consortium of universities and school districts that produces links to K-12 curriculum and resources for teaching about South and Central America and the Caribbean

**Digital Collections for the Classroom** *(Newberry Library, Chicago)*

Extensive annotated collections, each with multiple images and texts, on topics such as historical maps, Chicago and the Great Migration, Native Peoples, selections from historic periodicals; both world and U.S. topics

**Digital Public Library of America** *(DPLA)*

Open-source materials from United States public libraries, archives, museums, and other cultural heritage institutions Curriculum materials include **Primary Source Sets** on a variety of topics in history and literature, each of which includes 10-15 sources, (videos, letters, oral histories, photographs, sheet music). **Exhibitions** contain short text on a topic and 5-10 visual images from public libraries and archives across the United States.

**EDSITEment** *(National Endowment for the Humanities)*

Comprehensive collections of primary sources and curriculum units and links to other sites in the humanities

**Education about Asia** *(Association for Asian Studies)*

Articles and curriculum materials about Asia, searchable by country and topic
Facing History and Ourselves
Curriculum materials on topics such as democratic and civic engagement, racism, anti-Semitism, the Holocaust, genocide and mass violence

Google Arts and Culture
Collections of artwork from many museums worldwide, cultural heritage sites, film, biography

Heilbrunn Timeline of Art History (Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York)
Essays, image collection, and timeline of arts and culture in the museum’s collection

Hill Museum and Manuscript Library
Digital collection of historical religious manuscripts from museums, libraries, and monasteries in 20 countries in Europe, Africa, the Middle East and South India Many of the items were preserved from destruction in war zones.

Historical Inquiry (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University)
Site devoted to historical inquiry using primary sources such as texts, artifacts, photographs, audio, video, multimedia; describes a instructional strategy for inquiry and interpretation: summarizing, contextualizing, inferring, monitoring, and corroborating.

A History of the World (BBC and the British Museum)
World history through objects, from Paleolithic stone tools to a bionic hand from the 21st century; objects are from the collections of the British Museum and other museums in the UK and are searchable by theme and historical period; podcasts in which curators discuss the objects

Hutchins Center for African and African American Research (Harvard University)
Online projects include the Africa World Map and Voyages: The Transatlantic Slave Trade Database

Indian Ocean in World History (Sultan Qaboos Cultural center, Washington DC)
Maps, overviews of historical periods and interactions, and lesson plans on cultures and nations on the Indian Ocean

International Committee of the Red Cross
Information on the Geneva Conventions and international humanitarian law to limit the effects of war

Internet History Sourcebooks Project (Fordham University)
Collection of documents from world and US history, searchable by topic, period, civilization

Internet East Asian History Sourcebooks (Fordham University)
Digital collection on the history of Asian history and religions

Internet Islamic History Sourcebooks (Fordham University)
Digital collection on the history of Islam

Internet Jewish History Sourcebooks (Fordham University)
Digital collection on the history of Judaism

Norman B. Leventhal Map Center (Boston Public Library)
Digitized historic map collection searchable by location and historical period and grade level

Matters of Education
Curriculum materials for 6-8, 9-12 linked to standards, primary sources, and scholarly articles

Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York
Extensive online collection of art from all time periods, all over the world Includes MetMedia, a collection of over short videos on art

Modern Latin America (Brown University)
Companion website to the Oxford History of Latin America, 8th edition. Texts, primary sources, questions on Latin America

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
A vast digital collection of artwork from around the globe, from ancient history to the present day MFA for Educators features a tool for gathering images and resources into online lessons and multimedia presentations.
Napoleonic Satires (Brown University)
19th century cartoons on Napoleon and the Napoleonic Wars by artists such as James Gillray

National Gallery of Art (Washington, DC)
Extensive online collections of art, primarily from the United States and Europe; curriculum materials for studying visual art and linking it to other aspects of the curriculum. For the arts of Asia and Africa, see Freer Gallery of Art and Sackler Museum and the National Museum of African Art.

National History Education Clearinghouse (George Mason University)
Sections on content in world and US history and effective practices such as historical thinking, using primary sources.

Online Library of Liberty (Liberty Fund)
Collection of books and articles about the concept of individual liberty and markets.

Our Shared Past in the Mediterranean (George Mason University)
Lesson plans and resources on the interconnections of cultures and states in the Mediterranean from the prehistoric period to the present.

Our World in Data
Data on historic world populations, economic development, health, education, global connections and other topics, presented in graphs and charts.

Peabody Essex Museum
Asian, African, Oceanic and American art, maritime artifacts and paintings. Explore Art presents highlights from the collections online.

Pelagios Commons
A site that provides tools to link historical and geographic data about early civilizations.

Perry in Japan: A Visual History (Brown University)
Paintings, prints and texts on Commodore Perry and the opening of Japan to the West.

Perseus Digital Library (Tufts University)
Texts, photographs, and information about ancient history and links to other sites.

Pleiades
A site that provides tools for linking information about the ancient world from atlases, GIS data, historical geographic maps, and other primary sources.

Primary Source
Curriculum materials based on primary sources for United States and world history. Extensive resource guides for different regions and countries.

Program for Teaching East Asia (University of Colorado Boulder)
Curriculum materials for teaching about Japanese history, literature, art.

ResourcesForHistoryTeachers (University of Massachusetts Amherst)
Site with links to primary sources, multicultural sources, and multimedia with pages linked to the Massachusetts History and Social Science Curriculum Framework; created and maintained by the faculty and students in the history/social science education program at UMass Amherst.

Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture (New York Public Library)

Smarthistory
Resource for the study of art history and cultural heritage around the world; articles and videos searchable by region and time period.

Smithsonian Institution (Washington, DC and New York)
Extensive online collections of artifacts. Smithsonian Learning Lab site designed to give educators access to all images in all Smithsonian collections, searchable by topic or collection; sections for curating a personal collection of annotated images and creating curriculum.
Individual Smithsonian Museums focusing on world cultures

Cooper Hewitt Design Museum
Museum of design: furniture, architecture, clothing, industrial design

Freer Gallery of Art and Sackler Museum
The art of Ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia, India, China, Korea, Japan, and American 19th century impressionist artists inspired by Asian art

Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden
Contemporary sculpture

National Museum of African Art
Modern and historical arts of Africa

Springfield Museums
A complex of art, science, and history museums
Online searchable collections include American, European, Asian, and ancient art, Connecticut Valley history, Native peoples of the region, and science

Stanford History Education Group (Stanford University)
Sections on content in world and US history and effective practices
Reading Like a Historian (historical thinking)
Beyond the Bubble (assessment)
Civic Online Reasoning (news and media literacy)

Time Maps
Atlas of historical maps searchable by region and date; encyclopedia searchable by topic, major civilizations, events, empires; lesson plans and alignments to Advanced Placement courses

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (United Nations)
Information on countries and projects around the world

United Nations Refugee Agency (United Nations)
Information on refugees throughout the world; publishes Figures at a Glance, Current statistics on refugees

Views and Re-Views (Brown University)
Soviet political posters and cartoons; essays

Visualizing Cultures (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
Focus on Japan and Early modern China

Voyages: The Transatlantic Slave Trade Database (Emory University and Harvard University)
Databases of voyages, estimates of numbers of Africans sold in the Atlantic slave trade, and African names

The Humphrey Winterton Collection of East African Photographs 1860-1960 (Northwestern University)
Photographs that document African life, European life in Africa, and the African landscape as it changed over time. Includes a section on using the photographs in teaching

Worcester Art Museum
Online collections of works that include American (from Pre-Columbian to Native American to Colonial to contemporary times), Greek, Roman, Egyptian, Chinese, European, Indian, Islamic, Japanese, Korean, and contemporary art

World Country Profiles (BBC News)
Current and historical information on countries around the world

World Factbook (United States Central Intelligence Agency)
Current information and maps for countries around the world

World History for Us All (San Diego State University in cooperation with the National Center for History in the Schools, University of California Los Angeles)
Curriculum units organized around geography and history, essential questions and 9 major eras from prehistory to the present

World History Matters (George Mason University)
A portal to many sites for world history and history of the arts

15 Minute History (University of Texas Austin)
Podcasts by historians and social scientists on topics in world and United States history and social science
African/African American History
See also listings under United States and World History

**African American Digital Collections from the Library of Congress**
Collections on Frederick Douglass, Zora Neale Hurston, Works Progress Administration oral interviews with former enslaved people, musical recordings

**African Studies Program – Teaching Africa Outreach Program** (Boston University)
Curriculum resources and library for teaching about Africa

**Blackpast.org**
Articles and primary sources related to global African and African American history

**Boston African American National Historic Site**
Exhibitions feature the history of Boston’s 19th century African American community, the Abolitionist Movement, the Underground Railroad, and Frederick Douglass.

**The David Walker Memorial Project**
Information on an African American who lived in Boston and was prominent in community and the abolitionist movement in the 1820s

**George Washington’s Mount Vernon: Slavery**
Resources on slave life on a Virginia plantation owned by the first President of the United States; examines the contradictions of Washington’s fight to free America from Britain and his ownership of slaves.

**Hutchins Center for African and African American Research** (Harvard University)
Online projects include the Africa World Map and Voyages: The Transatlantic Slave Trade Database

**Internet Islamic History Sourcebooks** (Fordham University)
Digital collection on the history of Islam

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Research and Education Institute** (Stanford University)
Curriculum materials and papers related to Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Museum of African American History**
Boston: African Meeting House (1806) and Abiel Smith School (1835) and exhibits on the Boston African American community and Abolitionism in the 19th century;
Nantucket: African Meeting House and Seneca Boston-Florence Higginbotham house; heritage trails in each site; online exhibition on Frederick Douglass

**Museum of Fine Arts, Boston**
A vast digital collection of artwork from around the globe, from ancient history to the present day. Extensive collections of ancient Egyptian, Nubian arts and artifacts, African art and modern African American artists. MFA for Educators features a tool for gathering images and resources into online lessons and multimedia presentations.

**Museum of the National Center for Afro-American Artists**
Collections of African, Caribbean, and African American art and a recreation of a Nubian burial chamber from the 25th Dynasty of Egypt

**Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture** (New York Public Library)
Online exhibitions in world history with essays, images, maps, timelines include The African Diaspora in the Indian Ocean World The Abolition of the Slave Trade Africana Age: African and African Diasporan Transformations in the 20th Century

**Slavery at Monticello: Paradox of Liberty** (Monticello and the Smithsonian Museum of African American History)
Resources on the life of slaves in a Virginia plantation of Thomas Jefferson; explores the contradiction of Jefferson’s belief in equality and his ownership of slaves.
Smithsonian Institution (Washington, DC)
Extensive online collections of artifacts
Smithsonian Learning Lab
site designed to give educators access to all images in all Smithsonian collections, searchable by topic or collection; sections for curating a collection of annotated images and creating curriculum
Smithsonian Museums related to Africa and African American History
National Museum of African Art
Modern and historical arts of Africa
National Museum of African American History and Culture

Teaching Tolerance
Curriculum materials on topics such as race and ethnicity, gender, class, religion, and civil rights

Voices of Democracy: the U. S. Oratory Project (University of Maryland)
Collection of text versions of important speeches and debates in U. S. history; curriculum units; includes speeches by African Americans

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Databases of voyages, estimates of numbers of Africans sold in the Atlantic slave trade, and African names

The Humphrey Winterton Collection of East African Photographs 1860-1960 (Northwestern University)
Photographs that document African life, European life in Africa, and the African landscape as it changed over time. Includes a section on using the photographs in teaching

Native Peoples in the Americas
See also listings under United States and World History

Abbe Museum
Museum of Wabanaki archaeology and culture
Online exhibitions on the Wabanaki Nation – Maliseet, Micmac, Penobscot, and Passamaquoddy communities, artifact collections and archaeological excavations in Northern Maine

The Children’s Museum Boston
Interactive exhibits for children; educator resources, including Native Peoples of the Northeast

Heard Museum: Advancing American Indian Art: Digital Collections (Heard Museum, Phoenix, AZ)
Historic photographs and art of Native Peoples of the Southwest

Indians/Native Americans (National Archives)
Primary and secondary sources related to Native Peoples and links to other digitized collections in the Library of Congress, National Park Service, and other sites

Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center
Collections and e-book on Mashantucket people, culture, history, and New England landscape.

Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and Museum (Massachusetts)
Information on current and historical Mashpee Wampanoag culture, language, and governance

Museum of Anthropology, University of British Columbia
Online Collections of North, South, and Central American, Asian, Oceanic, European art and artifacts, searchable by place, ethnic group, or type; particularly strong in the arts of Native Peoples of Northwest North America

Museum of Indian Arts and Culture (Santa Fe, NM)
Digital collection of arts and research materials on the Southwest, including the Indigenous Peoples Archive, photographs and records of Indian Boarding Schools in New Mexico

Native American Heritage (National Park Service)
Sites and collections across the United States relating to Native Peoples

Native Americans (Library of Congress, American Memory)
Primary and second sources, curriculum materials, links to digital collections

National Congress of American Indians
Organization founded in 1944 to serve the broad interests of tribal governments and communities. Site includes information about current tribal nations and positions on policy
Partnerships with Native Americans
Biographies of Native Americans, histories of significant events in Native American history, current issues; bibliographies of books, films, links to Native American newspapers that can be read online

Peabody Essex Museum
Collections includes Native American art and artifacts from the 10,000 years ago to the present. Explore Art presents highlights from the collections online

Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology at Harvard University
Collections of art and artifacts of North American Native Peoples and Pre-Columbian civilizations in South and Central America and extensive online collections and exhibitions

Plimoth Plantation
Living history museum that recreates a 17th century Wampanoag homesite.. Extensive online collections

Smithsonian Institution (Washington, DC)
Extensive online collections of artifacts
Smithsonian Learning Lab
site designed to give educators access to all images in all Smithsonian collections, searchable by topic or collection; sections for curating a personal collection of annotated images and creating curriculum

National Museum of the American Indian
Voices of Democracy: the U. S. Oratory Project (University of Maryland)
Collection of text versions of important speeches and debates in U. S. history; curriculum units; includes speeches by Native Peoples

Wampanoag Aquinnah Tribe of Gay Head (Massachusetts)
Information on current and historical Wampanoag Aquinnah culture, language, and governance

Women’s History
See also listings under United States and World History

American Women Home Page of the Library of Congress
Portal to all the Library of Congress collections related to the study of women’s history and culture in the United States

Belmont-Paul Women’s Equality Monument
National Park Service site in Washington DC that was home to the National Woman’s Party; links to women’s history resources

Boston Women’s Heritage Trail
Website with biographies of prominent Boston area women such as Louisa May Alcott, Melnea Cass, and Isabella Stewart Gardner

Clio – Visualizing History
Online exhibitions of visual primary sources, including photographs, illustrations, quilts and
Click! The Ongoing Feminist Revolution
Resources on women’s history in the United States from the 1940s to the present

National Museum of Women in the Arts
Online Collections of works of women artists from the United States and around the world and short biographies/artist statements

National Museum of Women’s History
Online exhibits on women’s rights, women in law, politics, immigration, entrepreneurship, science, the arts; primary source sets by period and theme

Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America, Harvard University
Library specializing in collections about women; online collections of papers and materials related to women, families, and groups such as the Beecher-Stowe Family, the Black Women’s Oral History Project, the Blackwell Family, Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Alice Paul, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Dorothy West

Sojourner Truth Memorial
Florence, MA memorial; website has biography and links to curriculum materials
Voices of Democracy: the U. S. Oratory Project
(University of Maryland)
Collection of text versions of important speeches
and debates in U. S. history; curriculum units;
includes speeches by women

Women Working 1800-1930 (Open Collections
Program, Harvard University)
Images and texts, including magazines and
newspapers about women working, settlement
houses, child labor, and other topics

Women’s Suffrage Celebration Coalition of
Massachusetts
Information about suffragists in Massachusetts and
the celebration of the centennial of the ratification
of the 19th Amendment

Civics

American Political Science Association
Curriculum materials on civic engagement

Avalon Project (Yale University Law School)
Documents in law, history and diplomacy

Ballotpedia
Encyclopedia of United States politics, updated
daily; topics include state primary elections,
national elections, actions of courts

Bill of Rights Institute
Resources on the Bill of Rights, Supreme Court
decisions; complete course, called “Documents of
Freedom” on United States government, economics
and history

Center for Civic Education
Resources on teaching civics; publications on civics
for early childhood through high school; sponsor of
the We the People, the Citizen and the Constitution
civics program

CIRCLE, the Center for Information and Research
on Civic Learning & Engagement (Tisch Center,
Tufts University)
Research and data over time on youth voting and
involvement in civic matters

Civics Renewal Network
Consortium of nonpartisan, nonprofit organizations
committed to strengthening civic life in the United
States by increasing the quality of civics education
and the accessibility of high-quality, no-cost
instructional materials

Current Context (University of California, Davis)
Resources on the history of student political
engagement and activism from the Civil Rights
Movement to the present

Democratic Knowledge Project (Harvard
University)
Resources on the Declaration of Independence,
youth participation in politics, and humanities
education

Discovering Justice
Civics resources including a K-5 civics/literacy
curriculum and a grades 6-8 program on
understanding citizens’ rights

The Founders’ Constitution (University of Chicago)
Primary sources related to major themes in the
Constitution and to each article in the Constitution
and each Amendment in the Bill of Rights

The Heritage Guide to the Constitution (Heritage
Foundation)
Annotated guide to each article in the Constitution

iCivics
Online interactive civics curriculum and resources;
online game about civics available in English and
Spanish

Landmark Cases of the Supreme Court
A site developed for teachers by the Supreme Court
Historical Society and Street Law, Inc. Summaries of
16 significant cases from Marbury v. Madison
(1803) to Texas v. Johnson (1989)

League of Women Voters
Civic action organization with information on topics
such as voter rights, redistricting, money in politics

National Constitution Center
Museum in Philadelphia with an extensive website
devoted to the Constitution, including a free
Interactive Constitution app
Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
Resources for History and Social Science: Supplement to the 2018 Massachusetts History and Social Science Curriculum Framework –Draft, May 15, 2018

**Oyez (Cornell’s Legal Information Institute Chicago-Kent College of Law and Justia.com)**
Multimedia archive devoted to making the Supreme Court accessible to everyone, including transcript-synchronized and searchable audio, plain-English case summaries, illustrated decision information, and full text Supreme Court opinions

**Pew Research Center**
Non-partisan public opinion polling and research

**Political Maps**
Political maps of national elections 2000-2016; updated for each election cycle. Political maps by state

**Supreme Court of the United States**
Information about current and historical cases; transcripts and audio versions of arguments

**The Supreme Court for Educators**
Website developed for a 2006 Public Broadcasting System series on the Supreme Court. Includes multimedia lesson plans, links to resources on Supreme Court Decisions

**Voices of Democracy: the U. S. Oratory Project (University of Maryland)**
Collection of text versions of important speeches and debates in U. S. history; curriculum units; includes speeches by African Americans, Native Peoples, women, and men

**Youth in Front (Harvard University Graduate School of Education and Massachusetts Institute of Technology)**
Videos and articles to guide student civic engagement and activism

### Economics/Financial Literacy

**Council for Economic Education**
K-12 curriculum materials on economics, including the Voluntary National Standards on Economics and the National Standards for Financial Literacy

**Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco**
Middle and high school curriculum materials on economic education. DataPost section provides current presentations of economic data that can be downloaded as PowerPoint slides, videos, and articles

**Library of Economics and Liberty (Liberty Fund)**
Books and articles about free market economics

**MassCouncil on Economic Education**
Statewide MA organization that provides access to personal finance and economics resources for teachers; centers at Bridgewater State and Salem State Universities

**Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)**
International economic organization with databases, data displays, and analyses on World and country economics and topics such as education, employment, environment, GDP, health

**World Bank**
Information on countries, regions, economic development projects worldwide; data displays for the current year on topics such as income distribution, education, natural disasters, carbon dioxide emissions

### Geography

**Historical Atlas of Massachusetts (University of Massachusetts Amherst)**
Online collection of maps of the Commonwealth designed to show information such as ecological and geological regions, population, industries, origins of place names

**Norman B. Leventhal Map Center (Boston Public Library)**
Digitized historic map collection searchable by location and historical period and grade level

**Massachusetts Maps (Massachusetts Historical Society)**
Online collection of historic maps of Massachusetts from 1670-1949
National Geographic Society
Curriculum materials including interactive maps, mapmaking software, articles, videos; articles and photographs from National Geographic Magazine

Time Maps
Atlas of historical maps searchable by region and date; encyclopedia searchable by topic, major civilizations, events, empires; lesson plans and alignments to Advanced Placement courses

World Bank
Information on countries, regions, economic development projects worldwide; data displays for the current year on topics such as income distribution, education, natural disasters, carbon dioxide emissions

World Country Profiles (BBC News)
Current and historical information on countries around the world

World Factbook (United States Central Intelligence Agency)
Current information and maps for countries around the world

WorldMap (Harvard University)
Open-source software for creating and publishing interactive layered maps

Massachusetts
American Centuries
Materials focused on Western Massachusetts; topics include daily life in the colonies, Shays’ Rebellion, African Americans in rural New England, the Civil War. Link to Impressions from a Lost World on the 19th century discovery of dinosaur tracks in Massachusetts

Boston Women’s Heritage Trail
Website with biographies of prominent Boston area women such as Louisa May Alcott, Melnea Cass, and Isabella Stewart Gardner

Center for the Teaching of History (Massachusetts Historical Society)
Links to online resources about Massachusetts history and curriculum materials

The David Walker Memorial Project
Information on an African American who lived in Boston and was prominent in community and the abolitionist movement in the 1820s

Historical Atlas of Massachusetts (University of Massachusetts Amherst)
Online collection of maps of the Commonwealth designed to show information such as ecological and geological regions, population, industries, origins of place names

Massachusetts Commission on LGBTQ Youth
Includes government and community resources for LGBTQ Youth

MassCouncil on Economic Education
Statewide MA organization that provides access to personal finance and economics resources for teachers; centers at Bridgewater State and Salem State Universities

Massachusetts Government
Links to institutions of Massachusetts state government

Massachusetts Historical Society
Research library for Massachusetts history with digital exhibitions on topics such as the coming of the Revolution, the Adams family papers and slavery and abolition

Massachusetts Maps (Massachusetts Historical Society)
Online collection of historic maps of Massachusetts from 1670-1949

Massachusetts Municipal Association
Information on state and local government; links to city and town websites

Massachusetts Studies Project
Resources on the history of the Commonwealth and its cities and towns

Museum of African American History, Boston and Nantucket
Online exhibition on Frederick Douglass
Primaryresearch.org
Curriculum units, primary sources and student research related to Massachusetts history

Primary Source, Watertown
Curriculum materials based on primary sources for United States and world history Extensive resource guides for different regions and countries; professional development

Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America, Harvard University
Library specializing in collections about women; online collections of papers and materials related to women, families, and groups such as the Beecher-Stowe Family, the Black Women’s Oral History Project, the Blackwell Family, Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Alice Paul, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Dorothy West

Sociedad Latina, Boston
Organization supporting Latino youth education in civic engagement, workforce development, arts, and culture

Sojourner Truth Memorial, Florence, MA
Memorial to leader for Abolition and women’s rights; website has biography and links to curriculum materials

Women’s Suffrage Celebration Coalition of Massachusetts
Information about suffragists in Massachusetts and the celebration of the centennial of the ratification of the 19th Amendment

See also the list of Massachusetts Museums and their websites in Section II

News/Media Literacy

AllSides
Provides sets of articles that reflect different political perspectives on current events and issues
Curriculum materials on news and media literacy

Ballotpedia
Encyclopedia of United States politics, updated daily; topics include state elections, primary elections, national elections, actions of courts

BBC News
Video and print resources on world news
Center for News Literacy (Stony Brook University School of Journalism, New York)
See the Resources section of the website for lesson plans and a full curriculum on news literacy

Columbia Journalism Review (Columbia University)
Website of the Columbia University School of Journalism; articles on journalism ethics, media coverage of Congress and the Presidency

Center for Media Literacy
Research, articles, and curriculum materials on media literacy

C-Span
Cable site that provides live coverage of United States Congress legislative hearings and other events, related to public policy, audios of oral arguments before the Supreme Court, and documentary series on topics such as Presidential libraries

Factcheck.org (Annenberg Public Policy Center, University of Pennsylvania)
Project that monitors the factual accuracy of U.S. political players in TV ads, speeches, debates, interviews and news releases

First Draft (Shorenstein Center on Media, Public Policy and Politics, Kennedy School, Harvard University)
Online course on identifying misinformation, resources on news literacy, fake news

History News Network (George Washington University)
Selection of articles and analyses that place current events in United States and world history in historical context; reviews of current books and news about history and historians

Massachusetts Digital Literacy and Computer Science Standards
State standards for digital literacy for K-12

Media Literacy Now
Resources for media, news, visual, and digital literacy and digital citizenship
The News Literacy Project
Program developed by journalists to help teach middle and high school students how to sort fact from fiction in the digital age. Interactive online teaching materials

Newsela
Current events articles and primary sources adapted for different reading levels, grades 2-12

Newseum
Journalism museum in Washington, DC; daily posting of front pages of more than 800 national and international newspapers, searchable by continent and country

Education section has middle and high school curriculum materials searchable by country and topic (e.g., politics, women’s rights) or theme

Media Literacy section has units on the First Amendment, evaluating information, detecting propaganda, separating fact from opinion

Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard (Harvard University)
Research and resources on journalism, news literacy, disinformation

PBS Newshour
Full broadcast videos and individual video news stories and features

Stanford History Education Group (Stanford University)
Civic Online Reasoning (news and media literacy)
Assessments of news and media literacy and research

Trust, Media, and Democracy (John S. and James L. Knight Foundation)
Research and posts on the role of social media in democracy

Professional Organizations

American Federation of Teachers
Professional organization for teachers; searchable database of its periodical, The American Educator

Section on History, Democracy, and Civics

American Historical Association
Professional organization of historians

American Political Science Association
Professional association for political scientists

C3 Teachers
Site about using inquiry based on the C3 Framework of the National Council for the Social Studies

Human Rights Educators USA
Site about human rights education

Massachusetts Council for the Social Studies
Professional organization for Massachusetts social studies teachers

Massachusetts Geographic Alliance
Professional organization for Massachusetts teachers of geography

National Council for the Social Studies
Professional organization for Social Studies teachers with many resources, including yearly collections of best social studies books for children and young adults.

New England History Teachers Association
Professional organization for history teachers; publishes the New England Journal of History

Organization of American Historians
Professional organization for historians; several publications, including Process: a Blog for American History, articles on teaching, public history, research

World History Association
Professional organization for world history teachers

Projects in Digital Humanities

The Boston Digital Humanities Consortium
Resources for development of online digital humanities projects; links to university projects in New England

DHCommons
Resources on digital humanities projects in history, literature, the arts on many sites

Hyperstudio (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
Information on projects developed and in development at MIT
metaLab at Harvard (Harvard University)
Information on projects developed and in development at Harvard

UMass Digital Humanities Initiative (University of Massachusetts Amherst)
Information on projects developed and in development at UMass Amherst
Section II

Massachusetts and Major New England Museums,
Historic Sites, Archives, and Libraries

Alphabetical Listing

**Abbe Museum**
26 Mt. Desert Street, P.O. Box 286
Bar Harbor, ME 04609
Museum of Wabanaki archaeology and culture
Online exhibitions on the Wabanaki Nation – Maliseet, Micmac, Penobscot, and Passamaquoddy communities, artifact collections and archaeological excavations in Northern Maine

**Abigail Adams Historical Society, Inc.**
180 Norton Street, Weymouth, MA 02191
Abigail Adams birthplace, online information about her life and achievements

**John Adams Courthouse**
Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108
Houses the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, the Massachusetts Appeals Court, and the Social Law Library. Established in 1692, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, the state’s highest court, is the oldest appellate court in continuous existence in the Western Hemisphere. Offers tours and educational programs.

**Adams National Historic Park**
135 Adams Street, Quincy, MA 02169
House and grounds of four generations of the Adams family, including John and Abigail Adams, John Quincy Adams, and Civil War Congressman Charles Francis Adams, Jr.

**Addison Gallery of American Art**
Phillips Academy, Andover, MA 01810
Permanent collection of American painting, sculpture, photography, and works on paper from colonial times to the present; and changing exhibitions of historical and contemporary art.

**Alden House Museum and Historic Site**
Post Office Box 2754, Duxbury, MA 02331
17th century house, home of John Alden, a Pilgrim who came on the Mayflower to settle in Plymouth

**American Antiquarian Society**
185 Salisbury Street, Worcester, MA 01609
Research library on the colonial period through 1876 Education programs on colonial printer/patriot Isaiah Thomas, and on the experiences of adolescents growing up in the mid-19th century.

**Amherst History Museum**
67 Amity Street, Amherst, MA 01002
An 18th century building housing artifacts and stories from Amherst history from the colonies to the present

**Arlington Historical Museum & Jason Russell House**
7 Jason Street, Arlington, MA 02476
1740 house museum; programs on Arlington history from pre-Revolutionary War to 21st century

**Armenian Museum of America**
65 Main Street, Watertown, MA 02472
Collections and programs that reflect Armenian-American heritage

**Berkshire County Historical Society**
780 Holmes Road, Pittsfield, MA 01201
Manuscripts, photographs, artifacts from the 18th through 20th centuries, and Arrowhead, Herman Melville’s home when he wrote *Moby-Dick*

**The Berkshire Museum**
39 South Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201
Exhibitions feature making connections among science, history, and the arts.

**Boston African American National Historic Site**
14 Beacon Street, Room 206, Boston, MA 02129
Exhibitions feature the history of Boston’s 19th century African American community, the Abolitionist Movement, the Underground Railroad, and Frederick Douglass.
Boston Athenæum
10 ½ Beacon Street; Boston, MA 02108
Library founded in 1807, the collections feature Boston, Massachusetts, and New England history, maps, archival photographs, biography, English and American literature, and the fine and decorative arts Extensive digital collections

Boston Harbor Islands National and State Park
Ferry locations in Boston, Hull, and Hingham; open May-October. Provides information on the history and ecology of the Boston Harbor Islands

Boston National Historical Park
Charlestown Navy Yard, Boston, MA 02129
The Boston National Historical Park includes sites in Boston (Old South Meeting House, Old State House, Faneuil Hall, the Paul Revere House, Old North Church, and the Dorchester Heights Monument) and Charlestown (the Bunker Hill Monument, the Charlestown Navy Yard, and the U.S.S. Constitution).

Boston Women’s Memorial
Commonwealth Avenue Mall, Boston
Statues of Abigail Adams, Phillis Wheatley, and Lucy Stone; links to sources for women’s history in Boston

Bostonian Society/Old State House Museum
206 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02109
Located in the 1713 Old State House, the Bostonian Society is the historical society for the city of Boston, with collections that date from the 1630s to the 21st century and exhibitions on the American Revolution Boston’s neighborhoods, and individuals such as Mercy Otis Warren.

Bunker Hill Monument
See Boston National Historical Park

Cape Ann Historical Museum
27 Pleasant Street, Gloucester, MA 01930
Permanent collection of documents and artifacts relating to North Shore maritime history, fishing industry, people, and events, and temporary exhibitions of Cape Ann artists

Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art
125 West Bay Road, Amherst, MA 01002
Collections and programs on original illustrations in children’s books

John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Historical Corridor
670 Linwood Avenue, Northbridge, MA 01588
Historic mills from the start of the Industrial Revolution

Chesterwood
4 Williamsville Road, PO Box 827, Stockbridge, MA 01262
Summer home and studio of Daniel Chester French, sculptor of Abraham Lincoln at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington and The Minute Man in Concord

The Children’s Museum Boston
300 Congress Street, Boston, MA 02210
Interactive exhibits for children; educator resources, including Native Peoples of the Northeast and East Asia

Children’s Museum at Holyoke
44 Dwight Street, Holyoke, MA 01040
Interactive exhibits for children

Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute
225 South Street, Williamstown, MA 01267
Collections of art from Europe and the United States, 15th-20th centuries

Commonwealth Museum and State Archives
220 Morrissey Boulevard, Boston, MA 02125
Collection related to Massachusetts history, George Washington, the Civil War, and the archaeology of the Big Dig in Boston.

Concord Museum
200 Lexington Road, PO Box 146, Concord, MA 01742-0146
Exhibits on life in Concord from Native American habitation to the present, including artifacts related to Paul Revere, Ralph Waldo Emerson, and Henry David Thoreau

Currier Museum of Art
150 Ash Street, Manchester, NH, 03104
Art from Europe and the United States
**Custom House Maritime Museum**
25 Water Street, Newburyport, MA 0195
Maritime heritage of the Merrimack River Valley

**Cyrus Dallin Art Museum**
611 Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington, MA 02474
Museum devoted to the sculptor of Paul Revere in Boston and The Appeal to the Great Spirit at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

**Davis Museum and Cultural Center**
Wellesley College, 106 Central Street
Wellesley, MA 02481-8203
Collections include art from Europe, the United States, Africa, Asia, South and Central America

**DeCordova Museum and Sculpture Park**
51 Sandy Pond Road, Lincoln, MA 01773-2699
Features modern and contemporary art highlighting New England artists; extensive outdoor sculpture exhibition

**Emily Dickinson Museum**
280 Main Street, Amherst, MA 01002
The 19th century home of poet Emily Dickinson

**Ecotarium**
222 Harrington Way, Worcester, MA 01604
Indoor and outdoor exhibits about the New England environment

**Essex Historical Society and Shipbuilding Museum**
66 Main Street, PO Box 277, Essex, MA 01929
History of Essex and its maritime industry

**Essex National Heritage Area**
140 Washington Street, Salem, MA 01970
A collection of historic sites in Essex County

**The Fairbanks House**
511 East Street, Dedham, MA 02026
Oldest timber frame house in North America, example of Puritan architecture

**Fitchburg Art Museum**
185 Elm Street; Fitchburg, MA 01420
Includes ancient, medieval, and 19th century art

**Fitchburg Historical Society**
50 Grove Street, Fitchburg, MA 01420
Collections relating to Fitchburg history, particularly the Civil War and immigrant history

**Framingham History Center**
Exhibitions of Framingham’s history in several historic locations in the city

**Fruitlands Museum**
102 Prospect Hill Road, Harvard, MA 0451
The collections center on New England Indians, the Alcotts and Transcendentalism, Shakers, and 19th century portraiture

**Fuller Museum of Art**
455 Oak Street, Brockton, MA 02301
Exhibits of contemporary fine crafts

**Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum**
2 Palace Road, Boston, MA 02115
Historic house museum in the style of a Venetian palace; personal collection of ancient Greek, medieval, Renaissance, Asian, and 17th through 19th century art

**Gibson House Museum**
137 Beacon Street; Boston, MA 02116
House museum that shows how a wealthy Boston family lived in the 19th century

**Golden Ball Tavern Museum**
662 Boston Post Road, PO Box 223, Weston, MA 02493
18th century house and inn for Post Road travelers

**Gore Place**
52 Gore Street, Waltham, MA 02453
Federal period historic house and estate with small farm

**Hancock Shaker Village**
1843 West Housatonic Street, Pittsfield, MA, 01201
Highlights artifacts of the Shaker Community from the 18th to the mid-20th centuries
Harvard Art Museums
Busch-Reisinger, Fogg, and Sackler Art Museums
32 Quincy Street, Cambridge, MA 02138
Collections of Asian, Greek/Roman, medieval, European and United States art; study centers for the collections and materials lab

Harvard Museums of Science and Culture
Collection of Historical Scientific Instruments
1 Oxford Street, Cambridge, MA 02138
Scientific instruments from Europe and the United States

Harvard University Museum of Natural History
26 Oxford Street, Cambridge, MA 02138
Natural history collections and programs on geology, botany and animals (including the glass flower and sea creature collections)

Harvard Semitic Museum
6 Divinity Avenue; Cambridge, MA 02138
Exhibits on cultures and archaeology of Ancient Near East

Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology at Harvard University
11 Divinity Street, Cambridge, MA 02148
Collections of art and artifacts of North American Native Peoples and Pre-Columbian civilizations in South and Central America and extensive online collections and exhibitions

Haverhill Historical Society/Buttonwoods Museum
240 Water Street Haverhill, MA 01830
Three historic properties with archaeology, local history, and Native American collections

Heritage Museums and Gardens
67 Grove Street, P.O. Box 566, Sandwich, MA 02563
Collections of military and automobile history and historic gardens

Historic Beverly
117 Cabot Street, Beverly, MA 01915
Collections include maps, ship’s logs, and other historical records. Exhibits and programs related to Beverly history and three historic houses

Historic Deerfield, Inc.
84B Old Main Street, PO Box 321, Deerfield, MA 01342-0321
18th and 19th century buildings and decorative arts collections from central Massachusetts

Historic New England
Digital collections and historic house museums presenting New England history
Houses in Massachusetts include:
Beauport, Gloucester
Codman House, Lincoln
Coffin House Museum, Newbury,
Cogswell’s Grant, Essex
Cooper-Frost Austin House, Cambridge
Eustis House, Milton
Gropius House, Lincoln
Harrison Gray Otis House, Boston
Lyman Estate and Greenhouses, Waltham
Pierce House, Boston
Phillips House, Salem
Josiah Quincy House, Quincy
Spencer-Pierce-Little Farm, Newbury

Historic Northampton
46 Bridge Street, Northampton, MA 01060-2428
Art and artifacts from Northampton and environs from the 17th to 20th centuries

Historic Salem, Inc.
PO Box 865, Salem, MA 01971
Activities include preservation of historic architecture and education about Salem’s history

House of the Seven Gables
54 Turner Street, Salem, MA 01970
17th century house museum and a recreated Salem pioneer village of the 1630s

International Museum of World War II
8 Mercer Road, Natick, MA 01760
Exhibits and online resources on World War I

The Jackson Homestead and Museum
527 Washington Street, Newton, MA 02458
History of Newton and the Underground Railroad

Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the U. S. Senate
210 Morrissey Boulevard, Boston, MA 02125
Interactive exhibits on the workings of the senate and the career of Senator Edward Kennedy; replica of the Senate chamber

John F. Kennedy Presidential Library & Museum
Columbia Point Boston, MA 02125
Life and presidency of John F. Kennedy
John F. Kennedy National Historic Site
83 Beals Street, Brookline, MA 02146
The birthplace of President John F. Kennedy

Lawrence Heritage State Park
1 Jackson Street, Lawrence, MA 01840
A restored boarding house with interactive exhibits on the site of one of the nation’s first planned industrial cities and the 1912 Bread and Roses Strike.

Lawrence History Center
6 Essex Street, Lawrence, MA 01840-1710
Collection contains records and photographs from Lawrence history.

Norman B. Leventhal Map Center, Boston Public Library
700 Boylston St, Copley Square, Boston MA 02116
Historic map collection; large digital collection with section for teachers with maps listed by period of US or World history; onsite exhibitions

Lexington Historical Society
PO Box 514, Lexington, MA 02420
Four historic house museums from the Revolutionary War period

Longfellow National Historical Park
105 Brattle Street, Cambridge, MA 02138
Home of poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Lowell National Historic Park
67 Kirk Street, Lowell, MA 01852
Industrial Revolution sites, including 19th century textile mills, canals, and boarding houses of the “mill girls”

The Lynn Museum/Lynn Historical Society
590 Washington Street, Lynn, MA 01904
The history of Lynn from 1629 to the present

Mapparium, Mary Baker Eddy Library
200 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, MA 02115
Interactive exhibits and large globe of the world

Marblehead Museum and Historical Society
170 Washington Street, Marblehead, MA 01945
Historic houses and collections of artifacts related to maritime history and decorative arts.

Maritime Museum at Fall River: Battleship Cove
5 Water Street, Fall River, MA 02721
Historical and nautical museum including exhibits on the Titanic, Fall River Line, lightships, World War II vessels, U. S. Frigate Hancock, whaling, the Andrea Doria

Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center
110 Pequot Trail, Mashantucket, CT 06338
Collections and e-book on Mashantucket people, culture, history, and New England landscape.

Mashpee Wampanoag Museum
414 Main Street, Mashpee, MA 02649
Collections of culture and history of the Mashpee Wampanoag People

Massachusetts Historical Society
1154 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02215
Research library for Massachusetts history with digital exhibitions and curricula on topics such as the papers of the Adams Family and Thomas Jefferson, the Boston Massacre, and the period before the Revolution

Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art
87 Marshall Street, North Adams, MA 01247
Contemporary art from around the world and changing exhibitions in the “Kidspace” Gallery

Maudslay State Park
Curzon Mill Road, Newburyport, MA 01950
19th century gardens and plantings

Mead Art Gallery, Amherst College
41 Quadrangle; Amherst, MA 01002
Ancient, Renaissance, baroque, and 19th century European art; Asian, Pre-Columbian, and African art; American art

Minuteman National Historic Park
174 Liberty Street, Concord, MA 01742
Interprets the beginning of the Revolutionary War and preserves parts of the Lexington and Concord battle sites

Mount Holyoke College Art Museum
50 College Street, South Hadley, MA 01075
Includes Asian, European and American, Egyptian, Greek, Roman, and Renaissance art
Museum of African American History
46 Joy Street, Boston, MA 02116
29 York Street Nantucket
Boston: African Meeting House (1806) and Abiel Smith School (1835) and exhibits on the Boston African American community and Abolitionism in the 19th century;
Nantucket: African Meeting House and Seneca-Higginbotham house; heritage trails in each site; online exhibition on Frederick Douglass

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
465 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02115-5997
A comprehensive collection of art from every part of the world, ancient and modern; online searchable collections

Museum of the National Center for Afro-American Artists
300 Walnut Avenue, Boston, MA 02119
Collections of African, Caribbean, and African American art and a recreation of a Nubian burial chamber from the 25th Dynasty of Egypt

Museum of Russian Icons
203 Union Street. Clinton, MA 01510
Museum of Russian culture with an extensive collection of icons and special exhibitions on aspects of Russian history

Museum of Science
Science Park, Boston, MA 02114-1099
Exhibitions on science, civilizations, and the history of science

Nantucket Historical Association
PO Box 1016, Nantucket, MA 02554
Features a whaling museum and historic sites that tell the story of Nantucket history

National Archives at Boston
380 Trapelo Road
Waltham, MA 02452
New England historical records, including shipping and lighthouses, genealogical records

New Bedford Whaling Museum
18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford, MA 02740-6398
Exhibitions on the story of global whaling, the port of New Bedford, the history of adjacent communities, and regional maritime activities

New Bedford Whaling National Historic Park
33 William Street, New Bedford, MA 02740
Includes a 13-city-block National Historic Landmark District and works with a variety of local partners to preserve and interpret America’s whaling and maritime history.

New England Aquarium
Central Wharf, Boston, MA 02110-3399
Has exhibits, films, and programs that can be used in a geography curriculum

New England Historic Genealogical Society
99-101 Newbury Street, Boston, MA 02116
Genealogical records, including Mayflower descendants

Old Colony Historical Society
66 Church Green, Taunton, MA 02780
Collections of artifacts, documents, and archives related to the history of the Taunton area

Old North Church and Historic Site
193 Salem Street, Boston, MA 02113
Boston’s oldest surviving church; connections to Paul Revere and the Battles of Lexington and Concord

Old Schwamb Mill
17 Mill Lane, Arlington, MA 02476
19th century woodworking mill with functioning historic equipment and tools

Old South Meeting House
310 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108
Built in 1729, Old South Meeting House was an important site of the American Revolution.

Old Sturbridge Village
One Old Sturbridge Village Road, Sturbridge, MA 01566
The largest living history museum in the Northeast, featuring daily life, work, and celebrations of the early 19th century
Frederick Law Olmsted Historic Site
99 Warren Street, Brookline, MA 02445
Home of the designer and design team of Boston’s Emerald Necklace, the U. S. Capitol and White House Grounds, New York’s Central Park, and several National Parks

Orchard House
Louisa May Alcott Memorial Association
399 Lexington Road, PO Box 343
Concord, MA 01742
Home of the Alcotts and the setting for Louisa May Alcott’s *Little Women*

Paul Revere House
19 North Square, Boston, MA 02113
Originally built in 1680, this house was owned by Paul Revere from 1770 to 1800.

Peabody Essex Museum
East India Square, Salem, MA 01970
Asian, African, Oceanic and American art, maritime artifacts and paintings Explore Art presents highlights from the collections online.

Pilgrim Hall Museum
75 Court Street, Plymouth, MA 02360
Collection includes items owned by the Pilgrims Website provides primary documents, including the *Mayflower Compact*, the ship’s passenger list, provisions lists, and William Bradford’s journal.

Plimoth Plantation
PO Box 1620, Plymouth, MA 02362
Living history museum that recreates the Pilgrim village of 1627 and a Wampanoag homesite of the same period; also portrays life at sea through the recreated 17th century ship, *Mayflower II* Extensive online collections

Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association/Memorial Hall Museum
10 Memorial Street. PO Box 428
Deerfield, MA 01342
Website features New England history from 17th through 20th centuries through images, artifacts, and documents Museum collections include inquiry into family life, native peoples, African Americans, landscape, immigration, and the 1704 attack on Deerfield.

Portland Museum of Art
7 Congress Street, Portland, ME 04101
American, European, and contemporary art; online collections, including extensive collection of Winslow Homer paintings and drawings

Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridor
107 Providence Street, Putnam, CT 02620
Preservation of the natural landscape and rivers of Central Massachusetts and Northern Connecticut

Rhode Island School of Design Museum
224 Benefit Street, Providence, RI 02903
Ancient, European, Asian, and American art and design; extensive online collections searchable by period, medium, process, and maker

Norman Rockwell Museum
PO Box 308, Route 183, Stockbridge, MA 01262
Features the work of Norman Rockwell, whose paintings and illustrations helped to define American identity in the 20th century, and has temporary exhibitions of other magazine and book illustrators.

Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum
396 County Street, New Bedford, MA 02740
An 1834 house and formal gardens, this museum interprets 150 years of New Bedford history

Royall House and Slave Quarters
15 George Street, Medford MA 02155
18th century house and slave quarters that was home to the largest slaveholding family in Massachusetts and the enslaved Africans who may their way of life possible; the only remaining slave quarters in the northern United States

Paul S. Russell MD Museum of Medical History and Innovation at Massachusetts General Hospital
2 North Grove Street, Boston, MA 02114
History of medicine and Mass General Hospital

Salem Maritime National Historic Site
174 Derby Street, Salem, MA 01970
Contains documents on the Atlantic Triangle trade before and during the colonial period, privateering during the Revolutionary War, and international maritime trade, especially with the Far East
Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site
244 Central Street, Saugus, MA 01906
Site of first ironworks in Massachusetts, 1646-1668, shows technology of colonial iron making

Shelburne Museum
6000 Shelburne Road, PO Box 10
Shelburne, VT 05482
American art and design and historic buildings

Shirley Place
33 Shirley Street, Roxbury, MA 02119
Built in 1747 by William Shirley, Royal Governor of Massachusetts Bay Colony for 15 years, the mansion was occupied by, among others, William Eustis, the 10th Governor of Massachusetts.

Slater Mill Historic Site
PO Box 696, 67 Roosevelt Avenue, Pawtucket, RI 02862
Museum dedicated to the study of industrial manufacturing in America, featuring historic Samuel Slater Mill

Smith College Art Museum
Northampton, MA 01063
Collection of ancient, Asian, African, European, American and American Indian art and artifacts; extensive online collections

Spellman Museum of Stamps and Postal History
235 Wellesley Street at Regis College, Weston, MA 02493
Focuses on stamps and postal history; includes stamps from around the world.

Springfield Armory National Historic Site
One Armory Square, Springfield, MA 01105-1299
Site of the first national armory, it focuses on firearms, the industrial revolution, and military history.

Springfield Museums
21 Edwards Street, Springfield, MA 01103
A complex of art, science, and history museums Collections include American, European, Asian, and ancient art, Connecticut Valley history, Native peoples of the region, and science.

Stonehurst, the Robert Treat Paine Estate
100 Robert Treat Paine Drive, Waltham, MA 02452
Late 19th century architecture designed by Henry Hobson Richardson, with grounds designed by Frederick Law Olmsted

Storrowton Village Museum
1305 Memorial Avenue
West Springfield, MA 01089
A collection of authentic buildings that recreate a 19th century New England village

Strawberry Banke Museum
14 Hancock Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801
Outdoor history museum spanning 300 years of history; buildings designed and interpreted to represent different historical periods

Tsongas Industrial History Center
Boott Cotton Mills Museum
400 Foot of John Street, Lowell, MA 01852
Exhibits include immigration, invention, technology, water power, labor history, and industrial pollution. Website includes teaching activities and documents.

U.S.S. Constitution Museum
Charlestown Navy Yard Building 22
PO Box 1812, Boston, MA 02129
The museum collects, preserves, and interprets the stories of the nation’s oldest commissioned warship, “Old Ironsides” and the people associated with her

Wadsworth Athenaeum
Hartford, Connecticut 06103
America’s oldest public art museum, established in 1842; collections include ancient Egyptian to modern works, Hudson River School painters, American decorative arts, and the Amistad Foundation African American collection.

Walden Woods Project at the Thoreau Institute
44 Baker Farm, Lincoln, MA 01773-3004
Programs for landscape preservation and research collections and programs related to Henry David Thoreau and his legacy in the areas of social action, conservation, literature, and ethics.
Wenham Museum
132 Main Street, Wenham, MA 01984
A 17th century house provides exhibits on 17th century life; also collections of dolls, model trains, and toys.

Williams College Museum of Art
15 Lawrence Hall Drive, Suite 2
Williamstown, MA 01267
Collections of American, Asian, European, ancient, and contemporary art

Wistariahurst Museum
238 Cabot Street, Holyoke, MA 01040
Historic house museum interpreting Holyoke’s past

Worcester Art Museum
55 Salisbury Street, Worcester, MA 01609-3196
Artworks that include American (from Pre-Columbian to Native American to Colonial to contemporary times), Greek, Roman, Egyptian, Chinese, European, Indian, Islamic, Japanese, Korean, and contemporary art

Worcester Historical Museum
30 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609-2504
Exhibits on Worcester history

Yale University Art Gallery
1111 Chapel Street, New Haven, CT 06520
Comprehensive collections of art from all over the world; online annotated selected images from the collection

Museums Listed by Region
Greater Boston
Abigail Adams Historical Society, Inc. Quincy
John Adams Courthouse Boston
Adams National Historic Park Quincy
Arlington Historical Museum & Jason Russell House Arlington
Armenian Museum of America Watertown
Boston African American National Historic Site Boston
Boston Athenæum Boston
Boston Harbor Islands National and State Park Boston
Boston National Historical Park Boston
Boston Women’s Memorial Boston
Bostonian Society/Old State House Museum Boston
The Children’s Museum Boston
Commonwealth Museum and State Archives Boston
Concord Museum Concord
Cyrus Dallin Art Museum Arlington
Davis Museum and Cultural Center Wellesley
DeCordova Museum and Sculpture Park Lincoln
The Fairbanks House Dedham
Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum Boston
Gibson House Museum Boston
Golden Ball Tavern Museum Weston
Gore Place Waltham
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Custom House Maritime Museum Newburyport
Essex Historical Society and Shipbuilding Museum Essex
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American Antiquarian Society Worcester
John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley
National Historical Corridor Northbridge
Ecotarium Worcester
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Fitchburg Historical Society Fitchburg
Framingham History Center Framingham

Fruitlands Museum Harvard
Museum of Russian Icons Clinton
Old Sturbridge Village Sturbridge
Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridor Central MA and CT
Worcester Art Museum Worcester
Worcester Historical Museum Worcester
Western Massachusetts/Berkshires

**Amherst History Museum** Amherst
**Berkshire County Historical Society** Pittsfield
**The Berkshire Museum** Pittsfield
**Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art** Amherst
**Chesterwood** Stockbridge
**Children’s Museum at Holyoke**
**Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute** Williamstown
**Emily Dickinson Museum** Amherst
**Hancock Shaker Village** Pittsfield MA
**Historic Deerfield, Inc.** Deerfield
**Historic Northampton** Northampton
**Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art** North Adams

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**Smith College Art Museum** Northampton
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**Springfield Museums** Springfield
**Storrowton Village Museum** Williamstown
**Williams College Museum of Art** Williamstown
**Wistariahurst Museum** Holyoke

Other New England Museums

**Abbe Museum** Bar Harbor, ME
**Currier Museum of Art** Manchester, NH
**Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center** Mashantucket, CT
**Portland Museum of Art** Portland, ME
**Rhode Island School of Design Museum** Providence, RI

**Shelburne Museum** Shelburne, VT
**Slater Mill Historic Site** Pawtucket,
**Strawbery Banke Museum** Portsmouth, NH
**Wadsworth Athenæum** Hartford, CT
**Yale University Art Gallery** New Haven, CT
Section III

Civic Holidays and Observances

January
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (federal holiday on the third Monday in January, commemorating the achievements and birthday of civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 15, 1929; signed into law as a holiday by President Ronald Reagan in 1983; first celebrated in some states in 1986; celebrated in all 50 states since 2000)

February
Presidents’ Day (a federal holiday on the third Monday in February, commemorating the achievements and birthdays of Presidents George Washington on February 22, 1731 and Abraham Lincoln on February 12, 1809; first celebration of Washington’s birthday in Washington, D.C. in 1879; expanded in 1885 to include all federal offices; Presidents’ Day began in the 1980s)

March
International Women’s Day (United Nations Day for Women’s Rights and World Peace; March 8; first celebrated in 1909; adopted as a celebration by the United Nations 1975)

Evacuation Day (holiday observed in Suffolk County, Massachusetts on March 17 to celebrate the evacuation of British forces from the city of Boston in 1776; made an official Suffolk County holiday by the state in 1938; was promoted by the Irish-American community in Massachusetts and coincides with St. Patrick’s Day)

April
Patriots Day (state holiday, celebrated on the third Monday in April, commemorating the Battles of Lexington and Concord, Massachusetts, April 19, 1775 and the start of the American Revolutionary War; observed as a state holiday in Massachusetts, Maine, and Wisconsin)

Earth Day (April 22, begun in 1970 to stimulate environmental awareness; supported by a coalition of international environmental organizations to promote knowledge of the environment and to encourage citizen participation in projects such as global reforestation)

May
Cinco de Mayo (May 5; commemorates the Mexican Army’s victory over the French in 1862; observed in Mexico and celebrated informally in a number of countries as a cultural festival to emphasize Mexican food, music, and art)

Armed Forces Day (observed in the United States on the third Saturday in May; first observed in the U.S. in 1950 to honor Americans serving in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard; many countries have similar celebrations on different days)

Memorial Day or Decoration Day (fourth Monday in May; a federal holiday in remembrance of people who died while serving in the United States Armed Services; first observed in 1868)
June
Flag Day (June 14, a day to observe the importance of the American flag as a patriotic symbol; first observed in some states in 1892; officially established by President Woodrow Wilson in 1916 and designated as National Flag Day by President Harry Truman in 1949)

Bunker Hill Day (local holiday on June 17; in Suffolk County, Massachusetts to commemorate the Battle of Bunker Hill in Charlestown on June 17, 1775)

July
Independence Day (July 4, a federal holiday commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776)

August
National Women’s Equality Day (August 26) commemorating the passage of the 19th Amendment giving women voting rights

September
Labor Day (first Monday in September, federal holiday celebrating the importance of American workers; celebrated first in New York City in 1882; became a federal legal holiday in 1894)

Constitution Day (observed on September 17 to commemorate the adoption of the United States Constitution on September 17, 1787; officially established as a holiday by Congress in 2004)

International Day of Peace (Observed by many countries of the United Nations on September 21; dedicated to world peace and the absence of war and violence; first celebrated in 1982; dedicated to peace education by the United Nations in 2013)

October
Columbus Day (second Monday in October, commemorating the arrival of Christopher Columbus in the Americas on October 12, 1492; a national holiday in the United States and many countries in the Americas; first celebrations documented in 1792; became an official federal holiday in 1937; observed in the 19th and 20th centuries as a celebration of Italian-American heritage). The same day is observed as Indigenous Peoples Day by a number of states and municipalities; there are multiple days of thanks recognized within Native American cultures.

November
Veterans Day (November 11; federal holiday that honors all military veterans; first celebrated in 1918 to mark the end of World War I; symbolic significance of the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, when the Armistice with Germany formally went into effect)

Thanksgiving (fourth Thursday in November, commemorating a day of thanksgiving for harvests in Plymouth in 1621 and earlier English harvest celebrations, established by President George Washington in 1789 and declared a national holiday by President Abraham Lincoln in 1868)
Section IV
Emphasis on Civic Learning, 2011-2018

Between 2011 and 2018, the Massachusetts Legislature, the Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, and the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education demonstrated persistent interest in strengthening civic education at the elementary, secondary, and college level in the Commonwealth.

2011

- The Massachusetts Legislature enacted legislation to revive and continue the Special Commission on Civic Engagement and Learning.

2012

- The Special Commission submitted a report, *Renewing the Social Compact*, to the State Legislature. The report included recommendations for improving civics education from kindergarten through adulthood, as well as examples of civics in action across Massachusetts.
- The Board of Higher Education (BHE) added “Preparing Citizens” to its list of Key Outcomes for public higher education and established a Study Group on Civic Learning and Engagement that was charged with formulating a definition of and goals and objectives for civic learning in public higher education.

2013-2014, 188th Legislative Session

- Six pieces of legislation were filed relative to civics course requirements, personal finance, civic responsibility, and legal curriculum, and involving youth in civic engagement.\(^1\)

2014

- The BHE Study Group on Civic Learning and Engagement produced a report titled, *Preparing Citizens Report on Civic Learning and Engagement* which included six recommendations designed to “embed civic learning as an expectation of all students.” With the advent of this report, civic learning and engagement was integrated into ongoing college-readiness initiatives.
- Informed by the work of the Legislature’s Special Commission and BHE’s Study Group on Civic Learning and Engagement, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) established the Working Group on Civic Learning and Engagement.
- The BHE passed a Policy on Civic Learning that called on the public colleges and universities to make Civic Learning an “expected outcome” for all undergraduates, defining Civic Learning as including the knowledge, intellectual skills, and practical skills that citizens need for informed and effective participation in civic and democratic life, and acquiring an understanding of the social and political values that underlie democratic structures and practices. The policy located civic learning as happening in the curriculum, in the co-curriculum, and through engagement with communities beyond the campuses.

\(^1\) Source: PoliticoPro Legislative Compass
2015-2016, 189th Legislative Session

- Ten pieces of legislation were filed relative to civics education, civics course requirements, personal finance, civic responsibility, and legal curriculum, and involving youth in civic engagement.

2015

- BESE’s Working Group published a report, Preparing Citizens: Report on Civic Learning and Engagement, summarizing its findings, among which was the recommendation to “Initiate a process to revise the 2003 History and Social Science Curriculum Framework and consider other ways to use the Framework to enhance the effectiveness of civics instruction.”
- The Departments of Elementary and Secondary Education and Early Education and Care, with the University of Massachusetts, published Standards for Preschool and Kindergarten Social and Emotional Learning, which include standards that set the foundation for civic learning in the early years of schooling.

2016

- BESE and BHE jointly approved a new definition of college and career readiness and civic preparation:
  
  To be college and career ready and prepared for civic life, students must also possess a deep understanding and knowledge of U.S. history and its foundational documents, along with the knowledge, intellectual skills, and applied competencies that citizens need for informed and effective participation in civic and democratic life. They must also acquire an understanding of the social values that underlie democratic structures and practices. Civic knowledge, skills, and competencies can be obtained in a variety of settings and ways, including in the classroom, across content areas, through service-learning, discussion of controversial issues, student government, and extracurricular opportunities. Key knowledge, skills, and dispositions that students should possess to be prepared to engage as active citizens include:
  
  - Core civic content knowledge and the ability to apply that knowledge to different circumstances and settings.
  - Civic intellectual skills, including the ability to identify, assess, interpret, describe, analyze and explain matters of concern in civic life.
  - Civic participatory skills, including knowing how to work collaboratively in groups and organizational settings, interface with elected officials and community representatives, communicate perspectives and arguments, and plan strategically for civic change.
  - Civic dispositions including interpersonal and intrapersonal values, virtues and behaviors respect for freedom of speech and thought, respect for others, commitment to equality, capacity for listening, capacity to communicate in ways accessible to others, etc.).

2017-2018, 190th Legislative Session

- Thirteen pieces of legislation were filed relative to civics education, civics course requirements, media literacy, citizenship, personal finance, civic responsibility, and legal curriculum, civics test requirements for high school graduation, and involving youth in civic engagement.
2017

- The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education published a Civic Learning and Engagement Strategic Plan, which included the revision of the standards, work with civic education partners, and increased emphasis on civics from preschool through college and career readiness levels.
- The Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education convened a panel of history and social science educators from preK-12 schools and higher education to review the Massachusetts History and Social Science Curriculum Framework. A public comment survey was conducted to gather information on the usefulness of the 2003 Framework and results from that survey were shared with the panel. Work commenced on revisions, with the key goals of creating a new full-year civics course at the middle school level and creating a coherent progression of content based on existing standards that highlighted civic learning in each grade.
- The Review Panel met six times and presented an abbreviated draft of the revised History and Social Science Curriculum Framework to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education in November 2017. This abbreviated draft included an Introduction and Guiding Principles that establish the qualities of effective history and social science education and a new set of standards on civics designed to be taught in grade 8.

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- The full draft of the History and Social Science Curriculum Framework was presented to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education in January 2018. The Board released the draft for public comment. Following public comment, the draft was amended and presented to the Board in June 2018 for a final approval.
- The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education created an implementation plan for 2018 that included a summer institute for civics and a year-long network designed to encourage conversation, curriculum development, and sharing among teachers and administrators.
- Bills were filed in the Legislature to promote civic education.