

## Social Studies Interactive Lesson Examples

- Have kids start a blog
  - Could be about current events
  - Could be about their reflections on the events of the past
    - Other kids could comment on these. Teachers can encourage not only participation, but having genuine dialogue about topics amongst the students.
- Conduct mock interviews with current or historical figures
  - Radio interviews
  - Video interviews, in a faux broadcasting environment
    - For example, kids can do research on Thomas Jefferson. Then, they can have an interview with him. The answers would have to align to historical facts in order to receive credit. Use the sound recorder and microphone to record interviews. Teachers can make a rubric accordingly.
- Interactive QR Code Poster
  - If kids study particular areas, they can break up into groups and put together a mini presentation about the area. Imagine a blown up map of the U.S. on the wall, with each state getting a different QR code. And each code links to their mini presentations.
- Kids create multimedia-inspired artifacts
  - They can use iMovie or Movie Maker to recreate a scene of history, such as MLK's I have a dream speech, the first landing on the moon, the Orville brother's first flights, etc.
  - They can use Garage Band to create a song that would match a period of history. For example, a song inspired by the Battle of Gettysburg. The song would probably have snare drum, and a lot of action to a climax. The kids would then have to write a paper about *how* the song was inspired by the historical event (the paper would be critical here).

## General Social Studies Ideas

- Have kids interact with maps (Google Maps), see how maps have changed over time regarding territories
- Have kids practice taking notes on their devices and email them to the teacher. The teacher can quickly assess the quality of notes.
- Using a program such as Socrative or Google Forms to create an interactive 'worksheet' for kids to complete using their devices

