

The Middle

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Upcoming PD Opportunities

Social Studies Support Sessions

The MSCS Social Studies Department will have Social Studies Support Sessions each month to lend support around planning and delivery of instruction. There are two (2) sessions.

Sept. 28, 2023

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

TLA W115/W116

PLZ Course # 35050

Turning Points in History: Using Language Arts & Social Studies Standards to Explore Moments of Change (TN State Library and Archives)

PLZ Course # 35051 September 30, 2023

9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. National Civil Rights Museum

Teaching the Facing History Middle School Curriculum

Tuesday, September 19, 2023 8am-2pm CST.

Register using [this link](#).

Online Textbook Access:

You and your students have access to your individualized accounts in Clever/Canvas.

Follow the directions in the links below for student and teacher access:

[6th Grade](#)

[7th Grade](#)

[8th Grade](#)

This brief video will offer additional support in accessing the teacher's edition.

[Accessing Teacher Resources for MS SS Textbook.mp4](#)

Curriculum Updates:

 Quarterly Social Studies CFAs in MasteryConnect

 Prescriptions – located in SharePoint

Strategy of the Month

The strategy of focus for September is **I Used to Think...Now I Think.** This routine can be used whenever students' initial thoughts, opinions, or beliefs are likely to have changed as a result of a learning experience. This may be after reading new information, watching a film, listening to a speaker, experiencing something new, having a class discussion, at the end of a unit of study, and so on.

[I Used to Think...Now I Think...](#)



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Who will the spotlight shine on next month? Is it you? Is it a colleague?

Please complete the [survey](#) for more information on ways you or a colleague can be recognized in future newsletters.

“Teaching is more than imparting knowledge; It is inspiring change. Learning is more than absorbing facts; It is acquiring understanding.”

~William Arthur Ward.