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Strengthening Students' SOCIAL STUDIES Skills While Significantly Decreasing Grading Time

(Grades 6-12)





A Unique One-Day Live Online Seminar Presented by

Glenn Wiebe

Outstanding Social Studies Educator and National Presenter

Specifically Designed for Grades 6-12 History/Social Studies Teachers

Strengthen students' social studies skills

New and innovative strategies to dramatically reduce time spent grading while giving meaningful, specific feedback

Use AI resources to **increase your efficiency and productivity**

Receive an extensive social studies teaching digital resource handbook and access to a specially created website for you to immediately link to all the resources presented at the seminar

LIVE ONLINE SEMINARS

February 24

9 AM Central, 8 AM Mountain, 7 AM Pacific, 10 AM Eastern

March 3

9 AM Eastern, 8 AM Central, 7 AM Mountain, 6 AM Pacific

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Order the recorded version and take the seminar online at your convenience (see page 6)

"This seminar was fabulous!"

– SARAH KLINE, TEACHER

Ten Key Benefits of Attending

"I really enjoyed this seminar and found it to be one of the most useful PDs I have ever attended!"

– LAUREN PINK, TEACHER



1. **Substantially Increase the Time You Spend Actually Teaching Social Studies**
   Receive extensive ideas that will allow you to immediately spend less time grading and more time in creative instruction and conferencing … Yes, less time grading and more time focusing on innovative ways to engage students in much higher levels of proficiency
2. **Use AI to Reduce the Time You Spend Assessing Student Products and Providing Feedback**
   Learn proven strategies to significantly reduce the time you spend providing feedback while increasing your students' historical thinking and writing skills
3. **Increase Student Engagement**
   Learn the best ways to engage students in your secondary social studies classroom, while helping them develop the skills necessary for their future professional and personal success
4. **Integrate Game-Based Learning Tools to Engage Your Students & Build Social Studies Skills**
   Explore a wide variety of simulations, games, and strategies to create amazing learning opportunities for your social studies students
5. **Practical Application of AI Tools**
   Explore specific AI tools … Leave with tools to develop practical strategies for immediate implementation, quickly and easily differentiate your social studies content, processes, and learning products … Quickly customize and strengthen your existing curriculum using AI
6. **Quickly Create Engaging Social Studies Lessons with AI**
   Spark student interest and motivation with AI, creating compelling social studies lessons … Construct highly engaging learning opportunities with just a few clicks
7. **Strengthen Your Social Studies Students' Critical Thinking Skills**
   Proven approaches for strengthening your students' thinking … Practical strategies to get powerful results while creating a productive learning environment
8. **Improve Students' Concept Retention Using Critical Thinking Tools**
   Promote active learning and strengthen critical thinking skills … Utilize dozens of strategies to create engaging social studies learning experiences that improve students' retention of key concepts
9. **Provide More Effective Feedback to Improve Student Work**
   Move beyond time-consuming grading practices by focusing on feedback strategies proven to increase student learning … Techniques for giving more meaningful, more practical feedback , while saving you time
10. **Receive an Extensive Social Studies Digital Resource Handbook**
    You will receive an extensive digital resource handbook, filled with over a hundred outstanding and innovative strategies to maximize your grades 6-12 History/Social Studies instruction and decrease grading time

Who Should Attend

Grades 6-12 History/Social Studies Teachers

Outstanding Strategies You Can Use Immediately

What You Will Learn ...



- Methods for supporting inquiry and the use of evidence to **create highly successful critical thinkers**
- **A roadmap for integrating new strategies in the social studies classroom:** the latest developments, challenges, opportunities, and pitfalls to avoid
- **How to use AI to create modified rubrics and feedback to improve student products**, and build student confidence while decreasing grading time
- **The best, most useful AI tools** to enhance your instruction and productivity, and increase your students' social studies learning
- **Innovative ways to build students'** critical thinking, collaboration, teamwork, and problem-solving skills
- **Approaches for changing your classroom culture** so learning is the focus, not grades
- **Essential ways to strengthen student research** and data analysis skills
- **Numerous ideas for fostering creativity and innovation** in your social studies classroom
- **How to integrate AI into your existing lessons** and units to save you time
- **The latest simulations and game-based learning tools** that engage students and increase learning
- **Methods to streamline administrative tasks** like short-term and long-term planning, crafting email replies, creating parent messages, and documenting evidence of learning
- **How the latest edtech tools can help you manage your social studies instruction**, support cross-cultural learning, and foster a global mindset



"Glenn was PHENOMENAL!!! I received so many resources and ideas from him. He was funny, relatable, kind, and authentic!"

– CHELSEA CRUSE, TEACHER

Practical Ideas and Strategies

Do you sometimes feel that you are spending more time reading and grading your students' products than they did creating them? This seminar presented by outstanding social studies teacher **GLENN WIEBE** is an exciting opportunity for grades 6-12 history/social studies teachers to explore strategies, tools, and resources designed specifically for increasing your teaching time and decreasing time spent grading. Explore outstanding ways to make the most of every lesson! You will learn how to create learning experiences that strengthen students' critical thinking, creativity, and engagement. This seminar is designed to provide you with practical, actionable strategies and skills you can implement immediately to enhance your existing social studies curriculum, making it more interactive and impactful for your students. This seminar will also include the latest developments in Artificial Intelligence tools and how to integrate them into your social studies classroom. Join Glenn for a highly practical day filled with ways to make the best of every social studies lesson! Glenn's strategies make the best use of AI, edtech tools, game-based learning, and Google Workspace to strengthen your students' social studies learning, streamline grading and assessments, enhance your instruction, and improve your own productivity.

Join Glenn for a day filled with dozens of practical and doable strategies that will lead to powerful results!



A Message From Seminar Leader, Glenn Wiebe

Uniquely Qualified Instructor

GLENN WIEBE has many years of social studies teaching experience at the secondary level. Glenn is the author of *Strengthening Students' SOCIAL STUDIES Skills While Significantly Decreasing Grading Time (Grades 6-12),* the extensive digital resource handbook each participant will receive at the seminar. Additional authorships include his recently published *The Social Studies FIELD Guide: Strategies & Tools to Captivate Students, Cultivate Critical Thinking, and Create Engaged Citizens* (available at Corwin), his award-winning website History Tech, and published articles in the *National Social Studies Leaders Association* journal, and the Teaching History website. Long active on his state's social studies council, Glenn is a past president of the National Social Studies Leaders Association, serves on the advisory board of the Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources program, serves as a state representative on the National Geographic Advisory Committee, is a member of the National Council for the Social Studies Publications Committee, and is a member of the iCivics Educators Network.

Glenn's unique and powerful background is guaranteed to give you an entertaining, high-energy, and practical learning experience! He consistently receives high marks for his spot-on practical strategies and ability to integrate resources and ideas across grade levels and content areas.

Dear Colleague:

The traditional social studies lessons and strategies that we've used for years need to be rethought. Our students are entering a vastly different political, social, and economic environment than even ten years ago. They are asking for and require a different set of skills to be successful in their local and global communities. But we're not always sure what that can look like.

It wasn't long ago that many educators believed that tools such as Wikipedia, video games, and Google Search would ruin social studies instruction. They are now some of the most useful and basic items in our teaching toolbelt. From timesaving feedback strategies to making the most of the latest AI tools, I'm excited to share the latest classroom-tested strategies, tools, and resources you can use to increase student engagement, creativity, and historical thinking, while increasing your own productivity.

I designed this seminar expressly with the needs of both you and your students in mind. This is not a sit-and-get day – you'll be evaluating strategies, gathering ideas, and working with others to solve problems. It will be a practical, hands-on learning experience specifically designed to help you hone your craft so that your students walk out of your classroom smarter and better prepared than when they walked in. My goal is that you leave with a toolkit full of practical strategies to significantly improve student learning while greatly reducing the time you spend providing feedback. I'm convinced you will leave with strategies to enhance your teaching and increase student learning while saving you time and streamlining your workload!

What you do every day is too important to leave to chance, so I'll make sure you leave with the most effective ideas that I've found – and all ready to use immediately!

Sincerely,



Glenn Wiebe

P.S. Come ready to learn, share, and engage during this fast-paced learning opportunity **full of outstanding social studies teaching strategies and practical timesavers you can use the very next day!**

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What Your Colleagues Say About Glenn Wiebe

*"Glenn was a fabulous presenter - he was **very engaging, knew a lot about his subject matter, and genuine.**"*

– Megan Porter, US History Teacher

*"So **many helpful tools and practical ideas.** The handbook and website were very helpful also."*

– Laura Fulks, Social Studies Teacher

*"Glenn was **highly informative, enthusiastic, and entertaining.** I feel like I have a good deal of strategies and tools that I can use in my Social Studies Classroom right away and into the future. Thanks for the outstanding seminar!"*

– Greg Keelen, Social Studies Teacher

*"So **many wonderful ideas and resources** to add interest and engagement to the classroom as well as shorten my time on finding resources outside of class."*

– Samantha Reeves, Social Studies Teacher

*"Glenn was excellent. It is so **great to have tools I can use in class tomorrow.** I have an observation next month and I will definitely use something from the workshop!"*

– Michael Augliano, Social Studies Teacher







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Special Benefits of Attending



"Glenn did a great job of engaging us. I learned more about AI and my hesitation using it has now gone down. Thanks, Glenn!"

– JILL TORRES,
MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER

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Each participant will receive an extensive digital resource handbook giving you access to countless strategies. The handbook includes:

- Practical, ready-to-use strategies and techniques to strengthen student learning and significantly reduce your grading time
- Motivational engagement strategies that can be used to focus your class as bell ringers or as entire lessons
- Sample AI strategies to create engaging and personalized social studies lessons that cater to individual student learning needs
- Powerful strategies using a variety of multimodal tools to increase your students' motivation, involvement, and success in an age of constantly evolving technology
- AI tools to help you automate routine administrative tasks, saving you valuable time
- Games, simulations, and resources for integrating Game-Based Learning into your social studies classroom
- Proven activities that generate active participation, promote higher-level critical thinking, and motivate students to grow as critical thinkers
- Tips and tricks to help you use AI to streamline your assessment and grading work and provide meaningful, rapid feedback

Each participant will also receive access to the seminar's website, loaded with:

- Bonus resources, online tools, and materials
- Links to seminar activities
- Brand-new tools and activities Glenn has recently discovered
- Downloadable digital tools

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Recorded Version of the Seminar

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Related On-Demand Online Courses

A related On-Demand Video-Based Online Learning course, *101 Best Strategies for Teaching Social Studies*, for Grades 6-12, is available for immediate registration. To enroll, visit www.ber.org/online

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Registration (SLW7S1)

☐ **1. February 24, 2027** (Start time: 9 AM Central)
☐ **2. March 3, 2027** (Start time: 9 AM Eastern)
—or —
☐ **3. I'd like to order the recorded version of this seminar**

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