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| **How To Help Your Child In Social Studies**  **Top 10 List**   1. **READ! Read newspapers, news magazines, biographies, non-fiction, historical fiction, and primary sources- speeches, documents, letters, songs etc. from a particular time period. You can find book lists here!** 2. **Read and interpret charts, graphs, and maps.** 3. **Take your child to a museum or a historic site. Many museums and sites have family days or special hours at reduced rates or free.** 4. **Encourage your child to write by keeping a journal and reflections of what they have read or observed.** 5. **Try to have dinner together to discuss the events of the day and ask your child about what they are studying in school.** 6. **For a birthday or holiday, buy your child a book, biography, map or globe.** 7. **Have your child read a map and help plan a route on a trip.** 8. **Encourage your child to respect people and other viewpoints. Celebrate your heritage and learn about other cultures as well.** 9. **Encourage your child to participate in academic contests such as History Fair (Grades 6-12); U.I.L. Middle and High School; Geography Bee (Grades 4-8); Citizen Bee (11-12) and numerous essay contests.** 10. **Watch educational T.V. Programs together such as the History Channel programs.** |
| **Community Resources: Museums Help Teach Social Studies** |
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| **Here are ten ideas about teaching social studies through museums and historic sites.** |
| 1. **Museums are a significant TEKS teaching resource.** 2. **Museums and historic sites inspire students.** 3. **There are many types of museums.** 4. **Museums offer students informal opportunities to learn-and can help you to design rich**   **experiences for your students/children.**   1. **Museums and historic sites have good curriculum support materials.** 2. **Virtual Trips to a museum or historic site are almost as good as real trips.** 3. **A successful museum trip involves the Three P’s: preparation, participation, and post- visit**   **reflection.**   1. **You and your students/children can make a museum together.** 2. **Museum educators and curators are both resources and role models.** 3. **Texas has many excellent museums with unlimited learning opportunities.** |