

This I Believe Statement

I believe teaching social studies in the 21st Century brings new challenges and opportunities for everyone involved. Social studies teachers are challenged by learning to effectively utilize new technologies, teaching for standardized tests mandated by the government, teaching a diverse range of students, and dealing with students that have more distractions than in the past. Students in a social studies classroom face similar challenges as well. Students have to use these new technologies, take these high stakes standardized tests, and deal with all of the distractions outside the classroom.

Despite the new challenges social studies teachers and students face in the 21st Century, I believe there are more opportunities than ever before for everyone involved. Teachers can effectively utilize these technologies so students can have more fun learning social studies and apply the information they learned.

I believe teaching social studies in the 21th Century is more important than ever. Many people do not realize the relevance of social studies today. Documents like the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution still apply. Our rights, liberties, and freedoms are protected by these two documents. If we forget about them then we lose our rights, liberties, and freedoms. Teaching social studies in the 21th Century can help students learn how to become more involved in government to protect their rights, liberties, and freedoms. I believe there are very few endeavors more important than this.