

Spirit of a Nation Additional Media Resources

WEBSITES

Mission San Luis & Florida History:

- Florida Department of State: Mission San Luis
<https://www.missionsanluis.org/>
- Mission San Luis De Apalachee: A Teacher's Guide
https://www.missionsanluis.org/media/1099/01-teachers_guide.pdf
- *La Florida: The Interactive Digital Archive of the Americas*
<http://laflorida.org/>
- Florida Division of Historical Resources Project Pages:
 - Hernando de Soto 1539-40 Winter Encampment at Anhaica Apalachee,
<https://dos.fl.gov/historical/archaeology/projects/hernando-de-soto-1539-1540-winter-encampment-at-anhaica-apalachee/>
 - Canoes, <https://dos.fl.gov/historical/archaeology/projects/canoes/>
 - Lake Jackson Mounds,
<https://dos.fl.gov/historical/archaeology/projects/lake-jackson-mounds/>
- Florida Museum, St. Augustine: America's Ancient City: Exhibit Timeline,
<https://www.floridamuseum.ufl.edu/staugustine/timeline/>
- Florida Museum, Ceramic Technology Lab,
<https://www.floridamuseum.ufl.edu/ceramiclab/>

Indigenous History & Culture:

- AAA Native Arts, Chunkey, a Native American Game,
<https://www.aaanativearts.com/chunkey-a-native-american-game>
- Arts Undivided, Corn Mother: Mythical Origins of the World's Most Produced Crop,
<https://www.artsundivided.com/post/2022-08-03-corn-mother>
- National Park Service, Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve, Museum Collection,
<https://www.nps.gov/media/photo/gallery.htm?pg=1028744&id=86EC2618-1DD8-B71C-0780158EFB834E43>
- Louisiana Regional Folklife Program articles about Apalachee history,
<https://www.nsula.edu/regionalfolklife/apalachee/before1763.html>

Archaeology:

- Project Archaeology, <https://projectarchaeology.org/>

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- Archaeology for Kids: OLogy | American Museum of Natural History, <https://www.amnh.org/explore/ology/archaeology>
- Archaeology for Kids, U.S. National Park Service, <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/archeology/archeology-for-kids.htm>

PBS LEARNINGMEDIA RESOURCES

- Florida Footprints, Once Upon Anhaica: De Soto's Winter Encampment <https://pbslearningmedia.org/resource/de-sotos-winter-encampment/florida-footprints-once-upon-anhaica-de-sotos-winter-encampment/>
- Secrets of Spanish Florida <https://pbslearningmedia.org/collection/secrets-of-spanish-florida-a-secrets-of-the-dead-special/>
- Early Encounters | Creek Nation Virtual Field Trip <https://pbslearningmedia.org/resource/early-encounters-with-georgias-creek-nation-video/virtual-field-trips/>
- Native America: From Caves to Cosmos <https://pbslearningmedia.org/resource/caves-cosmos-gallery-native-america/caves-cosmos-gallery-native-america/>
- The Columbian Exchange | Interactive Lesson <https://pbslearningmedia.org/resource/midlit11.soc.splcol/the-columbian-exchange-interactive-lesson/us-history-collection/>
- The Effects of the Columbian Exchange <https://pbslearningmedia.org/resource/midlit11.soc.wh.columbianex/the-effects-of-the-columbian-exchange/us-history-collection/>
- "The Columbian Exchange" (Crash Course World History) <https://pbslearningmedia.org/resource/4cd0bd6e-ada3-4865-be62-40b3a8483342/the-columbian-exchange-crash-course-world-history-23/>
- The Spanish Empire, Silver, and Runaway Inflation (Crash Course and World History) <https://pbslearningmedia.org/resource/612b8a77-70ae-43e5-8080-b994e3ae3604/the-spanish-empire-silver-and-runaway-inflation-crash-course-world-history-25/>

BOOKS

Non-Fiction for Students

- *Native Voices: Native American Tales and Stories*. collected by Allison M. Hedge Coke
- *The World Made New: Why the Age of Exploration Happened and How It Changed the World*. by Marc Aronson and John W. Glenn

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- Covers Columbus and the Spanish conquests (as well as English and French), written in a way that's clear and engaging for middle school students.
- *Paths of Glory: The Life and Death of Hernando de Soto*. by Albert Marrin
 - A very readable biography of Hernando de Soto, focusing on his brutal expedition through the American Southeast and interactions with Native tribes.
- *Encounter*. by Brittany Luby (Anishinaabe)
 - Inspired by first encounters between Indigenous peoples and French explorers, but very similar in tone to Spanish contacts.
- *Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States for Young People*. by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz, adapted by Jean Mendoza (Cherokee) and Debbie Reese (Nambé Pueblo)
 - Covers many encounters, including Spanish colonialism. It's a foundational text, adapted thoughtfully for middle schoolers, giving Native perspectives often missing from traditional history books.

Non-Fiction for Teachers

- *Apalachee: The Land Between the Rivers*. by John H. Hann
The Apalachee Indians and Mission San Luis. by John Hann and Bonnie McEwan.
- *Knights of Spain, Warriors of the Sun: Hernando De Soto and the South's Ancient Chiefdoms* by Charles M Hudson
Available online: https://archive.org/details/isbn_9780820318882/mode/2up
- *1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus*. by Charles C. Mann
- *Native American Religions*. by Ake Hultkrantz
 - An authoritative overview of the diverse spiritual beliefs and practices of indigenous peoples across the Americas.
- *Cahokia: Ancient America's Great City on the Mississippi*. by Timothy R. Pauketat
 - An in-depth look at the remarkable rise and fall of the Mississippian culture's largest urban center.
- *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States*. by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz
- *Facing East from Indian Country: A Native History of Early America*. by Daniel K. Richter
- *The Rediscovery of America: Native Peoples and the Unmaking of U.S. History*. Ned Blackhawk

Fiction for Students

- *Morning Girl*. by Michael Dorris

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- Short novel telling the story of Taino siblings just before the arrival of Columbus.
- *The King's Fifth.* by Scott O'Dell
 - Historical fiction about Spanish explorers in the Southwest, seen through the eyes of a young cartographer.
- *Walk the World's Rim.* by Betty Baker
 - Set in the 1500s, it follows a Native American boy who travels with the Spanish explorer Cabeza de Vaca across what is now the American South.
- *Secret of the Andes.* by Ann Nolan Clark
 - Although set after the Spanish conquest of the Inca, it reflects on the aftermath of Spanish contact and colonialism.
- *Fallout: The True Story of the American Civil War and the Spanish Conquest.* by Art Coulson (Cherokee)
 - While the title says "Civil War," Coulson also writes vividly about earlier Spanish incursions and their long effects.

Fiction for Teachers

- *People of the Wolf.* by W. Michael Gear and Kathleen O'Neal Gear
- *Children of the Morning Star.* by W. Michael Gear and Kathleen O'Neal Gear
- *A Council of Dolls.* by Mona Susan Power (Standing Rock Sioux)
- *The Moor's Account.* by Laila Lalami
- *Aztec.* by Gary Jennings
- *Island of the Blue Dolphins.* by Scott O'Dell
- *There There.* by Tommy Orange (Cheyenne and Arapaho)

FILMS & VIDEO

Documentary

- [*Secrets of the Dead: Secrets of Spanish Florida*](#)
- [*Florida Footprints | Once Upon Anhaica \(1513-1704\)*](#)
- [*Florida Footprints | A Feral Land \(1704-1845\)*](#)
- *Guns, Germs, and Steel* (2005, PBS Documentary)

Narrative/Fiction

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- *The Mission* (1986, PG)
- *Even the Rain* (También la Lluvia) (2010, unrated but PG-13)
- *1492: Conquest of Paradise* (1992, PG-13)

TEACHING STRATEGIES

UC Berkeley History-Social Science Project.

<http://ucbhssp.berkeley.edu/content/teachers>

This organization bridges the University of California, Berkeley academy and K-12 communities to help teachers strengthen their instructional practice and provide equitable educational opportunities to all students, through a model of learning, practicing, and doing. UC Berkeley offers professional development training and resources on teaching historical thinking skills within the context of a diverse array of topics.

Facing History and Ourselves.

<https://www.facinghistory.org/>

This international educational and professional development nonprofit organization engages students of diverse backgrounds in an examination of racism, prejudice, and antisemitism in order to promote the development of a more humane and informed citizenry by providing lesson plans that reflect these topics as well as teaching strategies and professional development. Included on their website are resources on “Bearing Witness to Japanese American Incarceration.”

Library of Congress, Teaching with Primary Sources.

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/>

The Library of Congress offers classroom materials and professional development to help teachers effectively use primary sources from the Library's vast digital collections in their teaching. Find Library of Congress lesson plans and more that meet Common Core standards, state content standards, and the standards of national organizations.

Stanford History Education Group.

<https://sheg.stanford.edu/>

Strategies such as “Reading Like a Historian” and “Civic Online Reasoning” are featured here. Lesson plans engage students in historical inquiry and teach them to critically evaluate news articles.