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To: Florida School District Superintendents

From: The Institute for Governance and Civics

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Subject: Access to free online supplemental U.S. history materials for grades 6-12

Link: <https://info.istation.com/florida-us-history>

The Institute for Governance and Civics at Florida State University (FSU IGC) has been tasked with assisting Florida's K-12 schools in their work to enhance civic literacy. To that end, we are excited to provide all of Florida's middle and high school students access, at no cost, to an extensive online supplemental education program on American history.

Understanding our nation's history remains a vital component of good citizenship. FSU IGC has partnered with iStation, a K-12 education technology leader, to bring ***The Story of America*** to Florida's students. Key features of this program include:

- A **comprehensive curriculum** aligned with Florida's Social Studies Standards. *The Story of America* provides a comprehensive walk through of American history covering key events, figures, and themes from the nation's founding to modern times.
- An **interactive learning experience** that uses multimedia resources, feedback-driven activities, and thought-provoking assessments.
- A framework to **support educators** that includes technical help and professional development so that our teachers can maximize the use of this new resource.

Dr. William J. Bennett, former U.S. Secretary of Education, collaborated with the Today Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit committed to increasing educational opportunities, to develop the core content for *The Story of America*.



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The Florida Legislature has appropriated funds to ensure that every school and student in grades 6-12 can access this program at no cost. We invite you to follow the link above to learn more about how to access this program and explore how it can further the good work of your social studies teachers.

Our students today are our leaders of tomorrow. To find a way to a brighter future, they will need to understand our past. We believe that *The Story of America* will be an invaluable tool to assist them on that journey. We look forward to working with you.