

2025 HISTORY-SOCIAL SCIENCES TEACHER SYMPOSIUM BRIDGING DIVIDES: PREVENTING POLARIZATION IN HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCES EDUCATION



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Sociology, Anthropology, Economics, & Geography
Grade levels: Pre-K, Elementary, Middle, and High School

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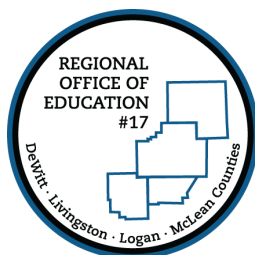
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