

Top Ten Reasons Why Social Studies Teachers Should Attend the 2018 GCSS Conference- October 11-12 in Athens

1. Georgia's social studies teachers are continuing to hone their expertise in teaching the new GSE in Social Studies and the GCSS conference is **THE ONLY** place where teachers can meet and interact face-to-face with teachers, professionals, and consultants that worked on the GSE.
2. There will be specific training Thursday afternoon dedicated to the newly developed GSE resources in the curriculum that will not be offered anywhere else.
3. This is the state's only Social Studies conference and there are ample opportunities for networking and instruction in pedagogy, assessment, and technology.
4. Historical thinking and inquiry are new social studies instructional shifts and teachers can learn from the experts at the 2018 GCSS Conference.
5. Two great keynote speakers: Thursday afternoon- **Mr. David Palmer, *Thinking Through the Lens of Social Studies*** and Friday morning, **Sarah McGrew**, Co-Director of the Civic Online Reasoning Project of the Stanford History Education Group.
6. The lack of testing in 3rd, 4th, 6th, and 7th has nothing to do with having quality instruction in those grade levels and teachers still need support and opportunities to learn effective instructional practices in these grades.
7. The conference can provide teachers with training that can meet their professional learning goals at a low cost.
8. Nine breakout sessions beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday and Friday to make the best use of system funds.
9. Teachers can meet with vendors that can provide resources to support the GSE revisions.
10. This is a great opportunity for teachers to network with other social studies professionals.

Need more information? Visit the GCSS website for more conference information at www.gcss.net. You can also contact Dr. Eddie Bennett, GCSS Executive Director, at gcss1964@gmail.com or Pam Knauer, GCSS Conference Coordinator, at pam.knauer@cox.net.