

## Social Studies Minilessons: Using Social Media

### 1776 Tweets

**RESEARCH** the American Revolution.  
**MAKE** a list of important events and historical figures involved.  
**DIVIDE** the list among class members so each person is assigned one event or person.  
**RUN** a search (with an adult's help) for your item on Twitter.com.  
**COLLECT** the most interesting and helpful results.  
**CHECK** the accuracy of what you have found.  
**REPORT** your findings to the class.

### Interview an expert.

**LIST** several living authors of historical books or novels.  
**E-MAIL** the first to see if he or she is available for a VOIP interview.  
**CONTINUE** down the list until someone agrees.  
**ARRANGE** a time for the interview.  
**COMPOSE** a list of questions to ask.  
**CONDUCT** the interview using VOIP (and a Webcam, if possible).  
**THANK** the author.  
**CREATE** a class wiki or blog to show what you have learned.

### Visiting Virtual Olympus

**CREATE** a class space in a MUD or virtual reality site.  
**PLAN** a time for everyone in class to visit at the same time.  
**CHOOSE** a favorite character from Greek mythology. (Duplicates are okay.)  
**SIGN IN** as your character and role-play an "Olympian" conversation with classmates.  
**WRITE** about the experience afterward.

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### Stage a virtual play.

**SELECT** a play to perform as a class project.  
**CHOOSE** a virtual reality site to host it.  
**CREATE** an avatar for each character.  
**PRACTICE** performing with those avatar characters.  
**INVITE** an audience to attend an online showing or to view the performance on-screen.

### Give feedback

**CHOOSE** a blog that interests you.  
**BROWSE** the messages until you find one you'd like to respond to.  
**DRAFT** your comment in a word processor to make sure it is clear and accurate.  
**COPY** and paste your comment into the comment form on the blog.  
**VISIT** the blog again to see if anyone has responded to your comment.

### Write a review.

**CHOOSE** a favorite book.  
**WRITE** a review, including a synopsis, without giving away the book's secrets.  
**FIND** your book at an online bookseller like Amazon.com or BarnesandNoble.com.  
**POST** your review (including a star rating).