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## **First Class completes HIST 6402 The Early Gilded Age**

NOV 15<sup>th</sup> was the final day of class for Dr Johnson's highly informative graduate class on the Early Gilded Age. Class members were Julie Adams, Scarlett Alberson, Mike White, Gladys Kirkland and Peggy McCloskey. Each presented a unit suitable for future use on a topic chosen during the time period studied. Topics such as the Pullman Strike, James G. Blaine and the Republican Party Vision, Mary Lease and the Populist Movement, Baseball's Early Days and Ida Wells and Community Justice can be found in the new QCCs and are fun topics that students will enjoy and remember. These lessons will be posted on the SGHP Teaching History website for general use. They each have a Powerpoint, lesson plan, activities and resources so that you can have a full lesson. Our thanks to the teachers mentioned above and Drs Johnson and Dunn for a highly successful and enjoyable class.

## **Classes for Next Year**

The rotational training program for Fall semester, 2004 will bring HIST 6402 to the SW RESA members and our plans are to conduct classes in Pelham. Drs Johnson and Dunn feel that the format they evolved during the conduct of the class just completed worked well and plan to continue. That format will be 4 classes on Saturdays centered around a combination of lectures

and group discussions. And of course the final project would be the presentation of a unit suitable for classroom use on a topic not yet covered so that we can continue to build our bank of lesson plans.

Spring semester 2005 will see the Coastal Plains cohort once again in class for a course on the Late Gilded Age that Dr Johnson has yet to build. However, he tells us that he intends to cover the period from the end of TR's administration to the start of the New Deal. That period of time would of course cover WWI and the 1920's.

## **Valdosta Cohort headed to Boston**

Final preparations are being made for the March 2004 trip to Boston and the annual conference of the Organization of American Historians (OAH). Activities will include attendance at presentations of benefit to our group, trips to places of historic significance and some just plain old sightseeing. The rotation plan will take the SW RESA group to San Francisco for OAH in Spring 2005. And present plans are to take the entire group to Washington DC in Spring 2006 at the conclusion of the grant.

**Mark your calendars!!** The OAH will have a regional conference in Atlanta July 8-10, 2004. Depending on participation level, we are tentatively planning on taking the entire SGHP group for activities that will include regional history topics at OAH, research at



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the Carter Presidential Library and prep work for SY 2004-2005.

## **OAH Membership**

Was delayed due to a bureaucratic SNAFU but the problem is solved and you should be receiving your memberships and monthly magazines shortly.

## **ABC-Clio Membership**

Should be working for each of you. If your login and password don't work Email me at [aljacobs@alltel.net](mailto:aljacobs@alltel.net) ASAP..... And if you don't know whether or not you can access the site, let me highly recommend a tremendous resource that has those things that you need to teach. Do you want Thomas Nast cartoons or pictures on nearly any topic without having to spend hours surfing the net? Check it out.

## **SGHP Website**

Our SGHP website is up and running on the Coastal Plains RESA page. Our thanks to Janie Baxter at CP RESA for her assistance and patience in uploading the website. Go to <http://www.cpresa.org> and you'll see the SGHP hyperlink at the top of the Homepage. The site is a down and dirty for anyone wishing to get a brief snapshot of who we are but the Resources page is for you. Notice that there are links to sites that you use often such as the SGHP History resource site, ABC-Clio and Dell Support. Georgiaeducation.org is the most concise and easily understood site on AYP that I've seen

and test results by system and school are in an easy to understand format. GLC you all know about but if you're not using it, you're missing a chance to make life a bit easier for yourself. REFDESK is the grandpappy of all link pages (to be used as a home page). Trackstar explained below.

## **Introducing 4teachers and Trackstar**

Possibly the handiest teachers' page around is 4teachers at <http://4teachers.com> When you go to it you'll notice lots of free organizers, rubric generators and other fun things for class use. But my favorite has always been Trackstar (<http://trackstar.hprtec.org>). It's a great way to organize your students' research efforts - ever been frustrated when your students try to do online research with Google or (God forbid!) Ask Jeeves? Here's a way to assemble the information sources they need on a subject - you pick the sources, screen for content, etc. Everything they need is in one place and you can be confident of the content, especially for homework assignments.



To make it easy for you, I've got about 20 history and geography sites already built for you. Search using the name GA History Project once you're logged in. The plan is to eventually have a Track built for every module in the new QCCs.