Week of 3/24/14

1. General
   1. Hopefully you checked out this site Rhonda sent out last week -- <http://www.kellybear.com/TeacherTips.html>
   2. Very helpful site with all sort of instructional strategies, especially for note-taking, etc. – they say this is for social studies, but these could certainly be used in any class. <http://georgetownisd.org/ccorner/socstudies/InstructionalStrategiesforSocialStudies.asp>
   3. ECU’s ideas for energizing your class -- <http://www.ecu.edu/cs-hhp/exss/upload/MSE%20Social%20Studies.pdf> (scroll down to page 12 for table of contents)
   4. Student engagement – some nice guidelines / tips <http://www.middleweb.com/14091/5-rules-student-engagement/>
   5. Looking at Minecraft to help students develop a “growth mindset” <http://plpnetwork.com/2014/03/20/passion-based-learning-week-5-minecraft-foster-growth-mindset/>
   6. SAS institute’s online interactive activities – If you’ve never used SAS before, please let me know. I will be happy to help you play around in their site and see if there are some activities you can use. I used this quite a bit in my classes, and the kids seemed to really enjoy these activities. Go to <http://www.sascurriculumpathways.com/portal/>

to check it out. And, yes, this site is FREE! If you want to use it with class, I’ll get you the generic logon info.

1. Reading Resources – could be helpful in any class
   1. Close reading even when reading aloud -- <http://www.middleweb.com/13998/joy-reading-aloud-closely/>
   2. *Divergent* is in theaters – just had to share this one – <http://www.floridatoday.com/article/20140321/NEWS13/303210011/Southwest-students-dive-into-Divergent-?nclick_check=1>
2. Social Studies
   1. Nice blog and a few good ideas about “history v. Hollywood” <http://www.middleweb.com/14076/history-vs-hollywood-gets-story-right/>
3. Just for fun…

