

The April issue of *Social Education* focusing on technology was really a great one: full of current, useful ideas for using technology to teach powerful and authentic social studies. While lots of resources were also shared, there are two available to NCSS members that were not featured in the issue. The first is the Technology Community for NCSS. It serves to provide current information and professional development for all interested NCSS members, and you can join for free at the NCSS website (www.socialstudies.org). See the “Get Involved” link and an NCSS communities menu appears in the tool bar. Also on the NCSS homepage (in a column titled “Latest NCSS Communities Posts”), you will find a link to the second resource: the new NCSS social network (not a twitter but using ning). This network has really taken off with over 300 members, including international ones, in a little over a month of its announcement. Valuable resources, such as video clips and associated groups

you can join, can be easily accessed at the NCSS Community Network (<http://ncssnetwork.ning.com/>) which was created by Tom Daccord, one of the authors in the April issue, who is also the president-elect of the Technology Community. The article by Tom (and his coauthor Justin Reich) is only one of the several articles on technology in the April issue that I highly recommend to those who have not yet had a chance to read them. And, once you have read these articles, visit the NCSS website to see what is new and might be of use to you, such as an NCSS community (technology is only one of them) and the NCSS Community Network (ning).

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