## Millard Public Schools 150 Sesquicentennial Resources

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Resource	Description	Suggested Grade				rade		Connections	Mini-Lesson Ideas
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NE150 Official Website	Official Programs & Events	x	x	x	x	x	x		
NE 150 Twitter feed	Stay up to date on all initiatives	х	х	х	х	х	х		
	and events for NE150 coming in								
	2017								
Arbor Day	Students can use an electronic				х	х	х	Social Studies	Grades 3-5 Math: Create a timeline showing how long it takes for a
	device to research J. Sterling								tree to mature:
	Morton and how he is								Science: The process of planting a tree, what does a tree need?
	associated with the start of								S.S.: Students can research the history of Arbor Day and who founded
	Arbor Day.								Arbor Day
Ashfall Fossil Beds	Virtual Field Trip to the Ashfall	х	х	х	х	х	х	Science	Grades K-2: Watch the virtual tour of the Ashfall Fossil Beds. Teachers
	Fossil Beds. Website also has							Social Studies	could use sand to bury "fossils" for the students to find.
	student activity sheets and facts								Grades 3-5: Watch the virtual tour of the Ashfall Fossil Beds. Students
	about the fossil types.								could then use the website provided to research facts about the
									Ashfall Fossil Beds and then present their information to others.
Chimney Rock	Pack your wagon, and explore a	х	х	х	х	х	х	Social Studies	Grades K-2: Watch the virtual tour of Chimney Rock.
National Historic Site	video presentation that tells the							Science	Grades 3-5: Discuss Physical Weathering and Erosion. Discuss how
	story of the great migration							Math	pioneers used Chimney Rock while they were traveling.
	West.								Grades 4-5: Compare the original height of Chimney Rock compared
- · ·									to how tall Chimney Rock is now.
Economics Lessons	Here are some great online				х	х	х	Social Studies	Tailor these lesson ideas to spur discussion about things that impact
	economics lessonsall levels								economic decisions in Nebraska.
	and content areas keyed to the Nebraska Social								
	Studies/Economics Standards.								
History of Nebraska	Structured in a timeline format,	x	x	x	x	x	x	Social Studies	Grades k-2: Use the website provided to show students pictures of
Timeline (Native	students can access archival	^	^	Ŷ	^	^	<u>^</u>	Social Studies	how Nebraska has changed over time.
Americans, Railroads,	photos, documents, letters,								Grades 3-5: Students can use the website provided to research
Settlements, and	video segments, maps, and								important dates in Nebraska's history. The students can then use an
Pioneers)	more – capturing the life and								electronic device to create an electronic timeline.
	history of Nebraska from pre-								
	1500 to the present.								
Homestead Act	Homesteading videos, timeline				х	х	х	Social Studies	Grades 3-5: Teachers can use the website provided to view videos of
Resources from BLM	of the Homestead Act,								a homestead. Students can then use the site provided to research
	Homestead Origins							Reading	what the Homesteading Act is and why it is important to Nebraska's
									history.
Homestead Act	This website provides directions					х	х	Social Studies	Grades 3-5: Teachers can use the website provided to view videos of
Webquest	and resources for students to							Reading	a homestead. Students can then use the site provided to research
	embark on a webquest to learn								what the Homesteading Act is and why it is important to Nebraska's
	more about Homestead Act of								history.
	1862. Primary and secondary								

	sources, informative text, and lesson activities are included.								
I Am Nebraska	Oral history project that invites citizens of all ages to share their Nebraska experience via social media by recording a short video and uploading it to their own Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram accounts using #IAMNEBRASKA. Some video submissions will be featured on the I Am Nebraska website.	x	x	X	X	x	X	Social Studies Digital Learning Writing Communication	Have students write a personal narrative about their own Nebraska experience and share it via the teacher's MPS Twitter account.
Lewis and Clark	Biography of Lewis and Clark for intermediate students.					x	x	Social Studies Reading	Grades 4-5: Teachers/Students can read the biography provided online and discuss the journey of Lewis and Clark.
Lewis and Clark Biography	Biography of Lewis and Clark for primary students.	x	x	x				Reading	Grades K-3: Teachers can use the website provided to read a student friendly version of a Lewis and Clark biography.
Nebraska - Badlands	Take a virtual tour of the Badlands.	x	x	х	х	х	х	Social Studies	All grades: View the virtual tour of the badlands. Discuss features that make the Badlands a unique Nebraska destination.
Nebraska Giant Map Lessons & Activities	Written specifically for 4th grade great experiences that are sure to bring about sustained engagement and learning in your classroom.					x			
Nebraska Giant Map & History Trunks Reservations	Did you know our district has giant NE maps and history trunks available for check-out? Contact Ellen Kramer if you need further assistance.					x			
Nebraska - Urban and Rural Areas						x	x	Social Studies	Use maps and census information to show the difference between rural and urban Nebraska. Students can analyze the data to compare and contrast urban to rural areas, make connections between census data and locations of cities/industries.
Nebraska 150 Books	Enjoy the best literature produced from Nebraska by local authors The Nebraska 150 Reading Challenge is designed to draw your attention to the best literature produced from Nebraska and to highlight the varied cultures, historical time periods and locations that are featured in the selected books. (Click on the Nebraska Books tab to see book lists.)	×	×	×	×	×	×	Reading	Grades k-5: Students can work together as a class, grade level, or school to log the books that they have read and see if they can read 150.

Challenge: Run, Walk, Ride, Paddle	150 miles or more throughout the sesquicentennial year. It's more than just logging miles. It's about connecting Nebraskans from across the state, discovering new trails, and finding events or opportunities to challenge yourself.							Education Math Science Technology Profiles	miles or more of physical activity. Collect and analyze mileage data.
Nebraska Legislature: The History of the Unicameral	Great site to learn about the unique features of Unicameralism					x		Social Studies Reading	Grade 4: Research the history of the Unicameral and lawmaking in Nebraska. What makes us different from other states? Why did we create a unicameral? How does it help the cost of running a legislative session?
Nebraska Native American Experience	Discover a brief history of the Indians of Nebraska. Using a digital device students can the explore various Nebraska tribes, stories, chiefs, and legends.	x	×	x	x	x	x	Social Studies Reading	Grades k-2: teachers can read stories about Nebraska's Native American tribes. Grades 3-5: S.S.: Compare and contrast the various Nebraskan tribes. Students can also research the needs of each tribe to see why they settled in that area.
Nebraska Passport Tour	The Nebraska Tourism Commission offers the Passport Program, featuring 80 stops throughout Nebraska that give travelers fresh ideas for where their paths can take them — to every corner and region in the state, showcasing beautiful scenery, interesting destinations, and more.	x	×	x	x	x	x	Social Studies Math Reading	Teacher can use the site to highlight famous/historic areas of Nebraska.
Nebraska Railroad	Discover a brief history of the Indians of Nebraska. Using a digital device students can explore various Nebraska tribes, stories, chiefs, and legends.					x		Social Studies	Grade 4: Student can use the Nebraska textbook to find information about the transcontinental. They can then use what they know to draw conclusions of how the railroad helped Nebraska's population grow.
Nebraska Unique Celebrations	Learn about celebrations that only take place in Nebraska.			х	х	х	х	Social Studies	Grades 2-5: Students can view pictures and read about the unique celebrations and tradition of Nebraska.
Nebraska Unit of Study Resources	This website contains kid- friendly games, activities, symbols, printables, and book reviews relating to Nebraska studies.							Social Studies	Grades K-2: Teachers can find symbols and discuss the names of the symbols and show what they are. Grades 3-5: Students can use the website provided to research the state symbols, find what the state symbols look like, and present their information. All grades: Be sure to take a look at the list of books about Nebraska.
Nebraska-Kansas Act	Primary source draft of the Nebraska-Kansas Act plus map images illustrating the impact on slavery					x	x	Social Studies Math	Grades 4-5: S.S.: Students read the draft of the Nebraska-Kansas Act, and discuss how if affected Nebraska. Students can then use map skills to find what areas were affected by the Nebraska-Kansas Act. Math: Students can use map skills to determine the distance covered by the Nebraska-Kansas Act.

Nebraska's Agriculture	This brochure provides you with information about Nebraska's crops, cattle, and the location of where they can be found in Nebraska.					x	x	Social Studies Science Reading	Grades 4-5: Students can use the brochure provided to find facts about the location of Nebraska's cattle ranches, students can research what type of land is needed for a cattle ranch, and students can students can discuss where crops can be grown in Nebraska.
Nebraska's Agriculture (Uses of Corn)	This website provides information about how corn is used in the Midwest.	x	x	x	x	x	x	Social Studies Science Math	Grades K-2: Teachers can use the website to show students pictures of how corn is used and the importance of corn in the midwest. Students can then discuss ways that they have seen corn used.
									Grades 3-5 Math: Students can use the website provided to discover how long it takes for corn to grow, as well as, what percentage of farmers in Nebraska grow corn.
									Science: Students can research the soil type and climate needed to grow corn. Great connections to 2nd grade Life Science, too.
									S.S.: Students can use the site provided to research how corn has helped Nebraska's economy grow.
Nebraska's Capitol	Grades 4-5: S.S.: Students read the draft of the Nebraska- Kansas Act, and discuss how it affected Nebraska. Students can then use map skills to find what areas were affected by the Nebraska-Kansas Act.							Reading Social Studies	<ul> <li>Grades K-2: Students can watch the virtual tour of the capitol and discuss why we have a capitol building and the importance of our government.</li> <li>Grades 3-5: Students can watch the virtual tour and use the website provided to view pictures of many rooms and murals in the building. The students can the use the website to discover how the murals have captured real events in history .</li> </ul>
Nebraska's One-Room Schoolhouses	This article provides pictures and information about Nebraska's first one-room schoolhouses. Students can create a venn diagram, a diorama, or a journal entry about was school was like in a one-room schoolhouse compared to what school is like now.				x	x	x	Social Studies Reading	Grades 3-5: What: This article provides pictures and information about Nebraska's first one-room schoolhouses. Students can create a venn diagram, a diorama, or a journal entry about was school was like in a one-room schoolhouse compared to what school is like now.
Nebraska's Population - Change over time	What: Students can practice reading line graphs and compare the population of Nebraska now versus the past.					x	x	Math	Grades 4-5: Students can use the site provided to view the graphic image. The students can then discuss how the population has changed over time. Students can then discuss ideas of why the population has increased.
Nebraska's State Capital Curriculum Resources	Walking tours, scavenger hunts, civics lessons and more				х	x	x	Reading Social Studies	Grades 3-5: Students can explore many aspects of our state capital including virtual walking tours, scavenger hunts, and more.
Now You Know Nebraska	174 video shorts (1-2 minutes each; 5 videos per week will be released) that tell some of the state's most compelling,							Social Studies	All grades: Show one video each day Have students create a Now You Know Nebraska journal and sketch a picture and write a caption depicting the main idea of each video that is watched.

	entertaining, and appealing stories and facts, along with historical background to give context; address a variety of topics and time periods; click on the Videos tab to view all of the titles available								Grades 3-5: Incorporate Now You Know Nebraska facts into daily announcements throughout the school year
Omaha's World's Fair	5-minute video about the 1898 Omaha's World's Fair.				x	x	x	Social Studies	Grade 3: View the video of the World's Fair and discuss how it impacted Omaha. Grades 4-5: Discuss how having the World's Fair in Omaha affected Omaha's economy.
Prairie Settlement: Nebraska Photos & Family Letters	A digital collection of primary source photographs and letters that illustrate the story of settlement on the Great Plains.			x	x	x		Social Studies Reading	Grades 2-4: Click on Letters by Date, select a letter, then click on view page images to see the primary document. Great resources for exploring the life of settlers
Sing Along with Nebraska Educators of Music Education	When: March 1, 2017, 2pm; What: live broadcast on NET, Sing Happy Birthday to Nebraska; to set a Guinness Book of World Records (TBD)							Music CCR Citizenship, Collaboration	Grades K-5 could sing Happy Birthday to our state as a whole school on March 1st or independently in their classrooms.
Standing Bear	The website contains information articles and maps about the life and trials of Standing Bear. Also included are writing activities for students to complete.					x	x	Social Studies Science Math Reading	<ul><li>Grades 4-5: Reading: Students can read a biography of Standing Bear.</li><li>Math: Students can research how long the trail was that Standing Bear used.</li><li>S.S.: Students can research Standing Bear as a leader and discuss how important he was as a leader and how he helped others.</li><li>Science: Students can research the terrain the Native Americans had to walk on.</li></ul>
State Capitol Architecture	What: Students can view photos of the murals in the capitol building. The students can then research the idea behind why the murals were created.					x	x	Social Studies	Grades 4-5: After touring the capitol the students can discuss the importance of the mural to Nebraska's history.
Stuhr Museum (Pioneers of the Prairie)	There are many activities attached to the link. The students can learn about tracking a buffalo, making a buffalo hide, Nebraska school houses, schoolhouse menus, settlement letters, and many more.	x	×	×	x	×	×	Social Studies Reading	Grades k-2: Students can use the website provided to show students pictures of buffalo hides, one-room schoolhouses, and early settlements. Grades 3-5: Students can view pictures and read information provided. Students can then discuss how school is different now compared to the past. Students can also read settlement letters and then create their own pioneer journal entry.
What is a Sesquicentennial?	Help students research the definition.			x	x	x	x	Vocabulary Mathematics	Connect the meaning of sesquicentennial to our state's 150th celebration and to mathematics.