

Millard Public Schools 150 Sesquicentennial Resources

Resource	Description	Suggested Grade						Content Connections	Mini-Lesson Ideas
		K	1	2	3	4	5		
NE150 Official Website	Official Programs & Events	x	x	x	x	x	x		
NE 150 Twitter feed	Stay up to date on all initiatives and events for NE150 coming in 2017	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Arbor Day	Students can use an electronic device to research J. Sterling Morton and how he is associated with the start of Arbor Day.				x	x	x	Social Studies	Grades 3-5 Math: Create a timeline showing how long it takes for a tree to mature: Science: The process of planting a tree, what does a tree need? S.S.: Students can research the history of Arbor Day and who founded Arbor Day
Ashfall Fossil Beds	Virtual Field Trip to the Ashfall Fossil Beds. Website also has student activity sheets and facts about the fossil types.	x	x	x	x	x	x	Science Social Studies	Grades K-2: Watch the virtual tour of the Ashfall Fossil Beds. Teachers could use sand to bury "fossils" for the students to find. Grades 3-5: Watch the virtual tour of the Ashfall Fossil Beds. Students could then use the website provided to research facts about the Ashfall Fossil Beds and then present their information to others.
Chimney Rock National Historic Site	Pack your wagon, and explore a video presentation that tells the story of the great migration West.	x	x	x	x	x	x	Social Studies Science Math	Grades K-2: Watch the virtual tour of Chimney Rock. Grades 3-5: Discuss Physical Weathering and Erosion. Discuss how pioneers used Chimney Rock while they were traveling. 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 economics lessons--all levels and content areas keyed to the Nebraska Social Studies/Economics Standards.				x	x	x	Social Studies	Tailor these lesson ideas to spur discussion about things that impact economic decisions in Nebraska.
History of Nebraska Timeline (Native Americans, Railroads, Settlements, and Pioneers)	Structured in a timeline format, students can access archival photos, documents, letters, video segments, maps, and more – capturing the life and history of Nebraska from pre-1500 to the present.	x	x	x	x	x	x	Social Studies	Grades k-2: Use the website provided to show students pictures of how Nebraska has changed over time. Grades 3-5: Students can use the website provided to research important dates in Nebraska's history. The students can then use an electronic device to create an electronic timeline.
Homestead Act Resources from BLM	Homesteading videos, timeline of the Homestead Act, Homestead Origins				x	x	x	Social Studies Reading	Grades 3-5: Teachers can use the website provided to view videos of a homestead. Students can then use the site provided to research what the Homesteading Act is and why it is important to Nebraska's history.
Homestead Act Webquest	This website provides directions and resources for students to embark on a webquest to learn more about Homestead Act of 1862. Primary and secondary					x	x	Social Studies Reading	Grades 3-5: Teachers can use the website provided to view videos of a homestead. Students can then use the site provided to research what the Homesteading Act is and why it is important to Nebraska's history.

	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	X	X	X	X	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.)	X	X	X	X	X	X	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.
Nebraska 150	The challenge is to complete	X	X	X	X	X	X	Physical	All grades: Work together as a class, grade level, or school to log 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	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	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.			x	x	x	x		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 it 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 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	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. 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 use the website to discover how the murals have captured real events in history .
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 what 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 what 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				x	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.

