

2018

New York State Middle School Association Conference

Conference Theme **Middle Level: The Next Generation**

Featured Session: Mr. Greg Ahlquist

Shifting Instructional Practices for Middle School Social Studies

This interactive session targets Middle School Social Studies teaching by unpacking the new Global Regents Exam and considering the immediate implications for assessments and instructional practice in Middle School classrooms. We will deconstruct and then build Constructed Response Question sets as well as activities aligned to the Enduring Issues Essay. If time permits, we will explore the stimulus based question sets, resources, and models that can be considered in practically building assessments that can be used as part of instruction as well as summative assessments.

These deliberate instructional moves can prepare Middle School students not only for the new Regents but more importantly to be active and engaged citizens who are critical consumers of information. Ultimately, students will be able to make claims through an analysis of multiple bases of evidence when our instruction is designed with skills and practices at the forefront of our thinking.



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