**SOCIAL STUDIES STRATEGIES**

**Use these strategies to help figure out history!**

I need to analyze written sources….Use **S.O.A.P.S.** or **A.P.P.A.R.T.S.**

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| **S**- Subject/Speaker? (Who? What?)**O**- Occasion? (Where? When?)**A**- Audience? (Who is it for?)**P**- Purpose? (Why?)**S**- Summary (Put it all together!)  | **A**- Author (Who?)**P**- Place and Time (Where? When?)**P**- Prior Knowledge (It is familiar?)**A**- Audience (Who is it for?)**R**- Reason (Why?)**T**- The Main Idea (What is the point?)**S**- Significance (Why is it important?) |

 I need to analyze visual sources…. I need to plan before I write…..

Use **O.P.T.I.C.S.** Use **R.A.F.T**

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| **O**- Objects (What things?)**P**- People (Who?)**T**- Title/ Time Period (When?)**I**- Inferences (Guesses?)**C**- Conclusions (What is it about?)**S**- Summary (Put it all together!)  | **R**- Role of the Writer (Who are you?)**A**- Audience (To whom are you writing?)**F**- Format (Letter, Speech, Poem, etc)**T**- Topic (What and Why?) |

How do I label things I learn in Social Studies?

**ESPN- Economic, Social, Political, Environment**

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| **Economic Factors**  | Relates to $, taxes, industry, farming, jobs, availability of resources. Relates to production, consumption, and distribution of goods (how do we make, use it, export and import it) |
| **Social Factors**  | Relates to cultural aspects; language, religion, customs, traditions, food, clothing, lifestyle. How do they all interact?  |
| **Political Factors**  | Relates to the government, laws, and elected officialsWho has the power and the control?  |
| **Environmental Factors** | Relates to the surrounding physical and human characteristics that effect the environment. How does where we live effect our culture? |