

## ***Top Ten Reasons Why Social Studies Teachers Should Attend the 2017 GCSS Conference- October 12-13 in Athens***

1. There are major revisions to the social studies standards being taught this year and the GCSS conference is **THE ONLY** place where teachers can meet and interact face to face with teachers, professionals, and consultants that worked on the GSE.
2. There will be specific training Thursday afternoon dedicated to the newly developed GSE resources in the curriculum that will not be offered anywhere else.
3. This is the state's only Social Studies conference and there are ample opportunities for networking and instruction in pedagogy, assessment, and technology.
4. Three great keynote speakers: Thursday afternoon- **Mr. John Stokes**, a plaintiff in ***Brown v. Board of Education*** and author of *Students on Strike*, Thursday evening, **Hershel Greenblat**, a Holocaust survivor and Friday morning, **Dr. Catherine Cornbleth**, University at Buffalo, State University of New York (SUNY), speaking on “*Who’s Thinking Critically Now?*”
5. The lack of testing in 3rd, 4th, 6th, and 7th has nothing to do with having quality instruction in those grade levels and teachers still need support and opportunities to learn effective instructional practices in these grades.
6. The conference can provide teachers with training that can meet their professional learning goals.
7. There will be a Meet and Greet Reception Thursday evening with a Holocaust survivor followed by a presentation.
8. Nine breakout sessions beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday and Friday to make the best use of system funds.
9. Teachers can meet with vendors that can provide resources to support the GSE revisions.
10. This is a great opportunity for teachers to network with other social studies professionals.

Need more information? Visit the GCSS website for more conference information at [www.gcss.net](http://www.gcss.net). You can also contact Dr. Eddie Bennett, GCSS Executive Director, at [gcss1964@gmail.com](mailto:gcss1964@gmail.com) or Pam Knauer, GCSS Conference Coordinator, at [pam.knauer@cox.net](mailto:pam.knauer@cox.net).