

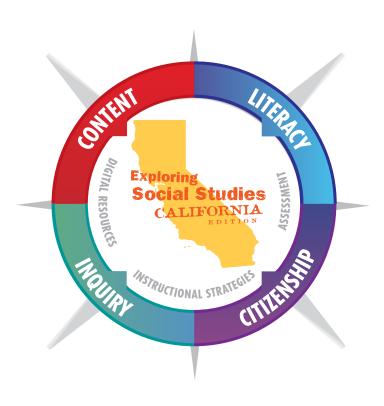
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WELCOME



Dear Educators,

For today's students to learn crucial critical-thinking and problem-solving skills, it is necessary to reach beyond the textbook. At Teacher Created Materials, we understand that an integrated and innovative approach to content-area instruction helps prepare your students for college and career. The educational materials we create have been designed by teachers for teachers and students since 1977. Our research-based resources are developed to meet California state standards and encourage a lifelong love of learning—making teaching more effective and learning more fun!

This is why we're proud to present *Exploring Social Studies: California Edition*, our newest standards-based series designed to meet your curriculum needs. This complete K–5 series offers an integrated English language arts curriculum in a non-textbook format that specifically addresses California content standards for history-social science, English language arts, and English language development. Plus, we've made sure that the lessons in *Exploring Social Studies* align with the best practices prescribed in California's History-Social Science Framework.

Exploring Social Studies builds literacy skills and social studies content knowledge with high-interest, leveled readers and primary sources that support small-group instruction and a Balanced Literacy approach to instruction.

We hope that you and your students will enjoy this fresh approach to social studies instruction. Your goal is our goal: to create a world in which children love to learn!

Your partner in education,

Corinne Burton

President, Teacher Created Materials

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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Each grade-level kit includes highinterest student texts, comprehensive lesson plans for simple implementation, assessment materials, and engaging primary sources to deepen students' content knowledge and analytical skills.









Students learn to **listen**, **speak**, **read**, and **write** while focusing on social studies content. Student texts are leveled to ensure they are accessible. Lessons encourage **close reading** and provide opportunities for **writing** and

vocabulary development.

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Students engage in inquiry activities as they **analyze complex texts** and **primary sources**. Specific **essential questions** encourage meaningful research where students exercise **critical thinking** to ask relevant questions.

Key student texts and teacher lessons deal specifically with **citizenship** and **democratic values**. Activities encourage students to **get involved** in their schools and communities and become responsible citizens who **take action to solve problems**.

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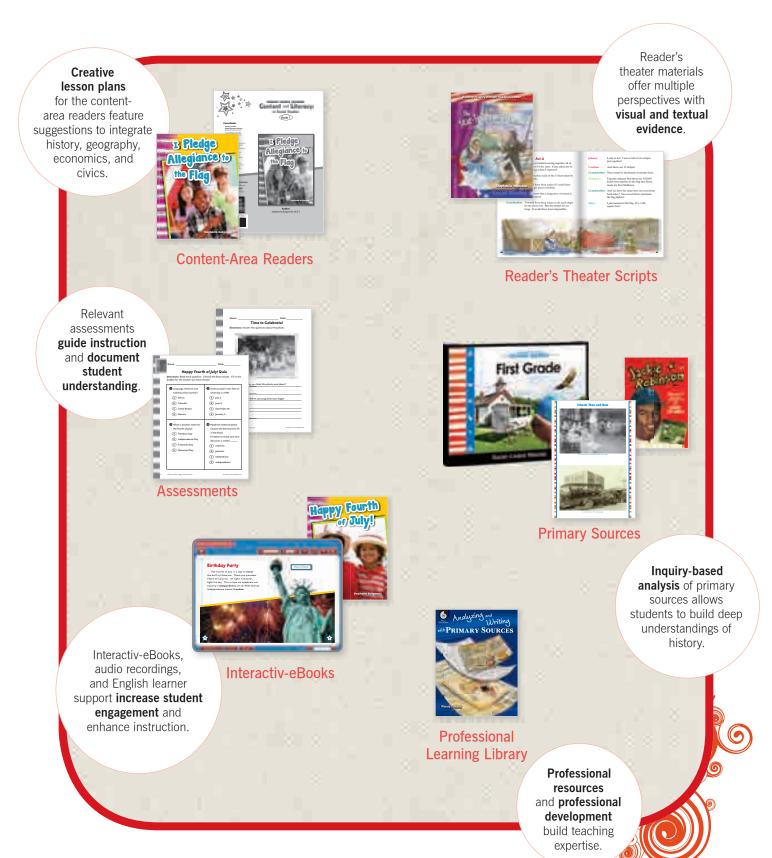
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CONTENT

Exploring Social Studies: California Edition uses an integrated English language arts approach to address California content standards for history-social science, English language arts, and English language development. Listed below for each grade level kit are the six units that focus on thematic social studies concepts and each unit's essential question.

	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4	Unit 5	Unit 6
KIND	Rules and Working Together	State and Country Symbols	My Community Then and Now	Local Geography	Calendars and Time	My Country Then and Now
Learning and Working Now and Long Ago	How can we learn and work together?	What does it mean to be an American?	How is life the same as and different from the past?	What is our neighborhood like?	How do we track time?	What was America like long ago?
•	Responsibility and Citizenship	Geography	My Country Then and Now	My Community Then and Now	American Culture	Economics
A Child's Place in Time and Space	Who enforces the rules? What are the consequences if rules are broken?	What is our community like?	What are important symbols, icons, and traditions of our country?	How is life different from the past and how is it the same?	How do so many different people make one nation?	What types of goods and services are in our community?
	Families	Geography	Civics and Government	Economics	Amazing Scientists	Inspirational People
ND GRADE People Who Make	How do families remember the past?	Why do people move?	How does government work?	Who provides our goods and services?	What scientists changed our lives?	How did inspirational people change our lives?
a Difference						
	Geography and Economics	American Indians of California	Settling California Communities	American Symbols and	U.S. and Local Government	Biographies
Continuity and Change	Why did people settle in California?	Who were the first people in our community?	Why did people move to our community?	Landmarks What landmarks and symbols exemplify American ideals?	What are the reasons for rules, laws, and the U.S. Constitution?	Who were some American heroes who fought for freedoms?
	Early Settlements and Exploration	Missions and Ranchos	Gold Rush and Statehood	Immigration and Migration	California Expands	Levels of Government
GRADE A Changing State	What was life like for native Californians before other settlers arrived?	How did people's lives change because of the mission system?	How did the discovery of gold change California and lead to statehood?	What role did immigrants and migrants play in California's growth and expansion?	What conditions furthered the state's rapid expansion?	How are the local, state, and federal governments organized?
	Pre-Columbian America	Age of Exploration	The 13 Colonies	The American Revolution	Forming a New Government	The Early 1800s
U.S. History and Geography— Making a New Nation	What were the similarities and differences among the various groups of American Indians?	What were the push and pull factors for European exploration and colonization?	Who moved to and settled in North America, and why did they choose to live where they did?	For what reasons and how was the Revolutionary War fought?	How did important founding documents embody the ideals of the American Revolution?	How did immigration to the United States and migration to the West affect the country?

CONTENT OVERVIEW FOR THIS INTEGRATED CURRICULAR PROGRAM



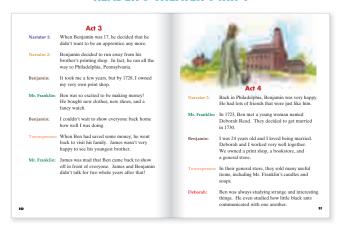


Exploring Social Studies: California Edition builds literacy and social studies knowledge through content-area readers and reader's theater scripts. The student texts feature dynamic primary sources that address the four disciplines of social studies. All student texts are authentically leveled and are ideal for small-group instruction during social studies instructional time or within a Balanced Literacy approach.

CONTENT-AREA READER



READER'S THEATER SCRIPT



Reading Across the Content Areas

Comprehension strategies best serve students when they are employed across the curriculum and in the context of learning. *Exploring Social Studies* employs a variety of **reading comprehension strategies** and **text features** to ensure that students have many opportunities to practice literacy skills.



Content words are bolded and defined in glossaries.



Sidebars and captions support the body text.



Twenty-First-Century Literacy Demands

To become effective and efficient readers, students must utilize **comprehension strategies** automatically and independently. Students need to read **widely**, **critically**, **deeply**, **closely**, and **socially**. Only through engaging in meaningful activities with **diverse**, **rigorous texts** will students become independent thinkers who not only understand what they read but question it and explore beyond it. *Exploring Social Studies* supports learners throughout the reading process.

BEFORE READING

Students engage in activities that set the stage for learning and make the text more relatable:

- study complex vocabulary
- analyze primary sources
- make connections with the text
- generate questions about the text

DURING READING

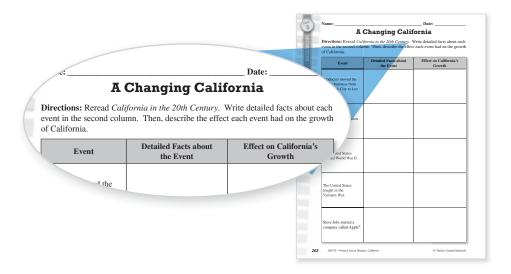
Students use strategies to actively read texts closely with different purposes:

- seek text-based answers to essential questions
- · examine text structure
- visualize complex content
- read to gain and extend knowledge

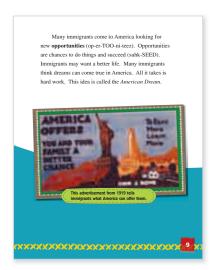
AFTER READING

Students deepen their understanding and reflect on what they have learned:

- implement reciprocal reading and writing activities
- engage in research
- synthesize information
- craft written expository arguments



Activity pages encourage students to find textual evidence in the books.

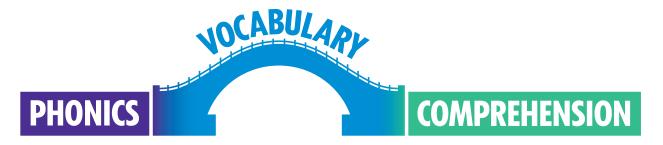


Books include strong, leveled content and supporting visuals.

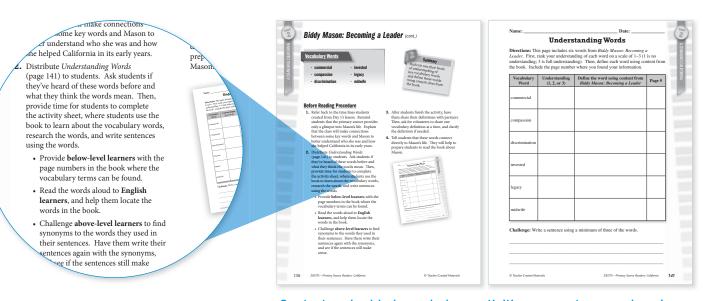


Developing Academic Vocabulary

There is a strong connection among phonics, vocabulary knowledge, reading comprehension, and academic success.



Throughout *Exploring Social Studies: California Edition*, **vocabulary instruction** is integral to the literacy lessons. Students cannot readily learn content from words they do not understand.² Students need **explicit vocabulary instruction** before reading a text to better understand the content.

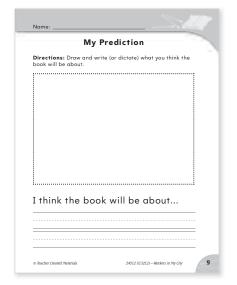


Context-embedded vocabulary activities support comprehension.

Reading is even more complicated for **English learners** and **struggling readers**. It is not enough to give students lists of words and have them look up definitions in dictionaries or glossaries. Learners need **context-embedded vocabulary activities** that acquaint them with the necessary and most central words for comprehension of the content. *Exploring Social Studies* includes vocabulary activities designed to **familiarize students** with new vocabulary words, **promote authentic practice**, and encourage the **understanding of meanings in context**.

Writing Across the Curriculum

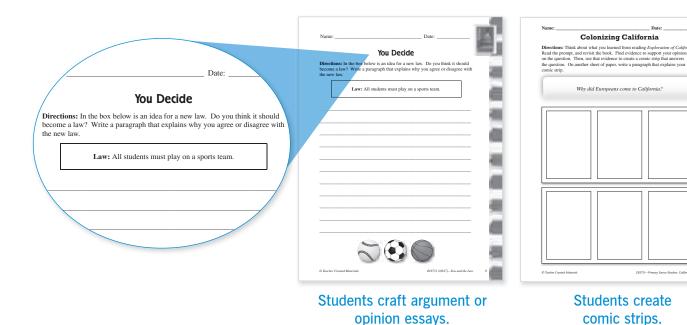
Throughout *Exploring Social Studies* there are opportunities for students to **write analytically** from both text and visual sources. A wide variety of writing assignments **encourage discussion**, **develop critical-thinking skills**, and help students become **actively engaged**. Writing is woven throughout the lessons and includes diverse activities that allow students to demonstrate mastery of content.



Students make text-based inferences and predictions.



Students write letters and diary entries.



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Exploring Social Studies: California Edition encourages an inquiry approach to social studies instruction. This approach enables students to deeply analyze primary sources in a variety of formats. This also helps students **build their own understandings** of historical events through multiple perspectives and facilitates **authentic discussions** among students.

Teaching with the C3 Framework

The C3 Framework is organized into four dimensions as a means of engaging students in rigorous learning of the concepts, skills, and disciplinary tools they need to prepare for college, career, and civic life. The four dimensions are known as the *Inquiry Arc*.³



Inquiry-Based Learning for the Twenty-First Century

It is important for educators today to prepare students for the lives they will lead outside the classroom. Inquiry-based learning pushes students to **ask questions**, **think critically** to answer those questions, **synthesize** their ideas, and **draw conclusions**. *Exploring Social Studies* provides the following inquiry components:

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS challenge students to think critically about a time period or topic.





DOCUMENT-BASED ASSESSMENTS provide opportunities for inquiry skills practice.

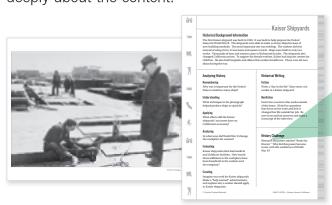


PRIMARY SOURCE ANALYSIS ACTIVITIES engage students in real-life social studies content.



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OPEN-ENDED ACTIVITIES prompt students to think deeply about the content.



Nonfiction
Interview a woman who works outside of the home. Write five questions that focus on her work and how it changed her life outside her job. Be sure to record her answers and make a transcript of the interview.

History Challenge
Research the poster entitled "Rosie the Riveter." Why did this poster become iconic with the workforces of World

CITIZENSHIP

Whether students are studying American history, world geography, or economics, an underlying goal of social studies education is to prepare students to fulfill their citizenship responsibilties. *Exploring Social Studies: California Edition* incorporates primary sources into the program as an effective way to teach critical thinking about complex content. Many primary sources reinforce responsible citizenship actions, such as voting and petitioning the government.⁴

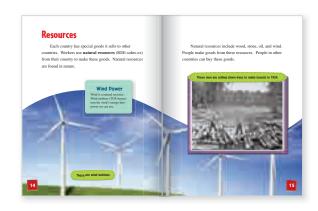
Primary Sources

By using an inquiry approach, students are put into the position of being historians who must analyze primary sources. Rather than being told what to think, students discover social studies for themselves through studying **multiple perspectives** and **points of view**.





Photographs and documents make history more relevant to students.



Student texts engage students visually with primary sources.

Student Texts

Each kit contains student texts that specifically address **citizenship** and **civic values**. These texts provide valuable opportunities for direct instruction on grade-appropriate civics topics.



Your Turn! Activities

Specific activities in the student texts encourage students to get involved in their schools and communities. These activities support the goal of civic engagement in today's youth.





Citizenship and the FAIR Act

The learning materials in *Exploring Social Studies* are Fair, Accurate, Inclusive, and Respectful as called for in the *California History-Social Science Framework*. The images in the student readers and the primary source collections represent **diverse families and leaders**. Special callouts in the lessons allow students to compare and contrast the texts to their own experiences. This helps foster classroom discussions about **diversity**.

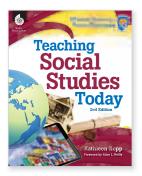
Culminating Activities

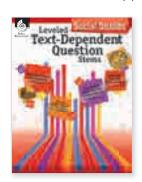
The culminating activities allow students to show what they have learned in **engaging** and **collaborative** ways. Students will work in groups to identify and **solve problems** in their schools, communities, nation, or the world.

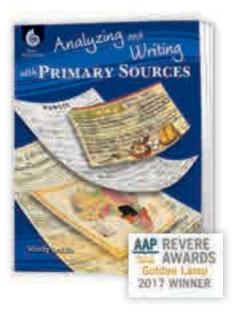


INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES

Exploring Social Studies: California Edition includes three books in a Professional Learning Library. This collection is designed to help teachers strengthen the instructional strategies they use in their classrooms. Each professional resource connects to key components of the program and provides teachers with additional support.







Reading Levels

Exploring Social Studies uses **complex and compelling texts** to teach social studies content. These texts have been leveled with a focus on **scaffolding the readability** to make the content accessible. A range of reading levels is provided in each kit to give teachers the flexibility to use a variety of groupings and instructional settings to teach social studies.

Differentiating for All Learners

Today's classrooms are filled with students of varying backgrounds, reading abilities, and learning styles. All teachers need to differentiate instruction and respond effectively to the needs of **diverse levels of learners**. *Exploring Social Studies* includes specific callouts, which differentiate what is taught, how it is taught, and the products students create to show what they have learned.

ABOVE-LEVEL

Students are encouraged to excel by delving more deeply into topics and concepts. Open-ended activities allow above-level students to share their learning in diverse ways.

ON-LEVEL LEARNERS Support is provided for on-level students to successfully analyze texts and primary sources. Multiple perspectives are studied to encourage critical thinking.

BELOW-LEVEL LEARNERS

Suggested differentiation strategies help teachers vary instructional techniques and materials to make content more concrete. These strategies offer extended support for below-level learners.

English Learner Support

English learners are being introduced to content and language simultaneously. Although they may have acquired social language skills, the language of school is academic in nature. Support is provided for **emerging**, **expanding**, and **bridging** English learners. Scaffolding is provided to add context to the language and to connect the content to the students.

- Extra time is given to practice **applying vocabulary** from the text.
- Context is built into the texts and activities.
- Content is supported through graphics, illustrations, and other visual images.
- Listening, speaking, reading, and writing activities support the **four domains of language acquisition**.







Differentiation Tools in This Program

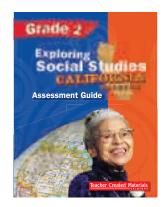
In addition to specific differentiation strategies in the lessons, *Exploring Social Studies* includes a variety of tools to help teachers differentiate instruction.

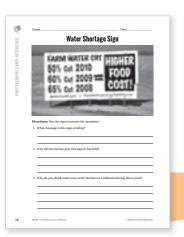
- Audio recordings of texts model fluency and support below-level learners and English learners.
- Interactiv-eBooks support student learning through video, audio, and other digital tools.
- Graphic organizers support visual learners and language learning.
- Leveled student texts support above-, on-, and below-level learners.

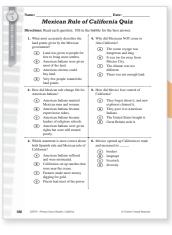


ASSESSMENT

Assessment guides teacher decisions and improves student learning. Exploring Social Studies: California Edition offers multiple assessment opportunities. The assessments require students to demonstrate chronological thinking, comprehension of content-area readers, and the ability to write evidence-based responses.

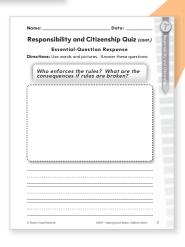












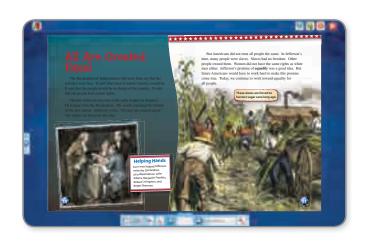
- Multiple-choice quizzes—Each student text includes a quiz with grade-appropriate multiple-choice questions. These short assessments include evidence-based questions as well as vocabulary questions.
- **Document-based assessments**—Each student text and primary source includes a relevant document-based assessment. These constructed-response questions guide students in analyzing evidence.
- **Oral reading records**—Each content-area reader includes an opportunity to check reading fluency by conducting an oral reading assessment.
- **Unit guizzes**—Students apply what they have learned and demonstrate criticalthinking skills as they respond to questions and craft responses to each unit's essential question.
- Progress monitoring—There are key points throughout each lesson when useful formative evaluations can be made. These evaluations can be made during group, paired, and/or individual discussions and activities.
- Project-Based Learning (PBL)—Multiple opportunities for highly engaging PBL activities are included throughout each grade level.

DIGITAL RESOURCES

Using Technology to Improve Literacy

Research shows that "technology—when implemented properly—can produce significant gains in student achievement and boost engagement." 5 Students need to use technology to "explore and create" rather than simply as practice or test preparation.

The digital resources provided in *Exploring Social Studies* offer opportunities to add **greater accessibility** beyond print resources through images, audio recordings, videos, and Interactiv-eBooks (IeBs). These resources **enhance student learning** in a variety of instructional settings, **support English language acquisition**, and further content and literacy learning.



Instructional Settings for Digital Pathways



WHOLE CLASS

This grouping is best suited for introducing a text or for teaching specific content-area concepts. In this setting, every student engages with the same text at the same time. Projecting leBs or primary sources creates a large canvas for a shared-literacy experience.



SMALL GROUP

Students can navigate to IeB pages or digital primary sources. This limits transition times and fosters engagement. By using built-in digital tools, teachers can help students focus on specific language, fluency, and contentarea skills.

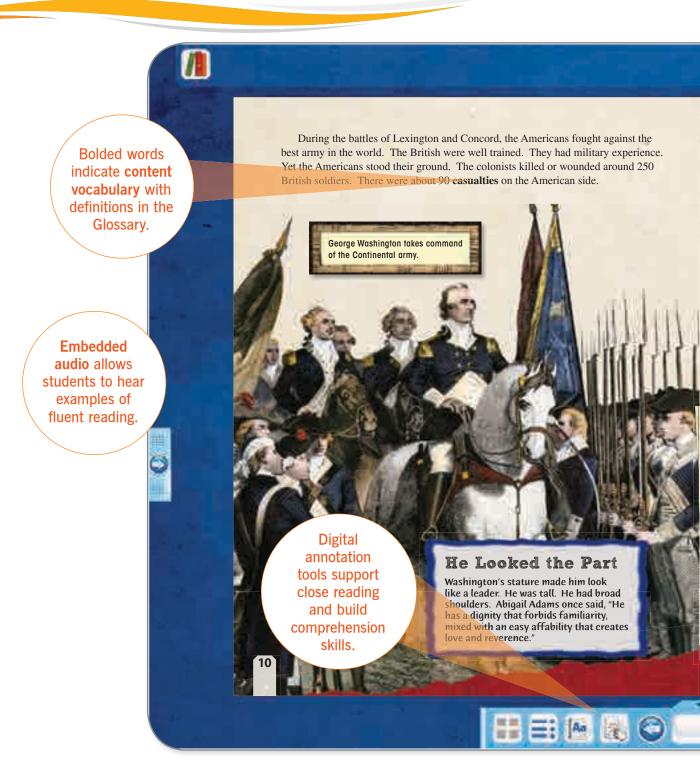




INDEPENDENT PRACTICE

Students use the digital tools to navigate the leBs on their own. The interactive features can be used to increase rigor and allow students to extend their own knowledge. Videos and audio recordings allow students to approach texts through diverse media.

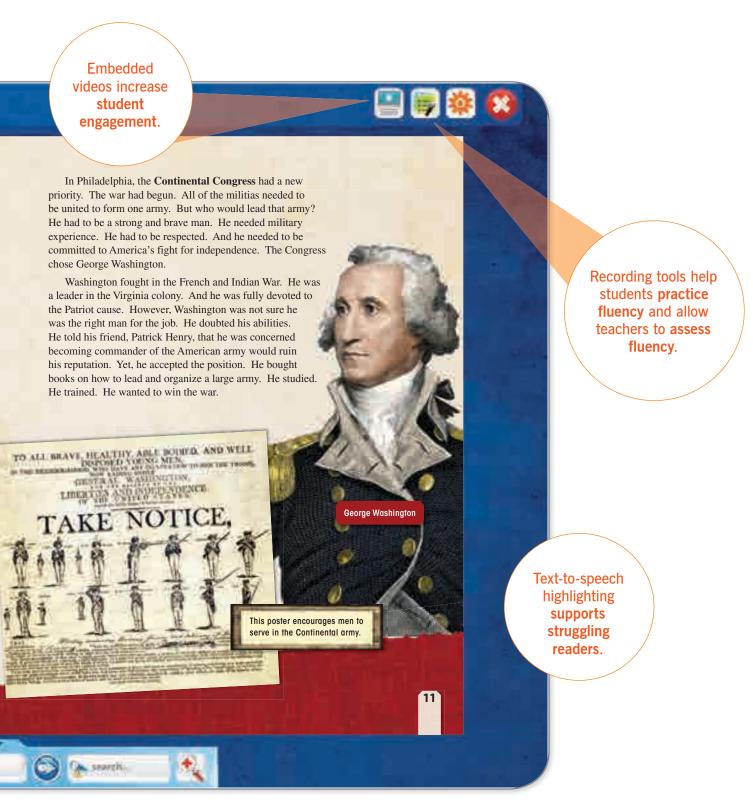
DIGITAL RESOURCES (cont.)





Audio Recordings

Exploring Social Studies: California Edition includes professional audio recordings for each of the student texts. The recordings can develop the fluency of English learners and below-level learners. The recordings provide students with models for **appropriate phrasing**, **intonation**, and **expression**.





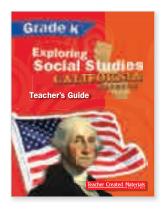
Additional Digital Resources

The digital resources also include student reproducibles and primary sources used in the lessons. These files can easily be shared through cloud sharing services, displayed on interactive whiteboards, or printed and distributed.

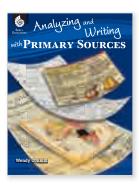
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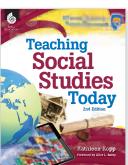
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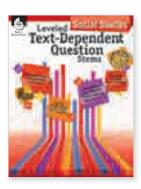
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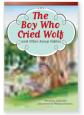
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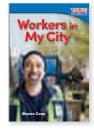


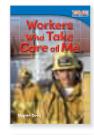








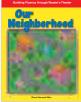














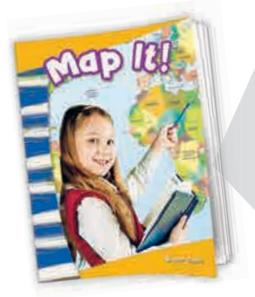


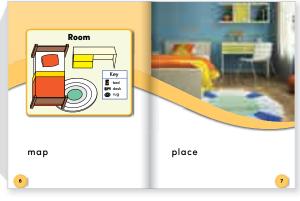








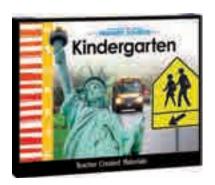




Kindergarten books include vivid graphics and simple text.

PRIMARY SOURCES COLLECTION

8 photograph cards, 8 primary sources, Teacher's Guide with in-depth lessons, document-based assessments, and culminating activity



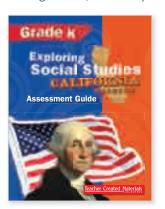






ASSESSMENT

multiple-choice quizzes, document-based assessments, oral reading records, and unit quizzes



DIGITAL RESOURCES

- Interactiv-eBooks with videos, audio, recording capabilities, and comprehension activities
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- projectable student reproducibles





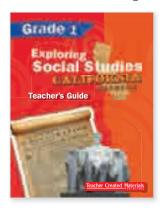


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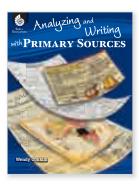
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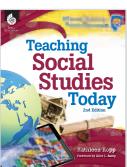
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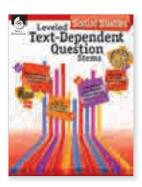
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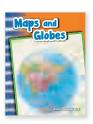
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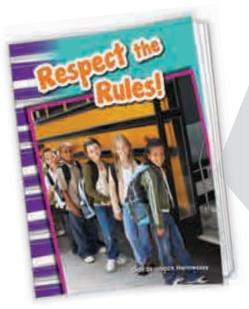


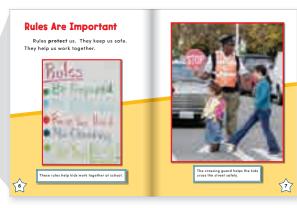












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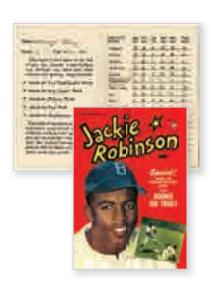
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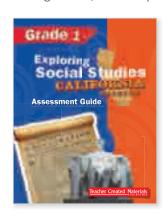






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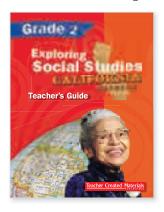


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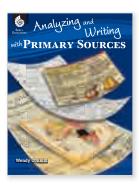
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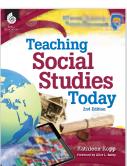
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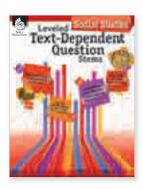
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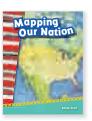
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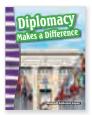




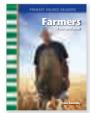


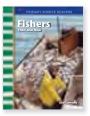












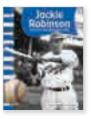




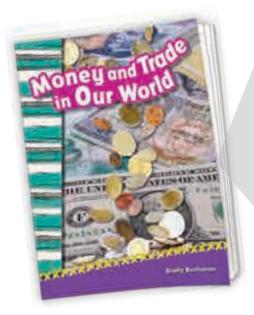


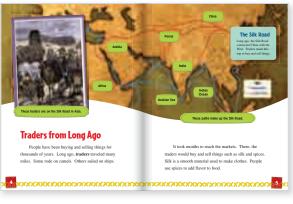










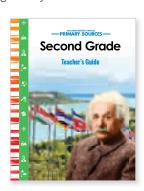


Primary source images add context to second grade texts.

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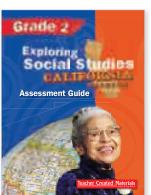






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multiple-choice quizzes, document-based assessments, oral reading records, and unit quizzes



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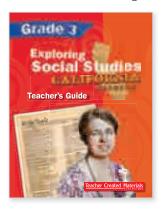




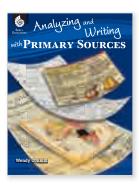
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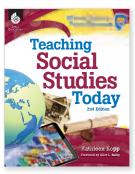
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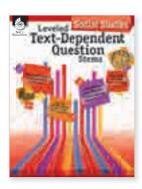
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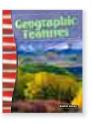






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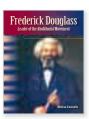






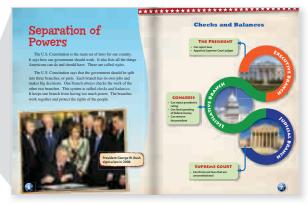








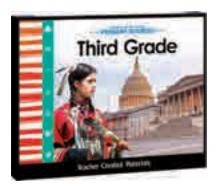


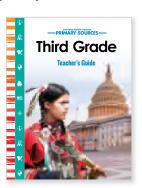


Diagrams support complex content in third grade.

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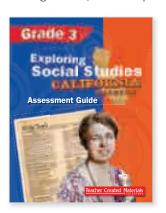






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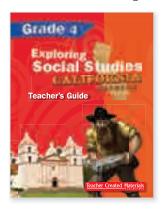


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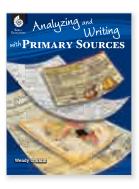
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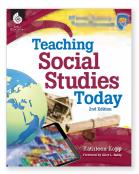
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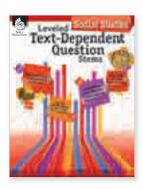
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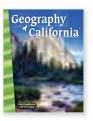


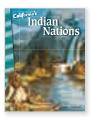


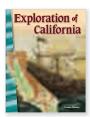


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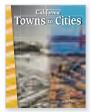


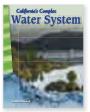


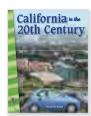




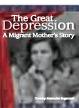








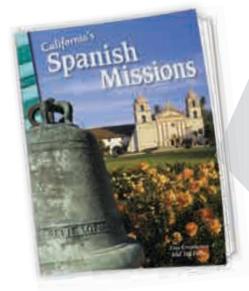










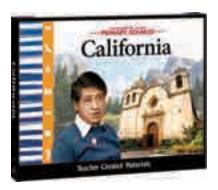


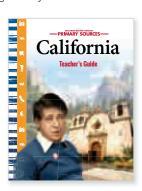


Sidebars extend content and inform fourth grade readers.

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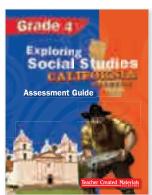






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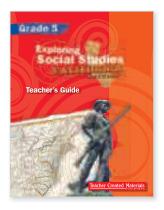




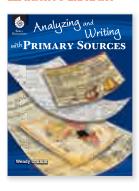
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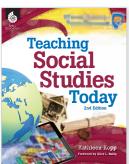
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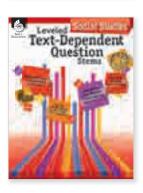
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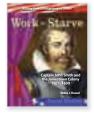
























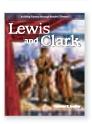




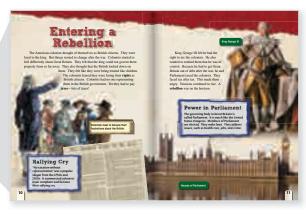










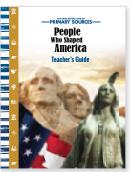


Sophisticated layouts with primary sources engage fifth grade readers.

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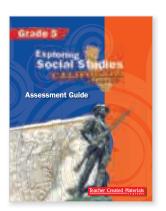






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