



IMPACT[™]
SOCIAL STUDIES



IGNITE THEIR PERSPECTIVE

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Encourage Young Students to Explore Their World

IMPACT™ Social Studies is designed to cultivate an environment where students deepen their understanding of the world—both locally and globally. It provides building blocks for critical thinking and analysis as students use inquiry to explore history, geography, economics, and civics, preparing them to thrive in a changing world.

IMPACT offers flexible pacing options and a variety of rich print and digital resources, empowering teachers to create engaging, collaborative classrooms where young learners can explore the world and find their place in it.

Bring Social Studies to Life in Your Classroom

We live in a world shaped by people, cultures, and ideas—where learning about others helps students better understand themselves and imagine a brighter future. Children are natural problem-solvers and visionaries, approaching each day with boundless curiosity and a drive to learn. **IMPACT™ Social Studies** channels that curiosity, empowering students to explore, question, and make sense of the world through dynamic, hands-on experiences. By nurturing curiosity, critical thinking, and a passion for discovery, **IMPACT** prepares today's learners to become tomorrow's civic leaders, economists, geographers, and historians.

Discover **IMPACT** today—and inspire a lifelong passion for understanding our world.

Student eBook and assignments can be accessed from anywhere on a mobile device using the K–12 Portal App!





Empower Students with Inquiry

IMPACT™ Social Studies is grounded in the belief that inquiry is at the heart of social studies, encouraging students to think critically, question boldly, and engage meaningfully. By incorporating the inquiry-based C3 Framework, thought-provoking Essential Questions, and rich texts that highlight different perspectives and democratic principles, *IMPACT* delivers high-quality instruction that prepares students to become active, informed citizens.



Aligns to the C3 Framework's Inquiry Arc

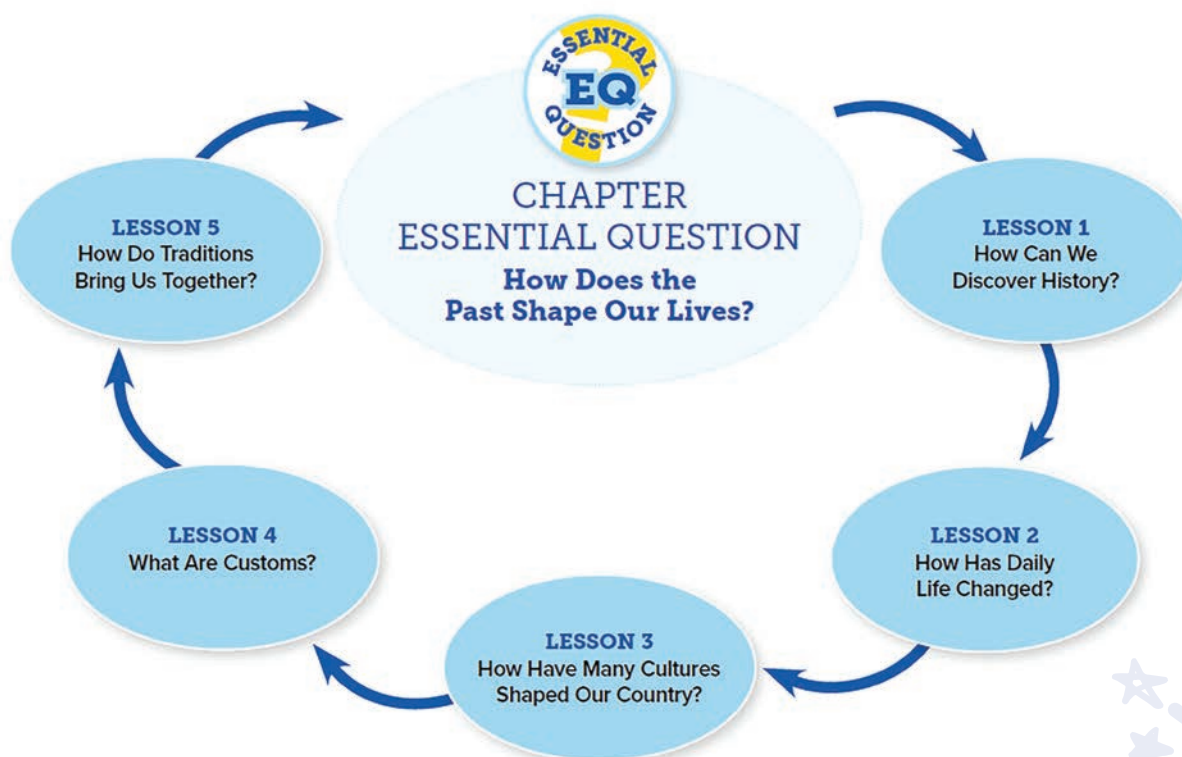
IMPACT's instructional model scaffolds the inquiry process to make it easy to implement in your classroom!



Essential Questions

Across every grade level, **IMPACT™ Social Studies** organizes content around inquiry-driven chapters anchored by compelling Essential Questions such as, “Why does it matter where we live?” These questions spark curiosity, encourage reflection, and guide students in forming and expressing their own opinions as they explore the core concepts of each chapter.

Lesson Questions carry the inquiry forward, helping students build the knowledge and context needed to address the Chapter Essential Question—prompting them to dive into historical concepts and discover unique perspectives through the analysis of rich primary and secondary sources.





Fuel Student Engagement

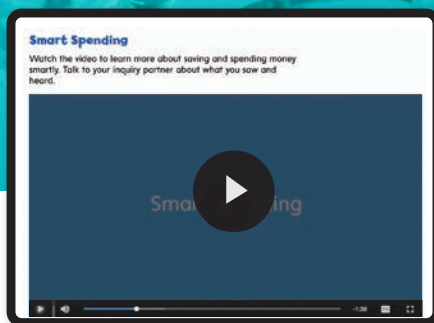
What happens when students are truly engaged?

The classroom has a buzzing undercurrent, students have an increased focus, and they are waiting to see what comes next. Every **IMPACT™ Social Studies** lesson is yours to customize with games, videos, projects, and hands-on activities that make learning fun, engaging, and unforgettable.



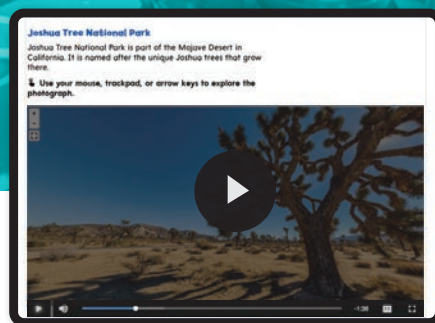
Kahoot!

Gamify your classroom with ready-to-use social studies content. Use quizzes, puzzles, polls, and more to keep students energized, engaged, and eager to participate.



Chapter and Lesson Videos

Spark meaningful conversations with videos that extend knowledge, offer new perspectives, and dive into the Lesson Question or Chapter Essential Question.



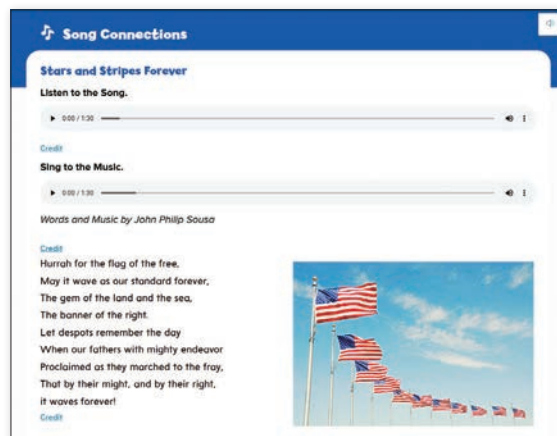
IMPACT 360° Videos

Take students on virtual journeys around the world—no passport required! These immersive videos bring global landscapes and cultures to life from the comfort of the classroom or home.



Graphic Novels

Draw students in with original graphic-novel-style narratives that turn lessons into captivating stories.



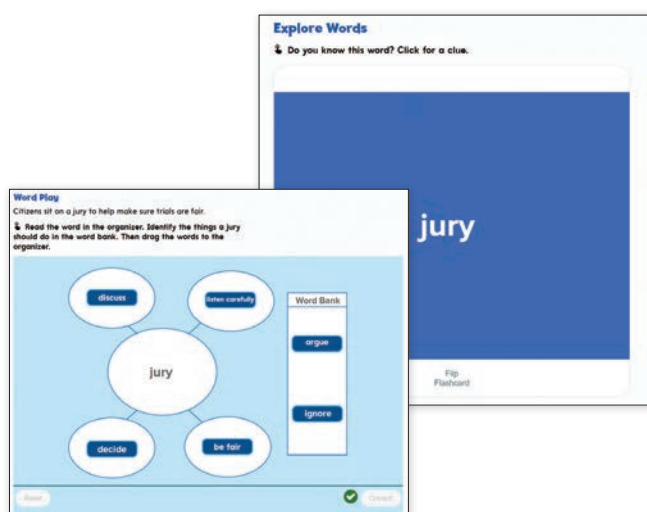
Song Connections

Add rhythm to your classroom with content-rich music that encourages students to listen, sing along, and make memorable learning connections.



Interactive Maps and Time Lines

Bring concepts to life with tools that let students explore geography, sequence events, and visualize key ideas hands-on.



Word Play and Explore Words

Make vocabulary memorable with interactive tools that allow students to build mastery independently and demonstrate their understanding.



Grades K-2

Suggested time frame:

- 6 weeks per chapter
- Two 20-minute social studies sessions per week



Grades 3-4

Suggested time frame:

- 5 weeks per chapter
- Three 30-minute social studies sessions per week



Grade 5

Suggested time frame:

- 4 weeks per chapter
- Three 30-minute social studies sessions per week

Teach Your Way

Flexible Pacing Pathways

IMPACT™ Social Studies offers the flexibility to teach your way and engage students how they learn best. Mix and match content to fit your goals, schedule, and teaching style—making every minute count.

Flexible Pacing Pathways provide a unit of study centered on the chapter Essential Question and learning objectives. The path can be expanded as time allows and adjusted to fit your schedule.

Assess and Adjust Along the Way

IMPACT™ Social Studies streamlines assessment with flexible options that support daily learning. Students explore, question, and receive timely feedback, while real-time data helps teachers adapt instruction. Aligned with standards, **IMPACT** prepares students for college, careers, and civic life.

FEATURE	INSTRUCTIONAL PURPOSE	LOOK FOR
Pre-Test	Measure students' content knowledge before beginning a new chapter with this optional Pre-Test .	Chapter Pre-Test
Stop and Check	Use the Stop and Check questions to prompt student discussion and monitor their comprehension of the core lesson content.	
Check for Success	Use this formative assessment tool to gauge how well your students understand the material they are learning. Each Check for Success offers an activity that can be used to differentiate instruction for students in need.	
Report Your Findings	Located in the Inquiry Journal for every lesson, Report Your Findings measures student understanding of the content and their ability to express their understanding.	
Lesson Assessment	Monitor students' mastery with the Lesson Assessment . Teachers can customize online tests or create their own and track student progress. Printable Lesson Tests are also available.	
Connections in Action	Evaluate student understanding of core chapter content through discussion in the Research Companion .	
Inquiry Project	Encourage curiosity and deep thinking by providing a space for students to answer the Chapter Essential Question and demonstrate their knowledge.	
Chapter Test	Collect clear-cut data on student understanding with the customizable and printable Chapter Assessment .	



Maximize Cross-Curricular Connections

Maximize your instructional time by helping students see how social studies connects to the world around them. Cross-curricular connections strengthen understanding of societal structures and global perspectives, while empowering learners to apply their knowledge across math, science, and English Language Arts (ELA).

ELA Integration

Literacy skills provide the foundation for inquiry. Students apply literacy tools—like strategies for close reading, writing, and speaking and listening—to comprehend, critique, and synthesize social studies content. Students read, write, and investigate for a purpose as they analyze primary and secondary sources; explore facts and figures; form connections to art and literary texts; and work with an array of texts written from different perspectives around an issue, problem, or question.

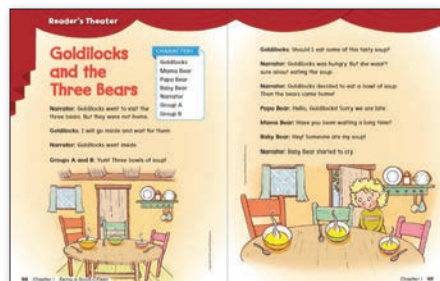


Close Reading

Analyze the Source activities guide students to Inspect, Find Evidence, and Make Connections! using text passages, encouraging them to focus on meaning.

Writing Prompts

Report Your Findings activities encourage students to discuss ideas, express their thoughts through writing, and visually represent concepts through drawing, all while connecting their work to the chapter Essential Question.



Reader's Theater

Reader's Theater activities allow students to deepen their understanding of a text by analyzing its ideas and performing it using their voices rather than relying on sets or costumes.



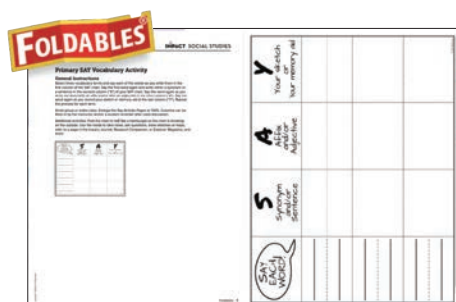
Connect Through Literature

Teachers read a story and ask guided questions designed to deepen understanding, spark discussion, and connect the narrative to real-world topics.



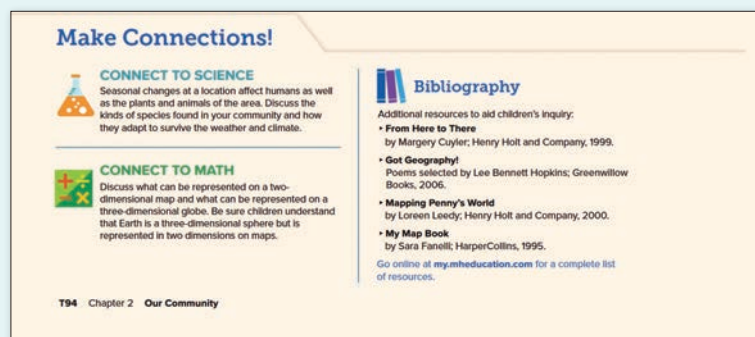
Explorer Magazine

Explorer Magazine allows students to explore each chapter's key ideas through content written at a variety of grade-appropriate reading levels.



Dinah Zike's Foldables®

Created by award-winning author, educator, and inventor Dinah Zike, Foldables are interactive graphic organizers that enhance vocabulary, strengthen notetaking skills, and unlock content.



Math and Science Integration

The Make Connections! feature in every chapter allows teachers to make the most of their instructional time and provide a more holistic understanding of our world with suggested activities that connect to math and science. For example, students might connect science to geography by researching the weather patterns and wildlife in a specific region or connect math to economics by exploring currency around the world.

Support Every Learner

IMPACT™ Social Studies provides point-of-use differentiation to ensure all students have the support they need to grow into historians, geographers, economists, and active world citizens.


English Learners SCAFFOLD

Use the following scaffolds to support children as they report their findings.

Entering and Emerging
Ask children which rule they think is most important. Provide frames and a word bank:

- I think _____ is the most important rule.
- It is important because it helps us _____.

Developing and Expanding
Have partners share their ideas about which rule is most important. Provide frames as needed, such as: *I think _____.*

Bridging and Reaching
Have partners tell each other which class rule is the most important. Encourage children to support their opinions with evidence from the text or from their own experiences.

Differentiated Scaffolds

Embedded scaffolds help students bridge knowledge gaps as they encounter challenging vocabulary and text structures, such as passive voice and archaic language.

A Fresh Take on Leveled Readers

Meet every student where they are with texts targeted at their Lexile level. *IMPACT Explorer Magazine* allows students to explore each chapter's key ideas through content written at a variety of grade-appropriate reading levels. The Teacher's Edition includes differentiation strategies that teachers can use to quickly adapt their instruction.


LESSON 1 LANGUAGE LEARNERS

Research Companion
Pages 101-102: 101-102: Write Rules of the Road on the board and read it aloud. Explain that all around means everywhere at school, at home, and in the community. Have students look on the board for the key words. Give them the following sentence to support their understanding of the text. For example, for the first rule: *Be safe. No big bag is to be used and load anyone in the same way.*

Community Learning Center's Lesson 101-102: Check that children understand the words, names, and rules. Ask students to get in pairs and read the photograph. Explain that the book used is behind the first rule where the driver sits in a car. Have the first examples of the word used in the second paragraph on page 10. Explain that most people have to do something. Say: *Everyone must follow the school rules. Provide another example, such as the most likely your seat belt rule you go to school. Ask: Is something else you must do every day? Encourage children to begin their own sentence.*

Cross Cultural Connections
Some schools around the world have a rule that students must wear a uniform to school. Ask: Do you wear a uniform to school? Do you wear a uniform to school?

Levelled Support
Entering & Emerging: Have children describe the rules in their own words. Have them write a sentence that describes the rule using their own words.

Developing & Expanding
Have children use key words in their own words. Have them write a sentence that describes the rule using their own words.

Bridging & Reaching
Have children write a sentence that describes the rule using their own words.

Language Transfer
In our English language, we have many words that are the same in other languages. Have children write a sentence that describes the rule using their own words.





Spanish Cognates

To support Spanish speakers, point out the cognates.

directions = **direcciones**

locate = **localizar**

symbols = **símbolos**

Supporting All Language Learners

Incorporating proven instructional practices for teaching multilingual learners (MLLs), **IMPACT™ Social Studies** embeds scaffolded activities into every module and lesson.

Equitable Access for Spanish Speakers

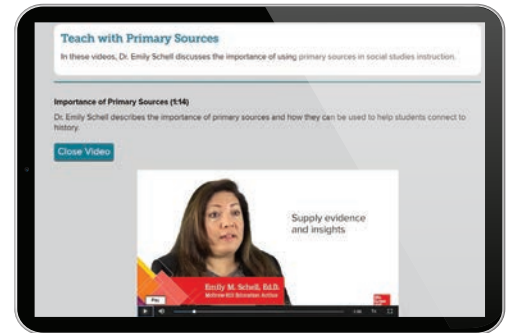
IMPACTO ensures Spanish speaking students can access a high-quality, intellectually rich, and engaging social studies curriculum through authentic Spanish translations available in both print and digital formats. Scaffolded strategies promote biliteracy by supporting language transfer and building meaningful connections between English and Spanish.



Ongoing Professional Learning

MPACT™ Social Studies brings the experts to you by providing learning modules that focus on a set of best practices in social studies pedagogy, such as:

- How to teach with primary and secondary sources
- How to support language learners in the content areas
- How to teach with and for inquiry in social studies
- How to address sensitive topics in your classroom

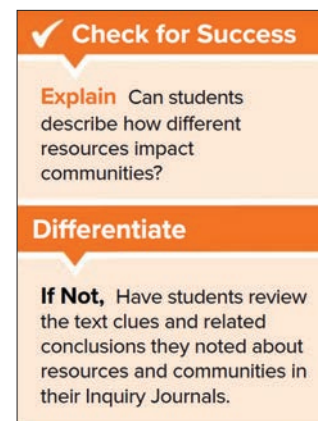


Expert Insight

Professional Development Whitepapers are available for review within the digital program and the print Teacher's Edition. These research-based whitepapers provide expert insight into how instruction can be optimized across a variety of topics.

Point-of-Use Teaching Support

Quick tips and features designed to help you teach social studies with confidence are found in both the print and digital Teacher's Editions. They are designed to provide support at the teaching moment.



Getting Started

To get started with **IMPACT Social Studies**, you will find the Quick Start Guide, a brief description of how to use the program's components and customize content for individual, small group, and whole class needs.

Seamless Integration Services

We are proud to work with schools to implement our programs into a range of classroom environments using different platforms. Both our Integration team and our Digital Technical Support team are ready to support you and your implementation.

To learn more, visit mheducation.com.

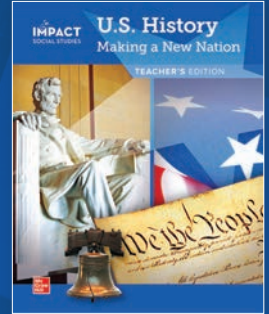
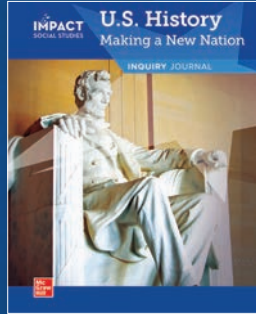


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