Alabama Social Studies
Digital Walkthrough

Grades 6–12

Inspire a Student, Change the World

Welcome to the *Alabama Social Studies* Digital Walkthrough, a step-by-step guide to help you get familiar with the resources, assessments, support, and navigation available at your fingertips.

Explore all that the new *Alabama Social Studies* offers to help you teach your way. Within the digital experience, you will find a variety of tools, resources, and supports to meet the unique needs of every classroom and student.

Explore more at
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Log In to the Digital Experience

1. Scan to view the digital walkthrough video.

2. Visit **my.mheducation.com** and enter your username and password.

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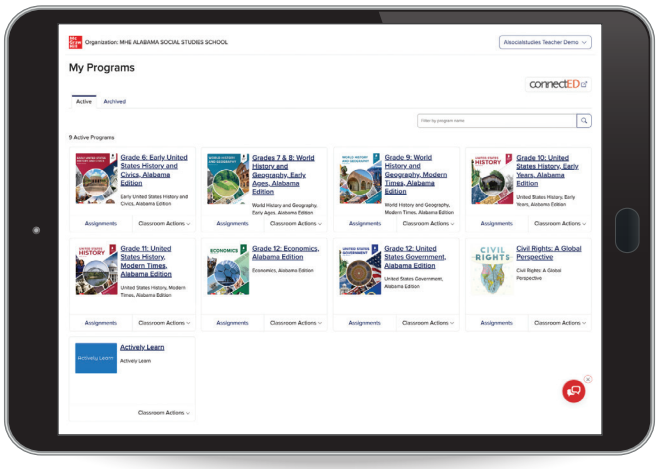
Username: ALsocialstudies

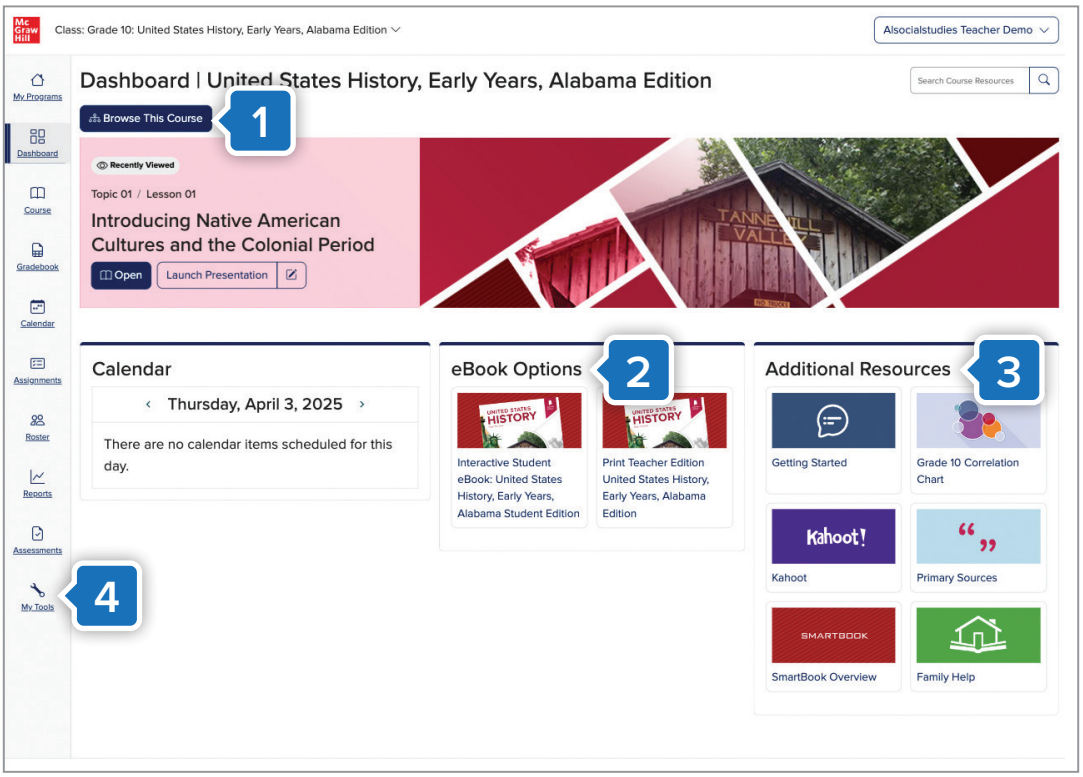
Password: Alabama*1

3. From the teacher dashboard, locate your program in the digital bookbag. Click the program to launch the home page of your digital teacher experience.



Using Your Course Dashboard

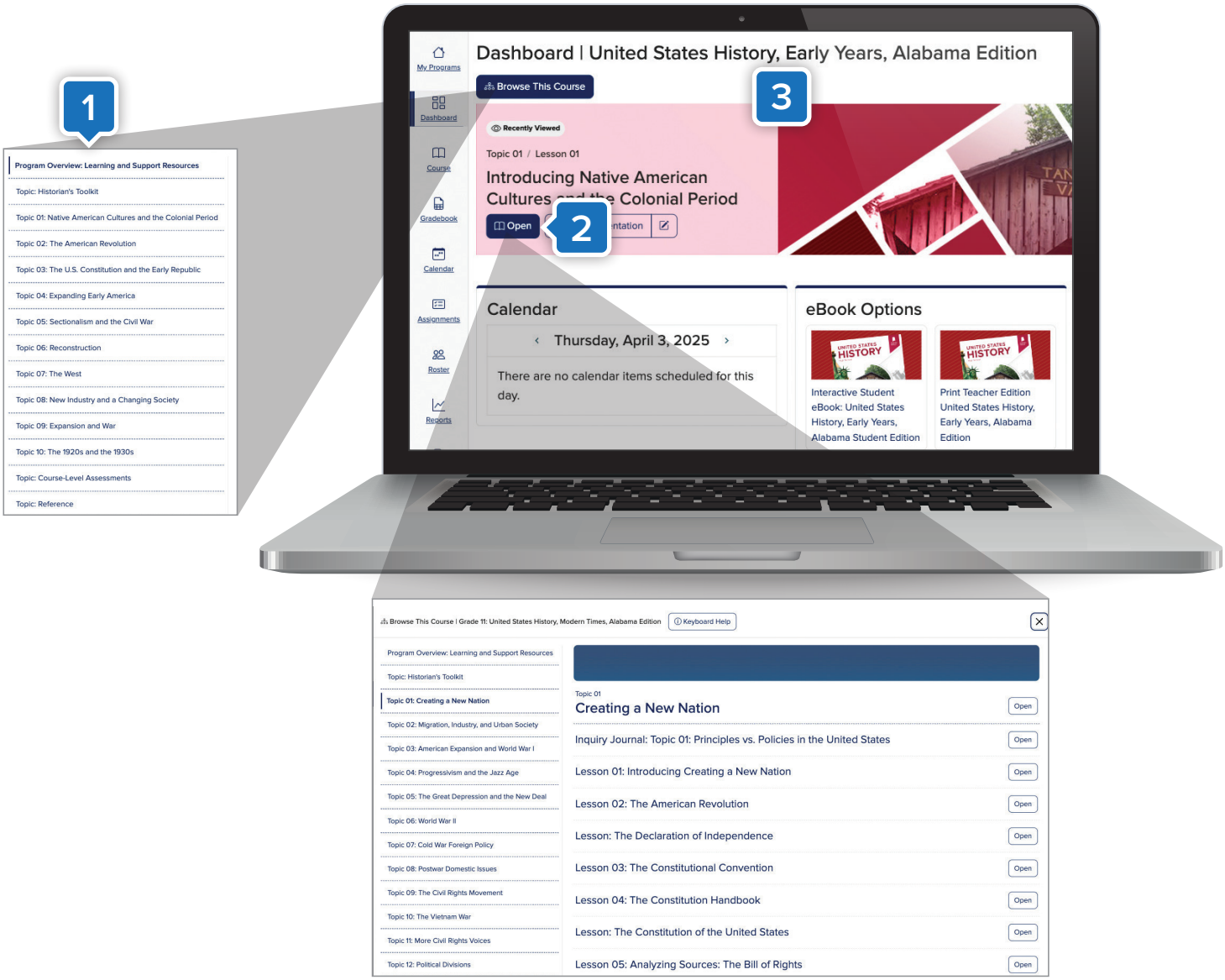
Your course dashboard provides quick access to all your teaching resources.



1. **Browse This Course** helps you find the topic and lessons within the course.
2. **eBook Options** are conveniently organized together so you can access the following resources with ease:
    - Interactive Student eBook with Reading Levels
    - Teacher Edition
3. **Additional Resources** will take you to a quick start program overview and a variety of supporting resources to boost interactivity including Social Studies Kahoots!.
4. **The Toolbar** navigates you to other teacher tools like assignments, assessments, and more.

Browse Your Course

Let's dive into the course!



1. **Browse This Course** will take you to see the full scope of topics and lessons within the program. Select a specific topic to go deeper into the lessons.

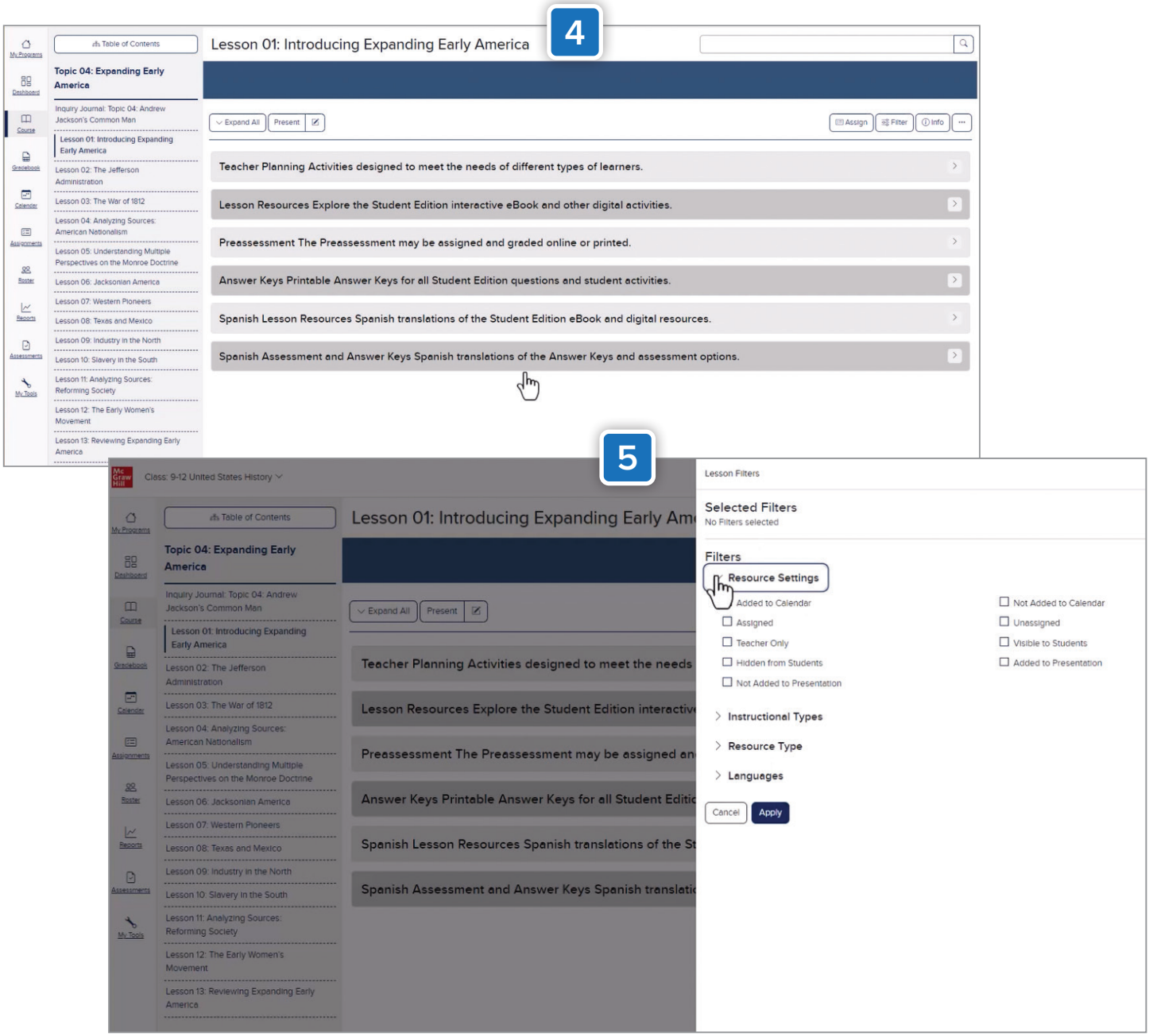
2. **Open** will take you directly to the topic and lesson.

3. When you log back in after leaving the program, the banner will be set to where you left off so you can jump back in.

Browse Your Course (*continued*)

4. Clicking on a topic, chapter, or lesson will take you directly to **teacher planning, lesson resources, assessments, answer keys, Spanish resources, and any supplemental resources** you would like to include. Your lesson title and toolbar options stay with you as you navigate.

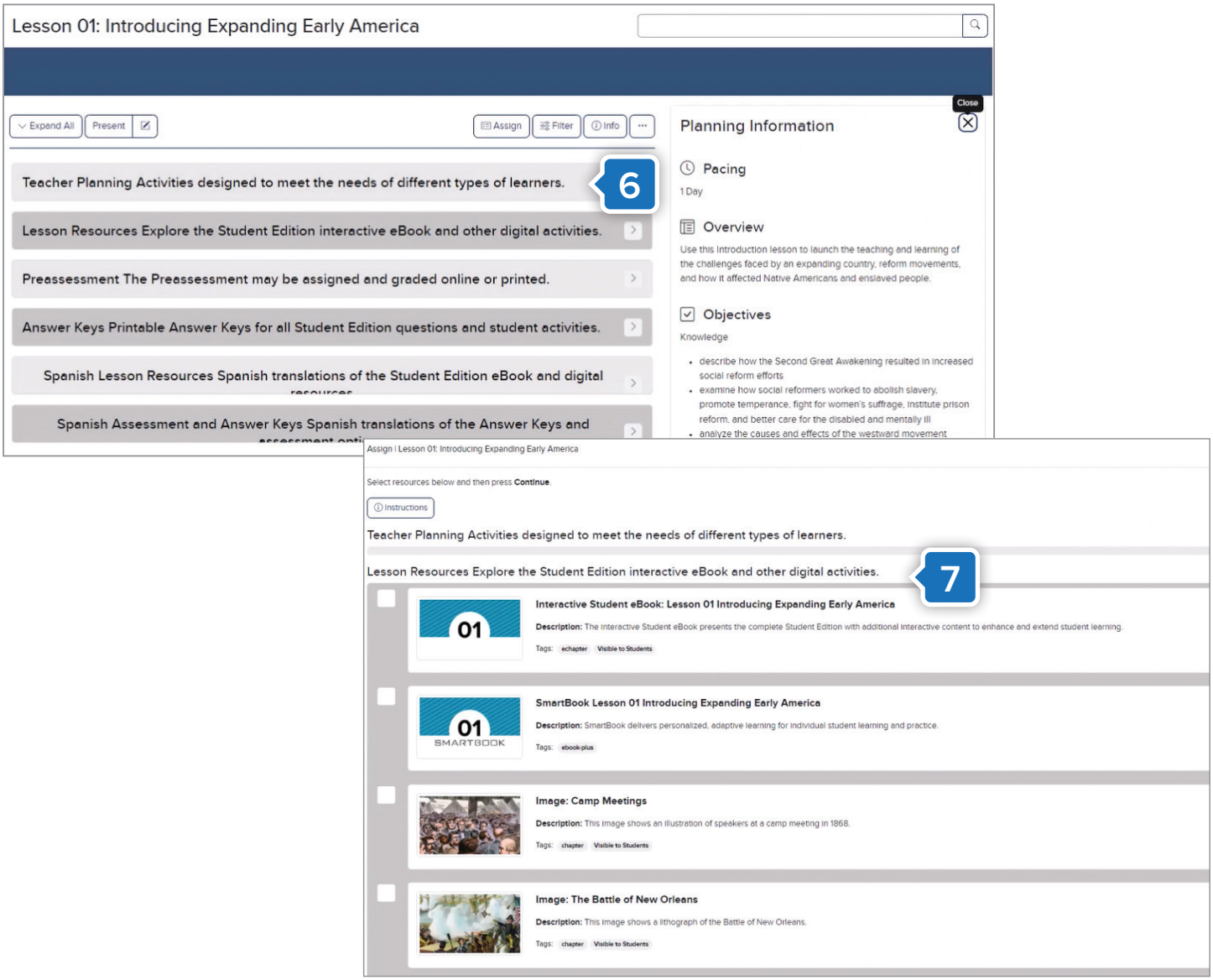
5. From the topic or lesson level, you can **filter** to curate the specific resources you need.



Let's go blade by blade so you can see what resources, tools, and supports are at your fingertips from the lesson level page:

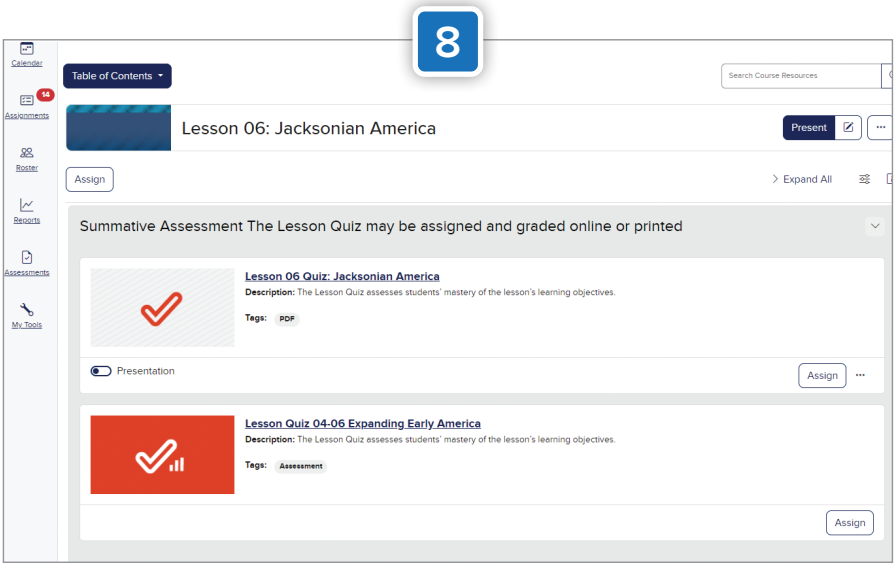
6. **Teacher Planning** features a customizable, printable lesson planner, teacher activities, and strategies for differentiation.

7. **Lesson Resources** are your go-to for all lesson-specific tools, including videos, interactive maps, timelines, Guided Reading Activities, Reading and Writing Essentials, Kahoots, and so much more.

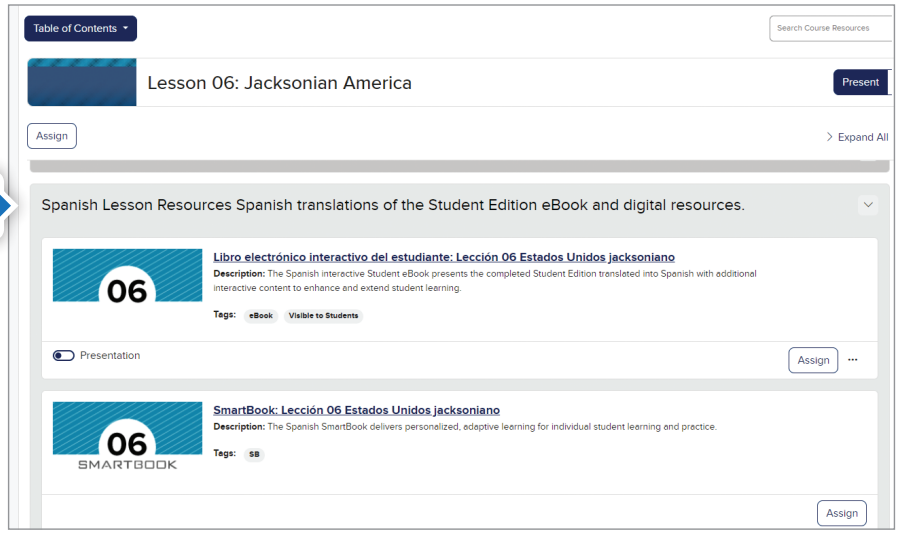


Browse Your Course *(continued)*

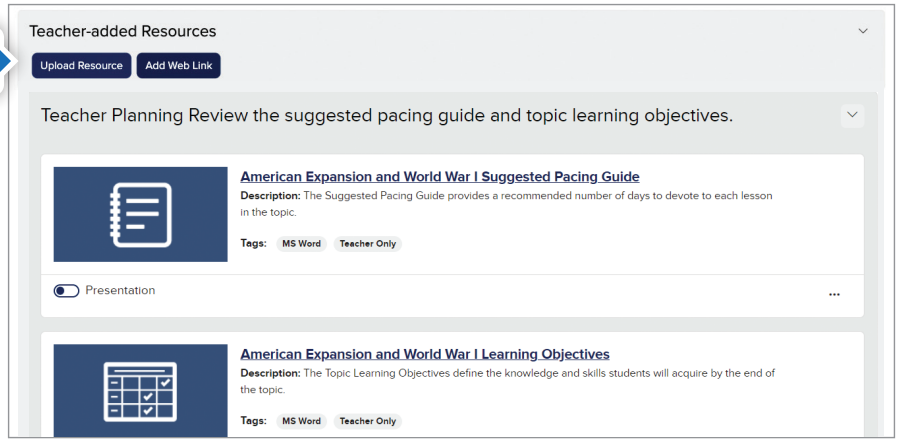
8. Assessment and Answer Keys show previews of assignable and editable assessments and answer keys.



9. Spanish Resources support your Spanish-speaking students with authentically translated texts, activities and assessments.



10. Teacher-Added Resources allow you to easily incorporate your favorites into each lesson.

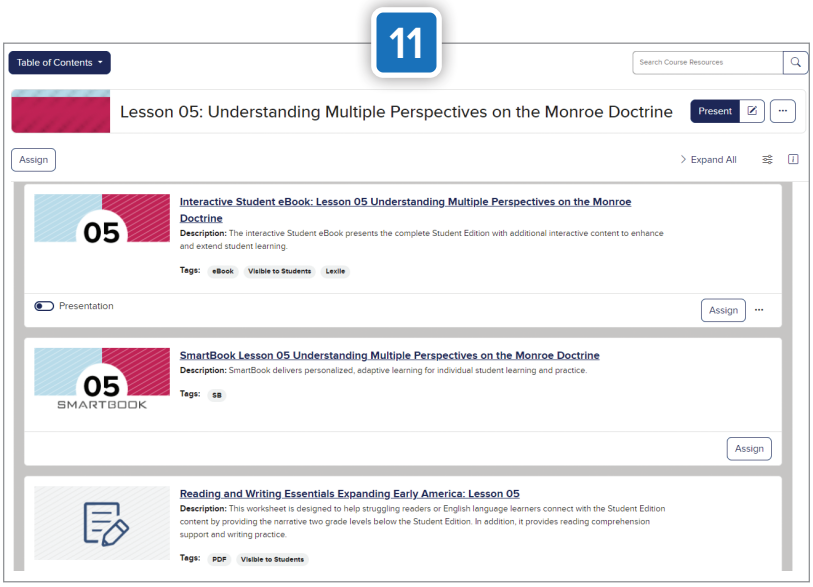


Additional Primary and Secondary Source Lessons

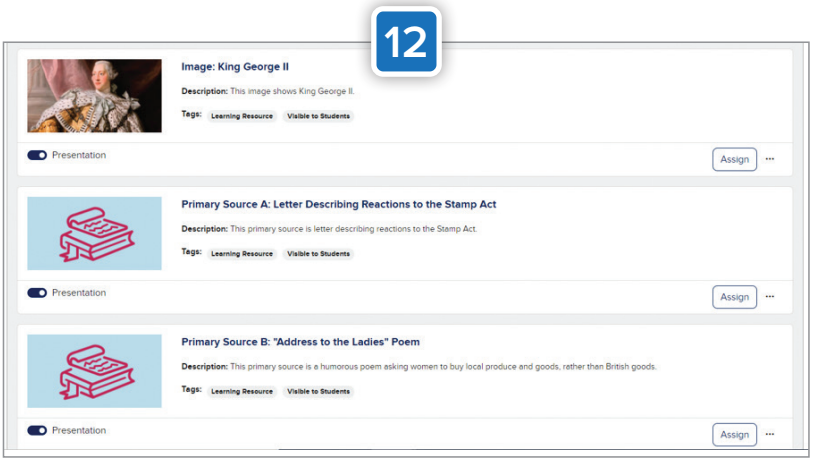
Let's explore the **Inquiry Activity Lesson**, a unique, enrichment-focused lesson type with a variety of primary and secondary sources.

11. Inquiry Activity Lessons start with:

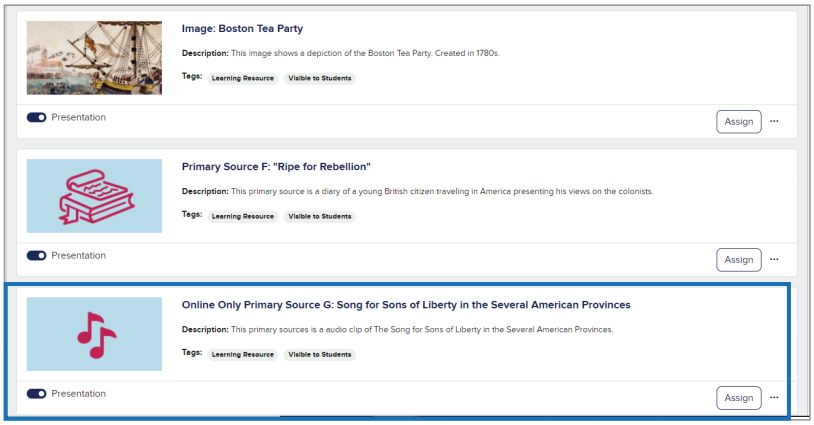
- Turning Point
- Analyzing Sources
- Understanding Multiple Perspectives



12. Lesson Resources include a variety of primary and secondary sources related to the lesson.



13. Each Inquiry Activity Lesson features unique, **online-only** primary or secondary sources.

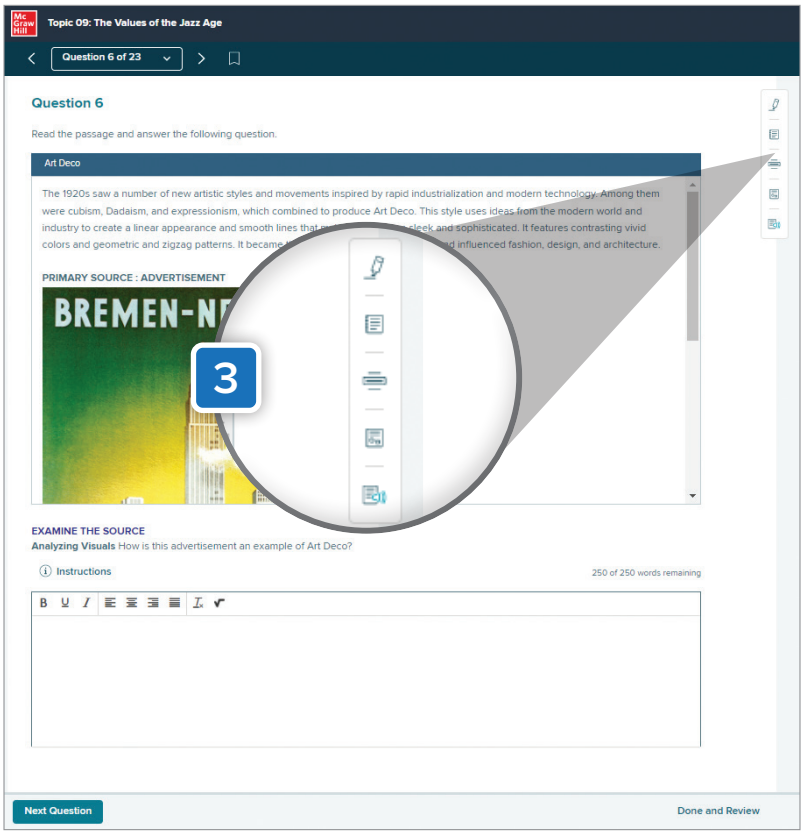


Advance Learning Through Inquiry

For the teacher who never has enough sources or is all in on inquiry, the Inquiry Journal is designed to extend the inquiry process. Encourage students to dive deeper with a new Compelling Question and a range of additional primary and secondary sources.

1. Access the digital Inquiry Journal from Browse Your Course or at the topic level through the Table of Contents.
2. Students answer questions directly in the Inquiry Journal eBook for easy submission and grading.

3. Within each assignment are various question types and tools to support student learning, such as text-to-speech, line reader, reference sheets, notepad, and more.

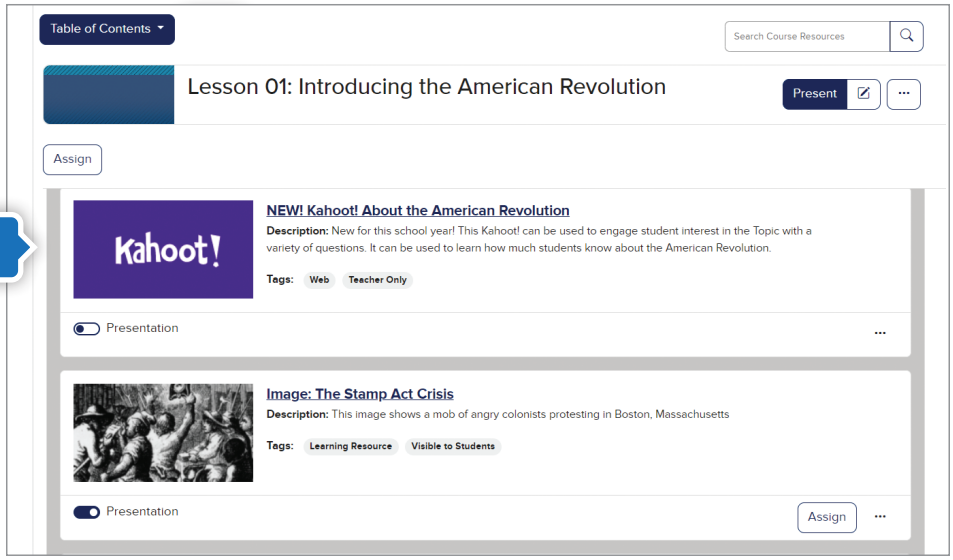


4. The Inquiry Journal is also available as a printable worktext for hands-on learning. Inquiry Journals are available for all programs:

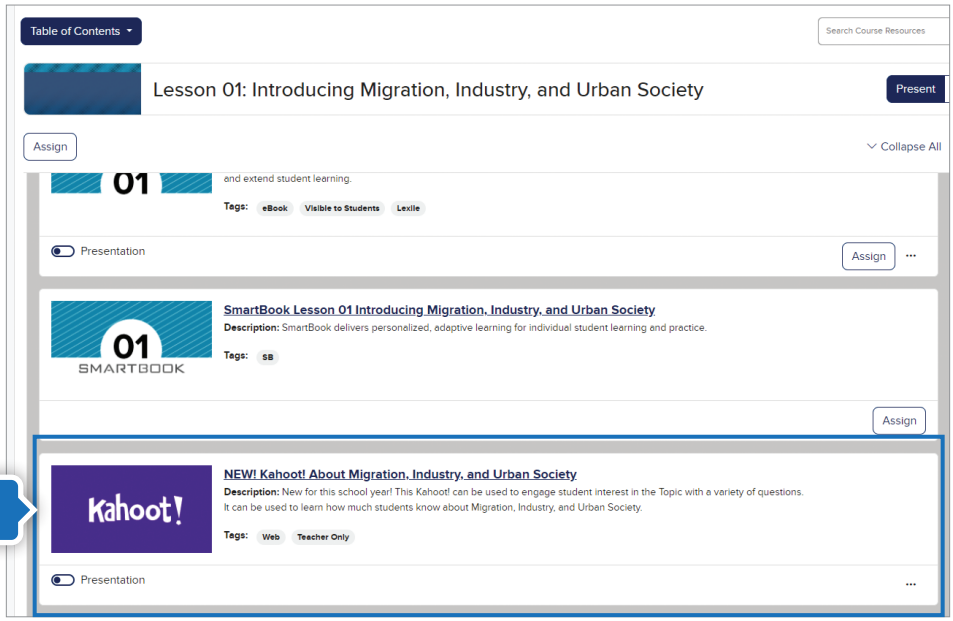
Boost Engagement with Kahoot!

Kahoot! uses fun, game show–like quizzes to help students review important material in an engaging way.

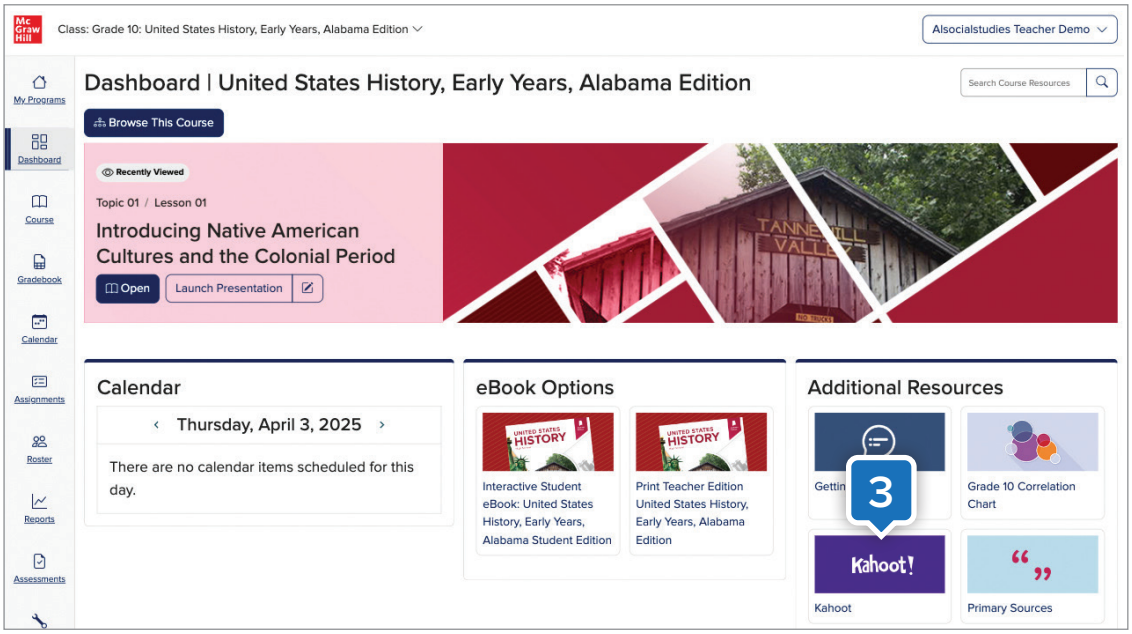
1. Kahoots are always found in the first lesson of the topic.



2. Launch any Kahoot by clicking on the tile within Lesson 01.



3. To see every available kahoot quiz, click on the **Kahoot!** logo under “Additional Resources” for a list organized by topic or search for “Kahoots” in the search bar.



Student View

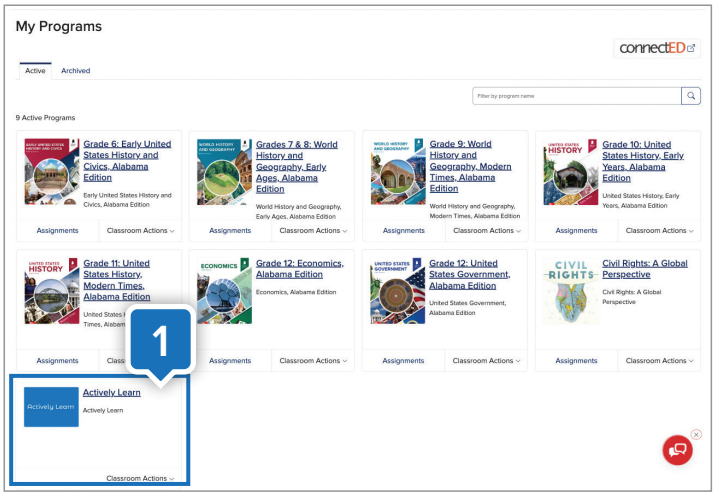
Teacher View

Discover a Growing Collection of Content

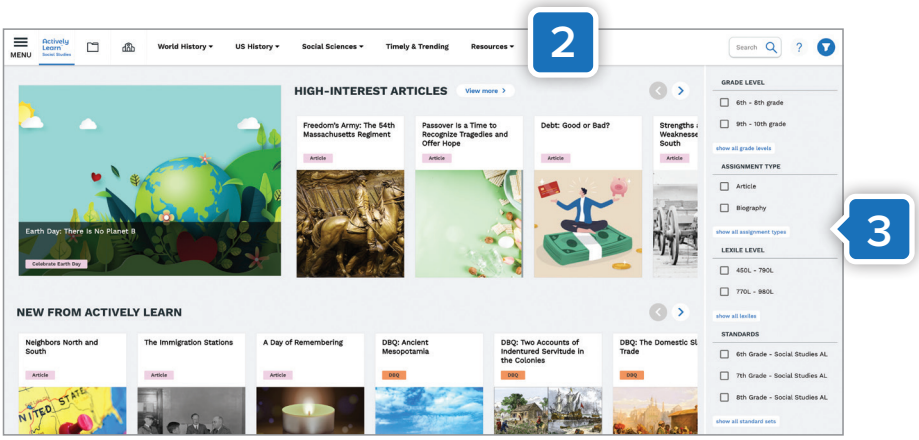
Digitally embedded access to a variety of supporting resources

Discover *Actively Learn*™, McGraw Hill's exclusive, award-winning curriculum platform for Grades 6–12. This digital resource is your go-to for ever-expanding social studies content designed to maximize student learning and build reading, listening, speaking, writing, and research skills.

1. From the teacher dashboard, locate *Actively Learn* in the digital bookbag or within each course. Click the program to launch the home page of *Actively Learn*.



2. In *Actively Learn*, you can easily find and carousel through News & Articles and featured Document-Based Question Assignments across all your *Alabama Social Studies* courses.



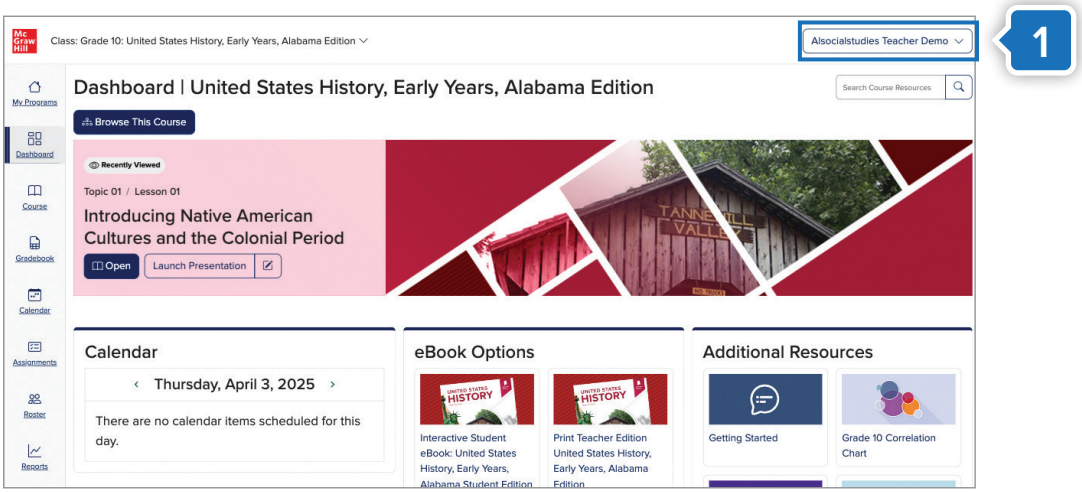
3. Focus in on specific student or classroom needs by filtering for:
   - Grade Level
   - Assignment Type
   - Lexile Level
   - Alabama Social Studies Standards

New Digital Assets include images, interactive maps, flip cards, audio clips, and much more! Dyslexia supports also available.

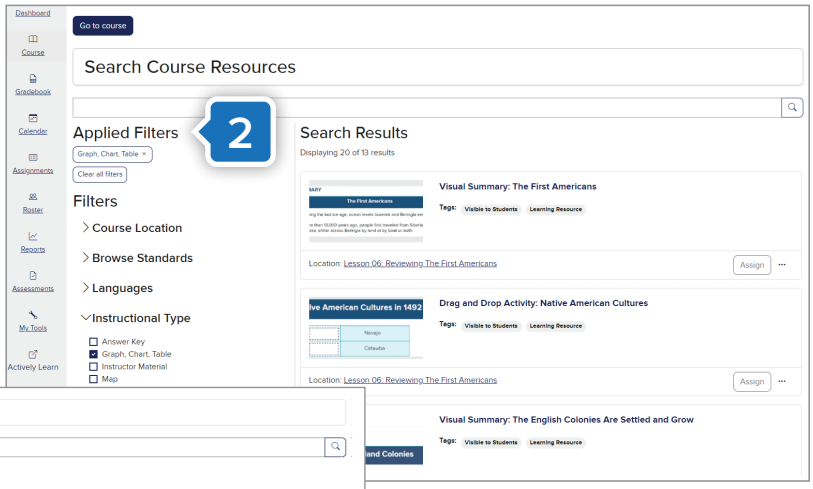
Locating Resources

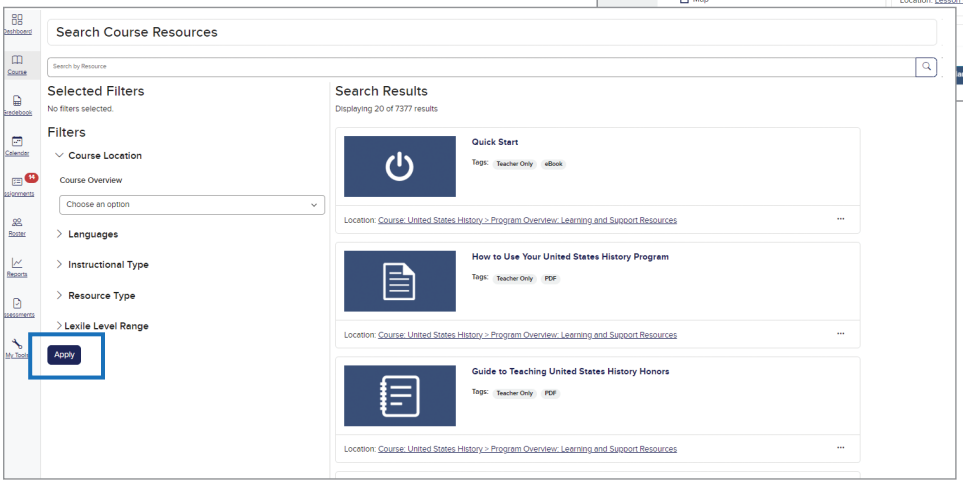
There are several ways to quickly find specific resources within the program:

1. From the dashboard or lesson page, **type into the search bar** or **click the magnifying glass** to go directly to the full resources page with options to filter through course materials.



2. On the resource page, you will see a wide range of options to refine your search, including Course Location, Instructional Type, and Resource Type, with more filters within.

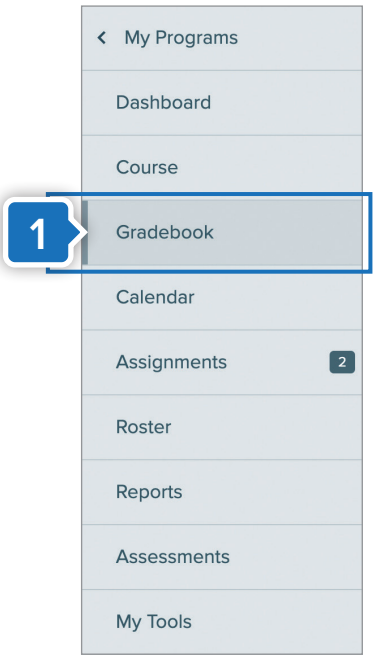


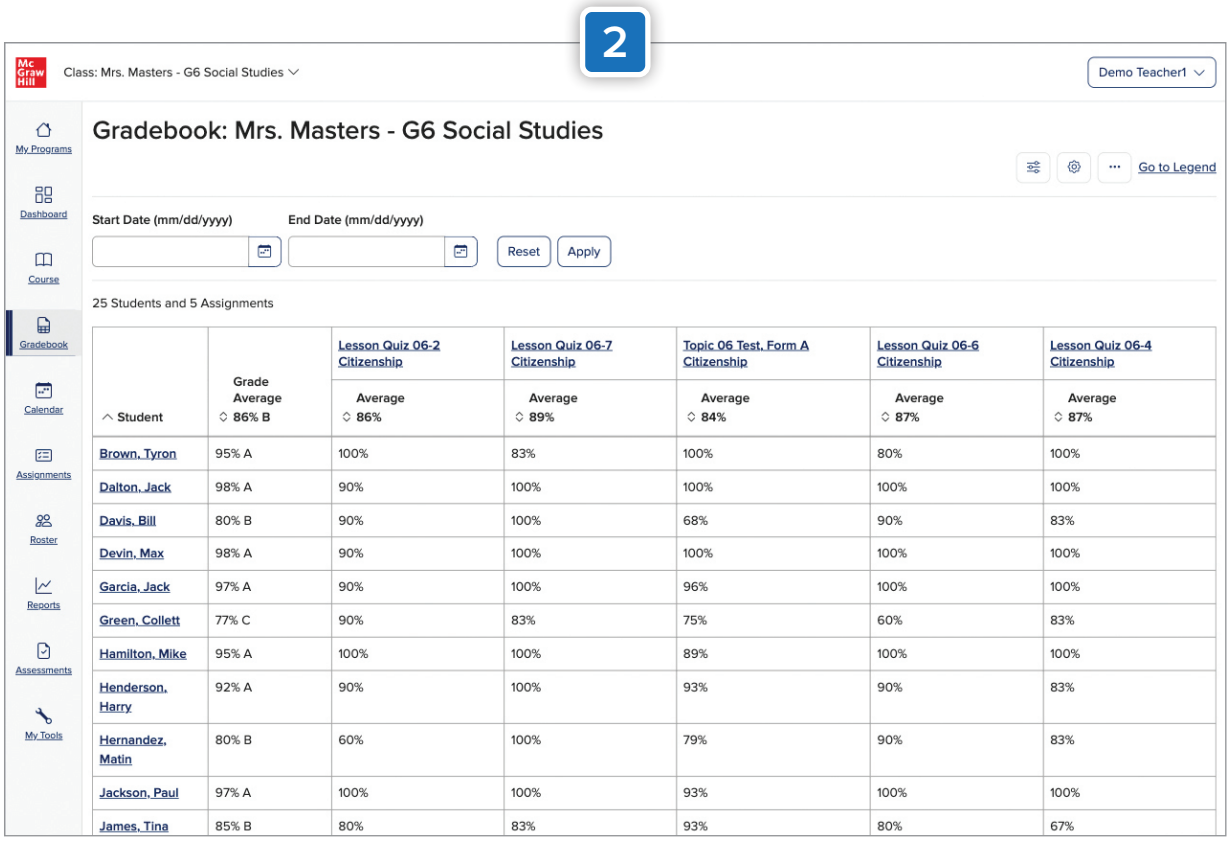


Gradebook

The gradebook provides quick and powerful options for you to save time on grading and allows for deeper classroom insights to pinpoint learning needs:

1. Access the Gradebook from the course dashboard menu bar.
2. The initial view shows a list of students in your class with numerous tools available to display performance data in the way you want to see it:
   - Full-Screen Mode
   - Date Filter
   - Student Search
   - Filters (by assignment, students by course grade, student groups)
   - Settings (Gradebook Settings, Display Options, Grading History)
   - Download File/Print Options

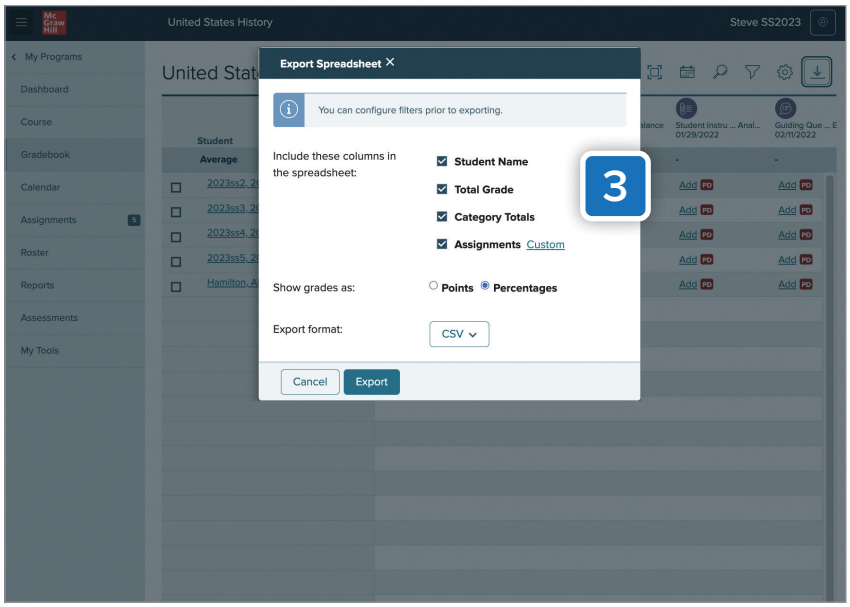




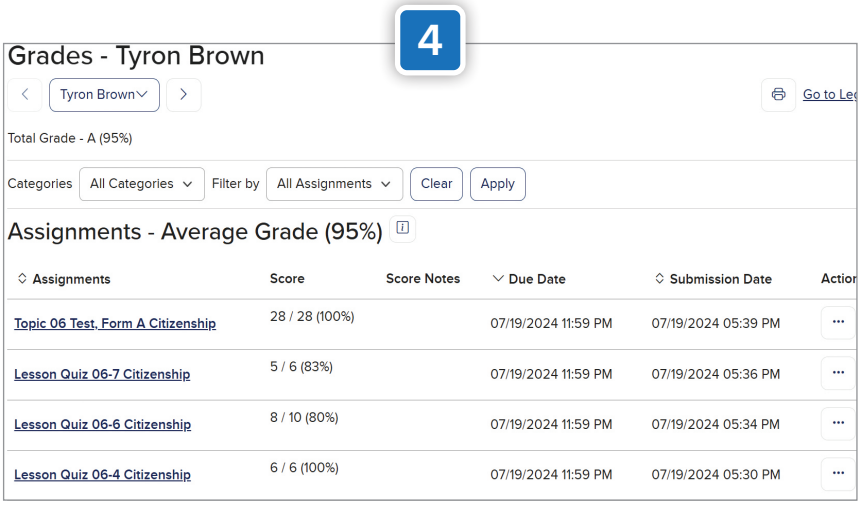
Student	Grade Average 86% B	Lesson Quiz 06-2 Citizenship Average 86%	Lesson Quiz 06-7 Citizenship Average 89%	Topic 06 Test, Form A Citizenship Average 84%	Lesson Quiz 06-6 Citizenship Average 87%	Lesson Quiz 06-4 Citizenship Average 87%
Brown, Tyron	95% A	100%	83%	100%	80%	100%
Dalton, Jack	98% A	90%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Davis, Bill	80% B	90%	100%	68%	90%	83%
Devin, Max	98% A	90%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Garcia, Jack	97% A	90%	100%	96%	100%	100%
Green, Collett	77% C	90%	83%	75%	60%	83%
Hamilton, Mike	95% A	100%	100%	89%	100%	100%
Henderson, Harry	92% A	90%	100%	93%	90%	83%
Hernandez, Matin	80% B	60%	100%	79%	90%	83%
Jackson, Paul	97% A	100%	100%	93%	100%	100%
James, Tina	85% B	80%	83%	93%	80%	67%

3. When exporting data, you can include these fields in the spreadsheet:

- Student Name
- Total Grade
- Category Totals
- Assignments (can be customized)
- Points or percentages



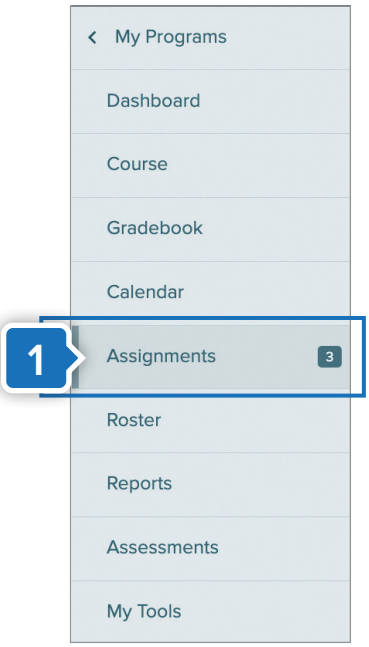
4. Select a student for deeper individual grading and assignment progress.

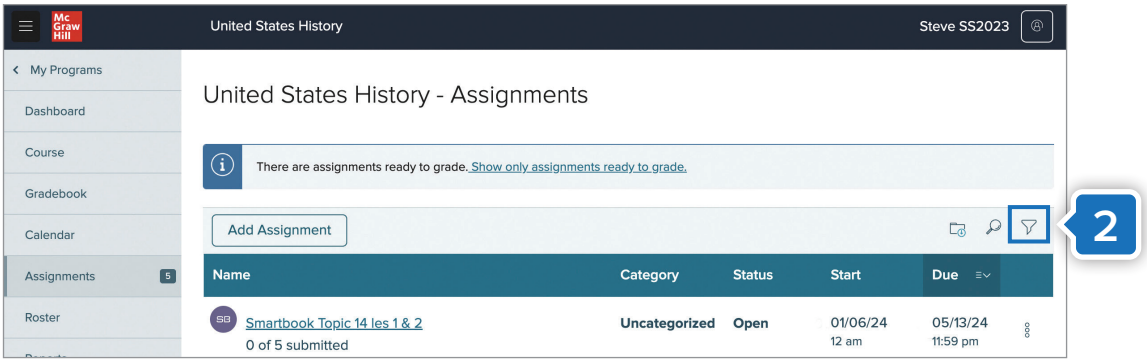


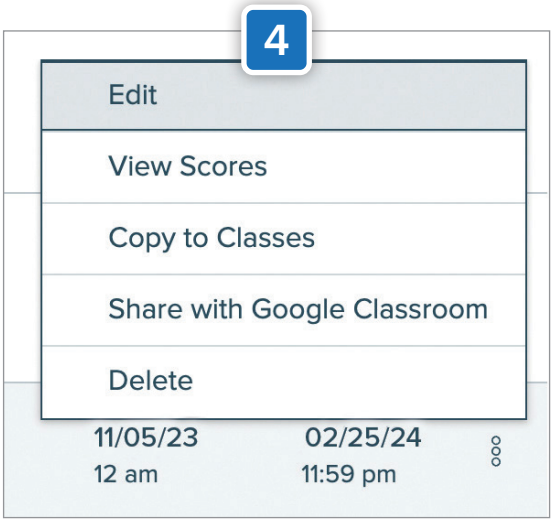
Assignments

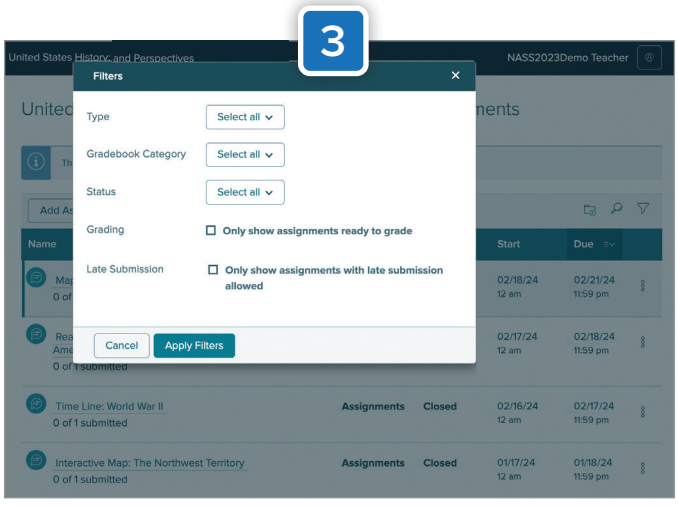
Assignments are organized, editable, and easily searchable:

1. Access Assignments from the course dashboard menu bar. A number next to Assignments indicates the number of assignments ready to grade.
2. Access your filters by clicking the funnel icon at the top of the list of assignments.
3. Filter by assignment type, category, or status (closed, open, or scheduled).
4. You can easily edit, view scores, copy to classes, share with Google Classroom, and delete assignments. Access this feature by opening the triple dot menu to the right of each assignment.





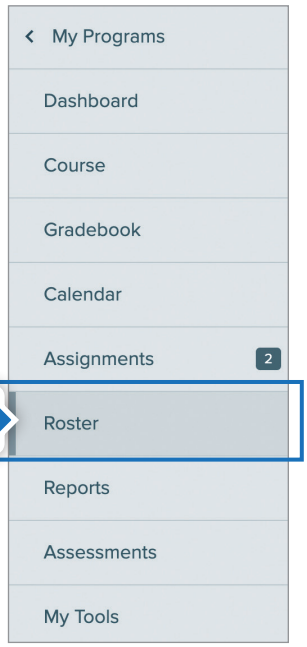


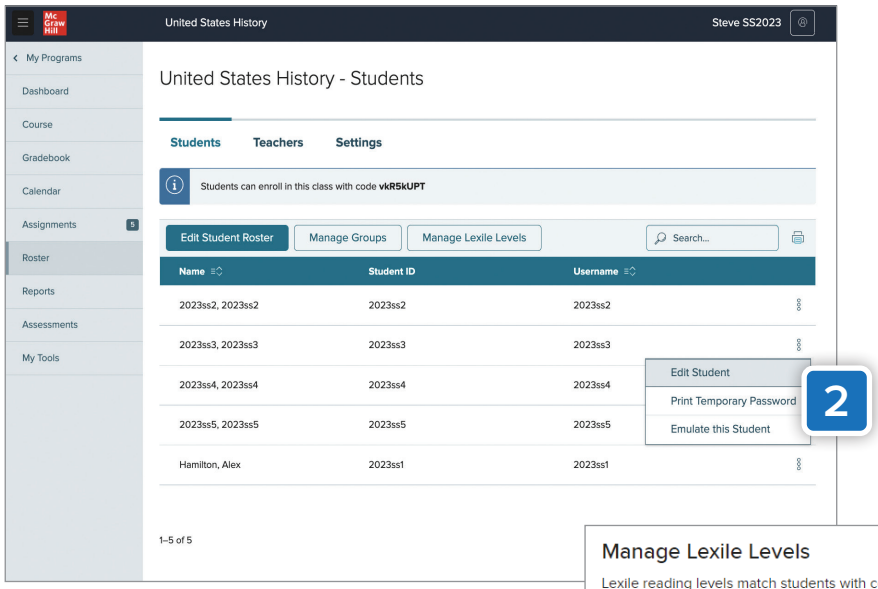


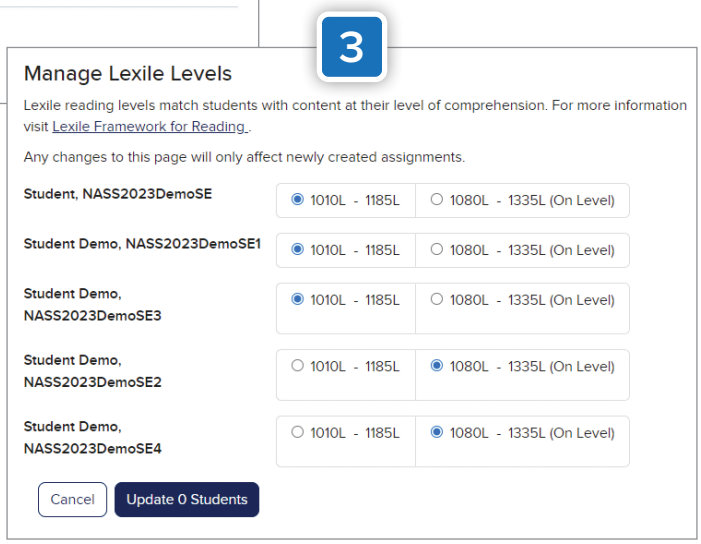
Roster and Managing Lexile Levels

Student rosters are organized, editable, and easily searchable:

1. Access the Roster from the course dashboard menu bar.
2. You can easily edit students or emulate students to see an assignment or experience the dashboard from their perspective.
3. Once you set a student's reading level, the system automatically displays the eBook content at that level to the student.



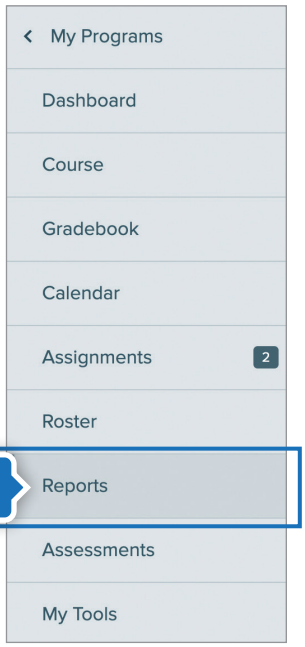


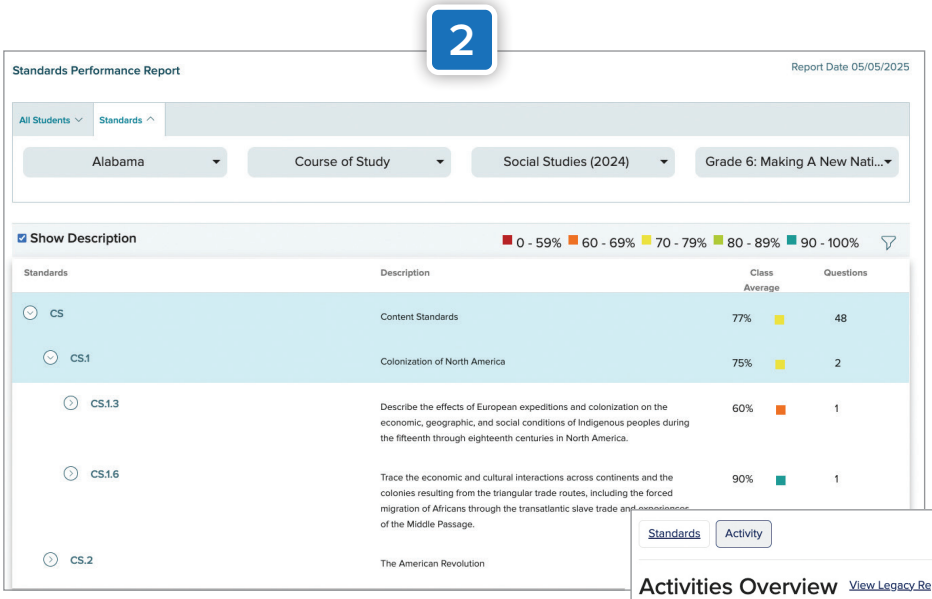


Reports

Reporting is quick, convenient, and readily downloadable as a CSV file.

1. Access Reports from the course dashboard menu bar.
2. Alabama Course of Study Social Studies Standards Performance Report
3. You can quickly access Interactive Performance Reports at a number of levels, including:
   - Individual student performance
   - Class performance by assignment type





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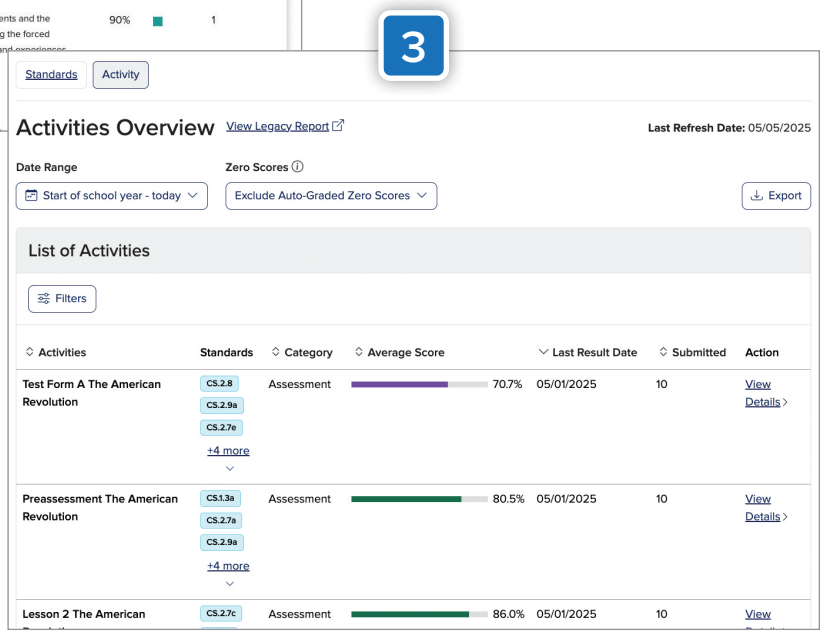
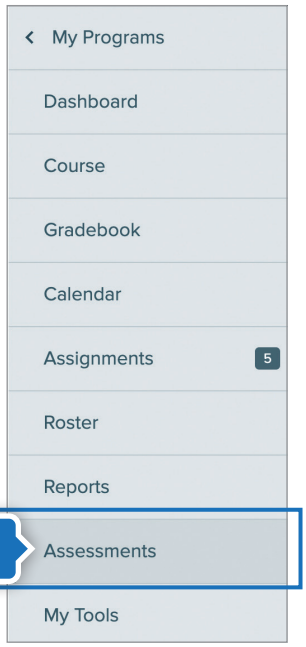


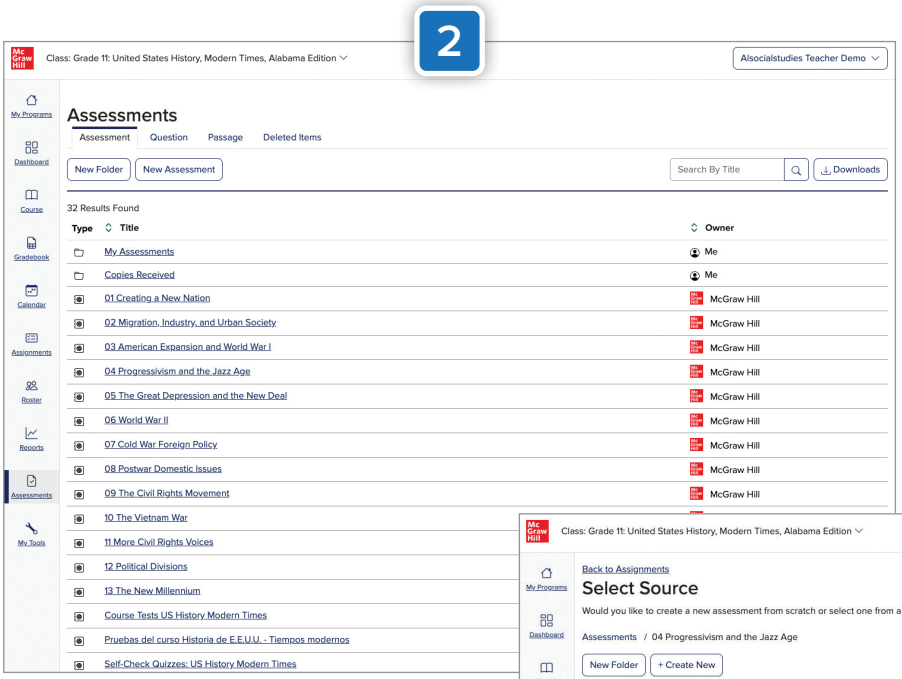
Activity Overview

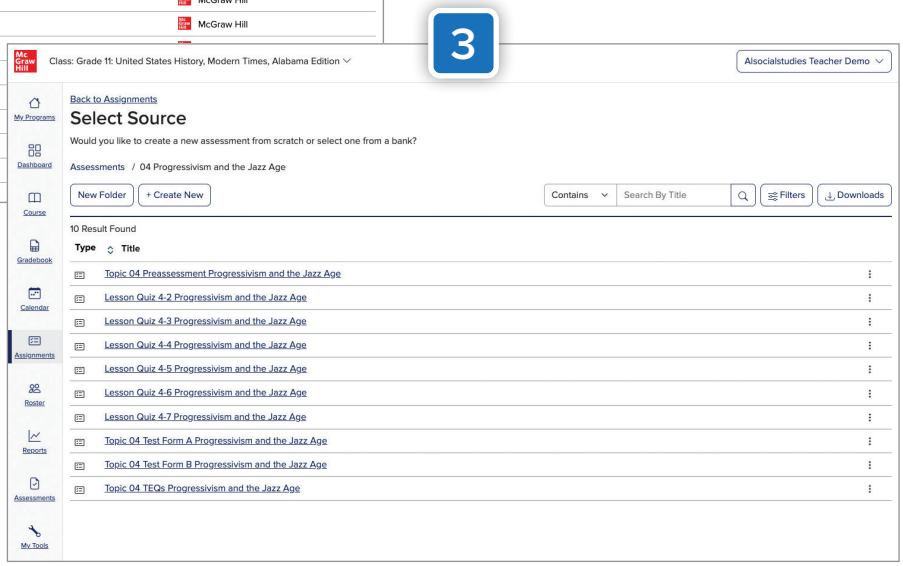
Assessments

Assessments are organized, editable, and easily searchable:

1. Access Assessments from the course dashboard menu bar.
2. You can quickly view Assessment Banks, Question Banks, and Passage Banks. You can also create new assessments. Each folder has a pretest, lesson quiz, and two full tests that can be customized and modified to meet teacher preferences and student needs.
3. Assessment questions are tagged to the Alabama Course of Study: Social Studies Standards.



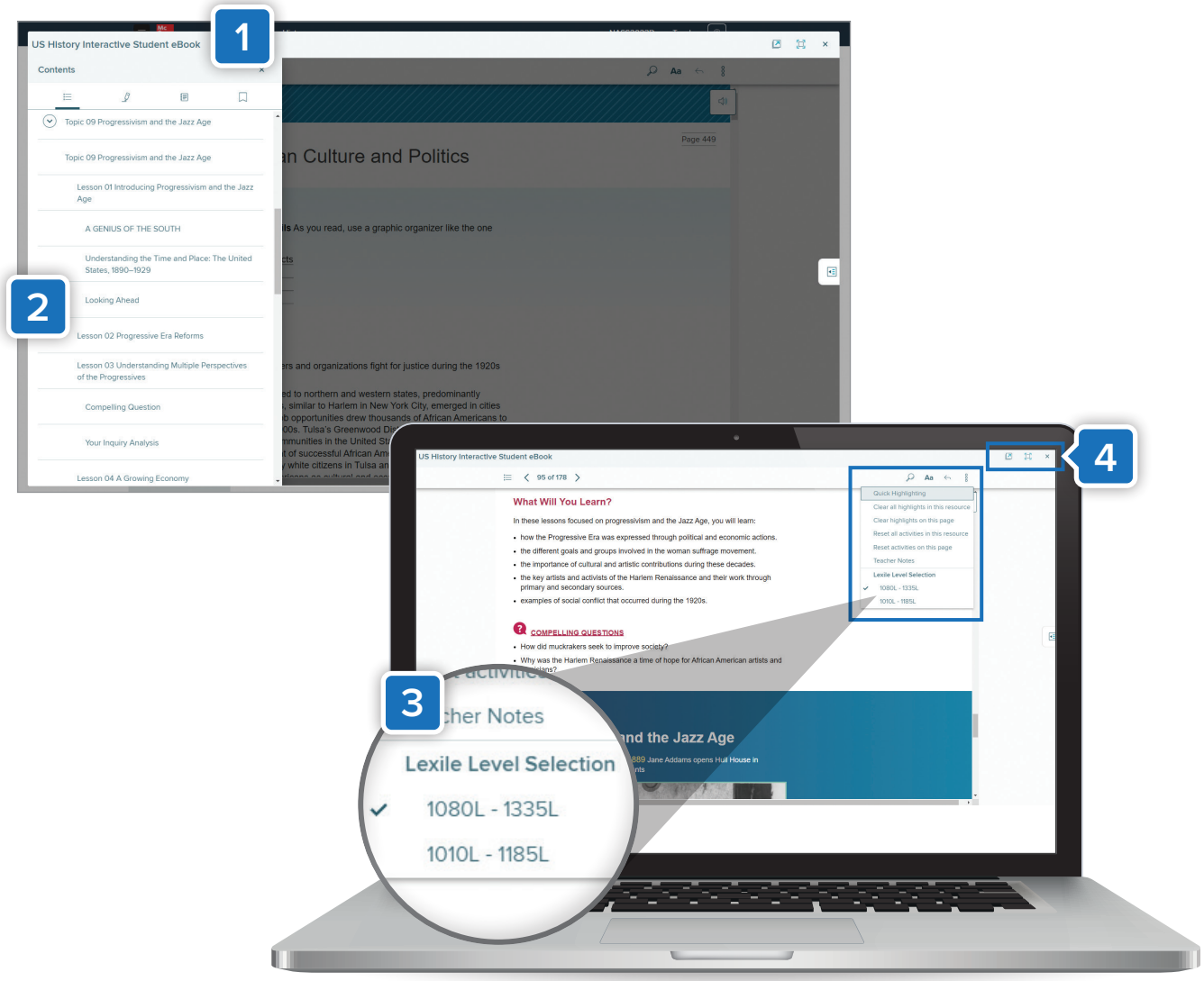




Using The Interactive Student eBook with Reading Levels

From the dashboard, click on the **Interactive Student eBook with Reading Levels** tile to go right to the current topic and lesson.

1. Use the Table of Contents to easily navigate to a topic, chapter, or lesson.
2. Browse the content in the eBook.
3. Explore built-in tools, including the audio reader; full-text search; and highlights and annotations, such as underlining and note-taking.
4. Open the eBook in a new tab, open in full-screen mode, or close the eBook.

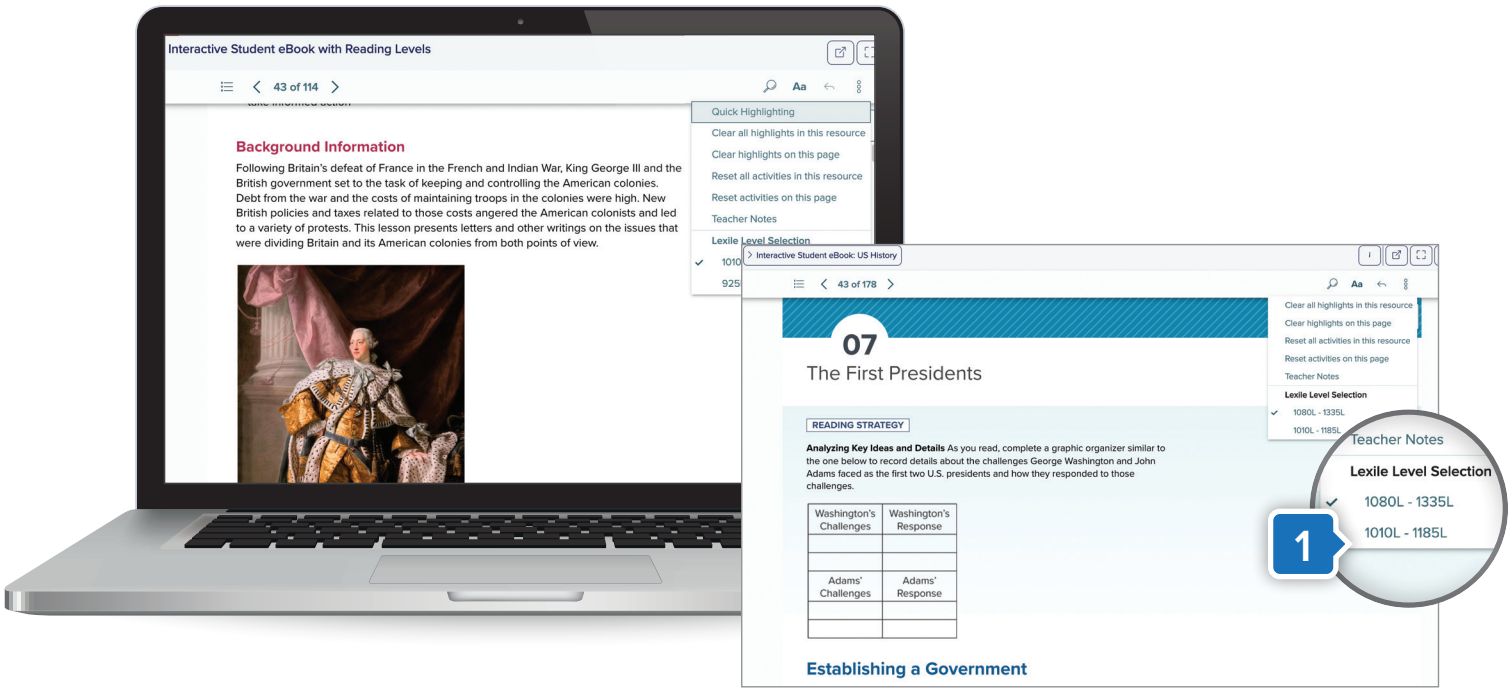


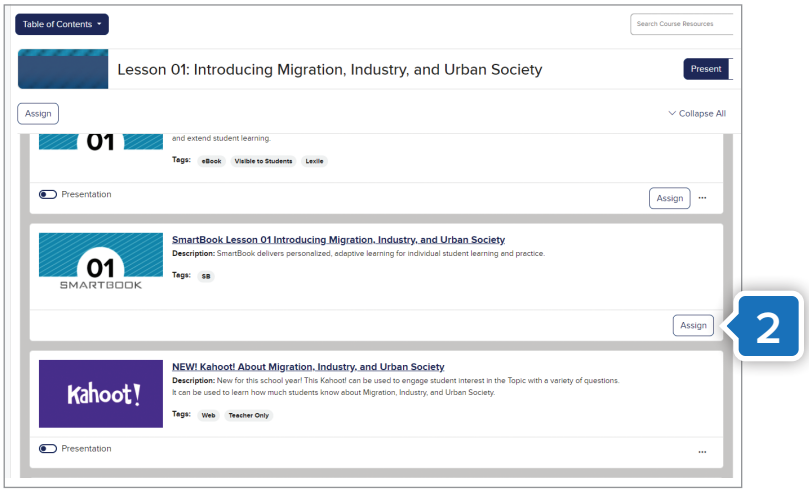
Customize Learning and Instruction

The Interactive Student eBook is the primary digital tool students will use to learn from and engage with the program. It features interactive questions and comes in both On-Level and Approaching-Level versions.

1. You can assign an Approaching-Level Interactive Student eBook, which provides the core narrative at **two grade levels lower.** After you set the student's reading level, the system automatically displays the eBook content and all assignments at the selected level to the student. Only teachers can see the selected Lexile Level for each individual student.

2. You can **assign** a topic or lesson in the eBook to your students. Students can answer directly in the eBook and submit the assignment for review and grading.





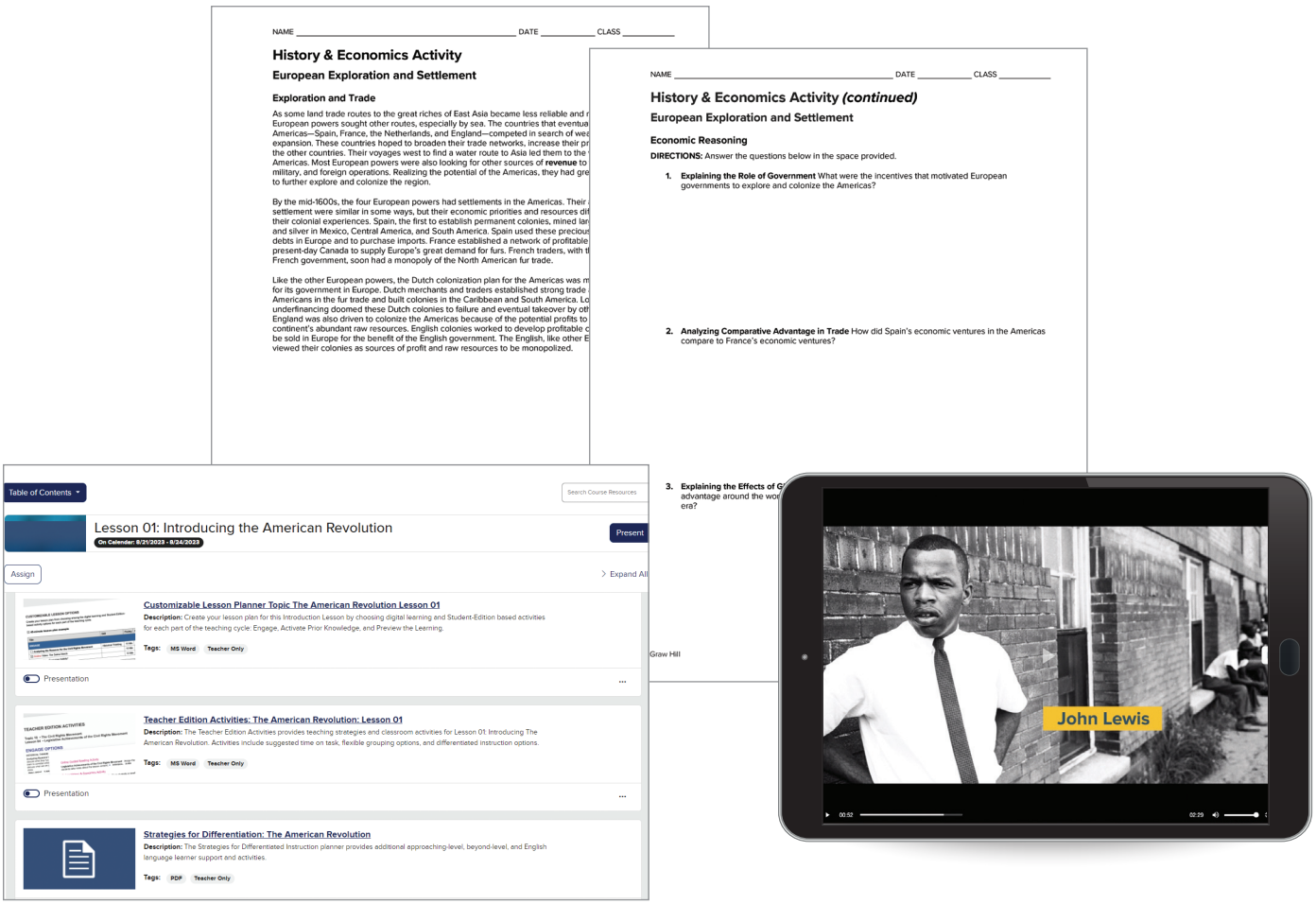
Customize Learning and Instruction *(continued)*

Digital Activity Sheets

Assign these digital worksheets to your students for additional support and to extend their learning. Digital worksheets vary by course but may include:

- **Guided Reading Activities and Vocabulary Activities** for reading support.
- **Reading & Writing Essentials** for Approaching-Level literacy support.
- **Video Response Activities** to accompany the videos in the course.
- Activities for that make connections between social studies disciplines and extend the content for Beyond-Level and On-Level learners.
- **Student and Teacher Instructions and Rubrics** for Hands-On Topic Projects.

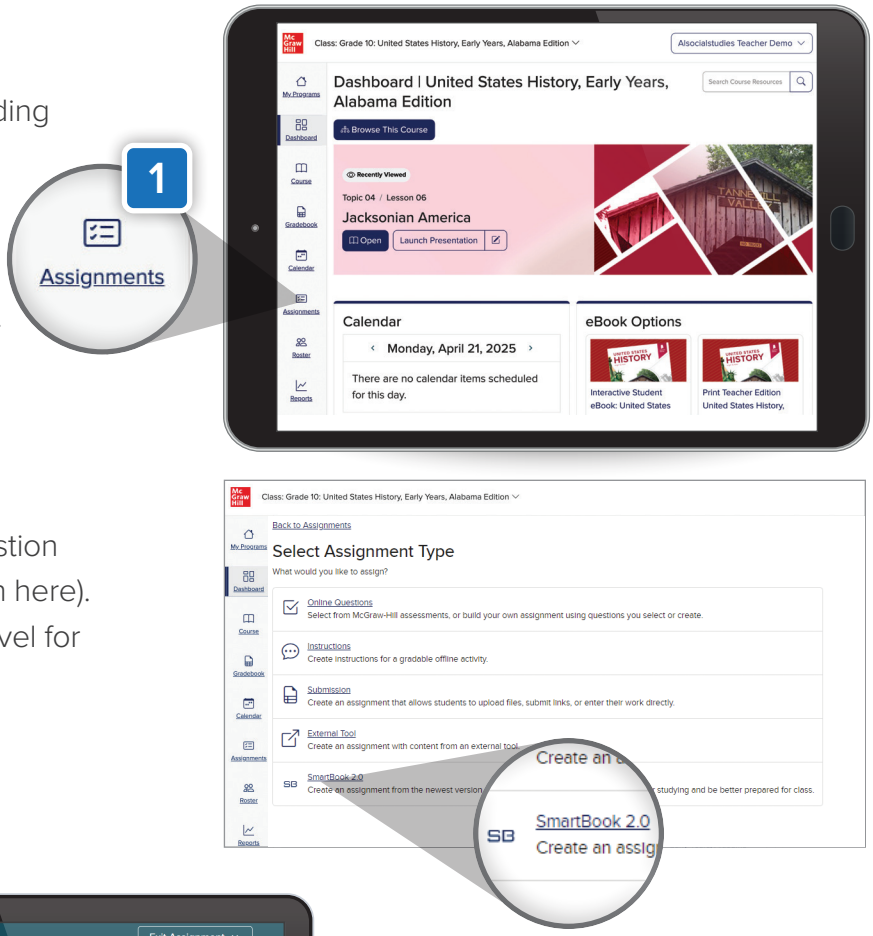
Below are a few examples from our United States History program:

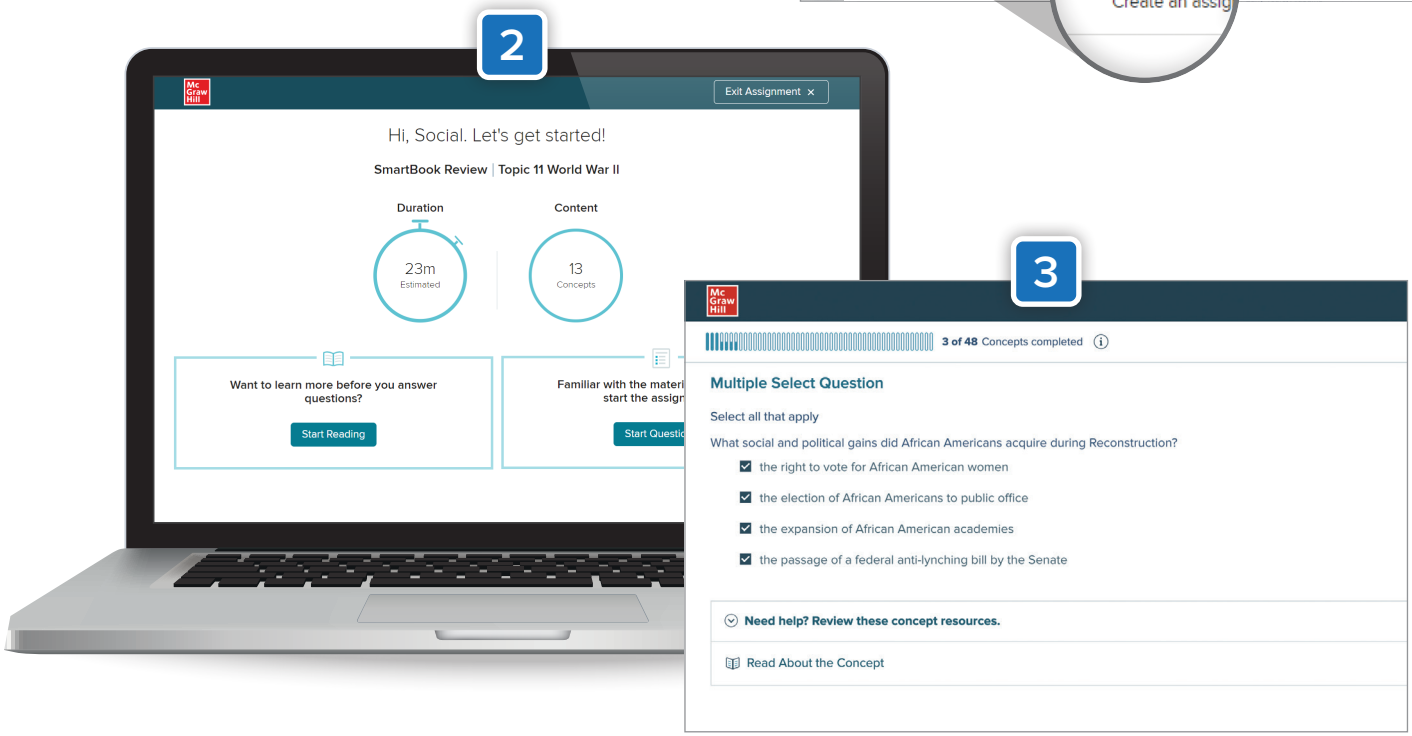


Personalize Learning for Every Student

Built for adaptive, personalized learning, *SmartBook*® empowers students to focus on key concepts and achieve understanding and mastery through practice and study.

1. Access *Smartbook* by clicking on **Assignments**, then click **New Assignment** on the next screen.
2. The *SmartBook* home screen provides a status update on assignments.
3. *SmartBook* provides a variety of question types (multiple select question shown here). Students can rate their confidence level for each question.



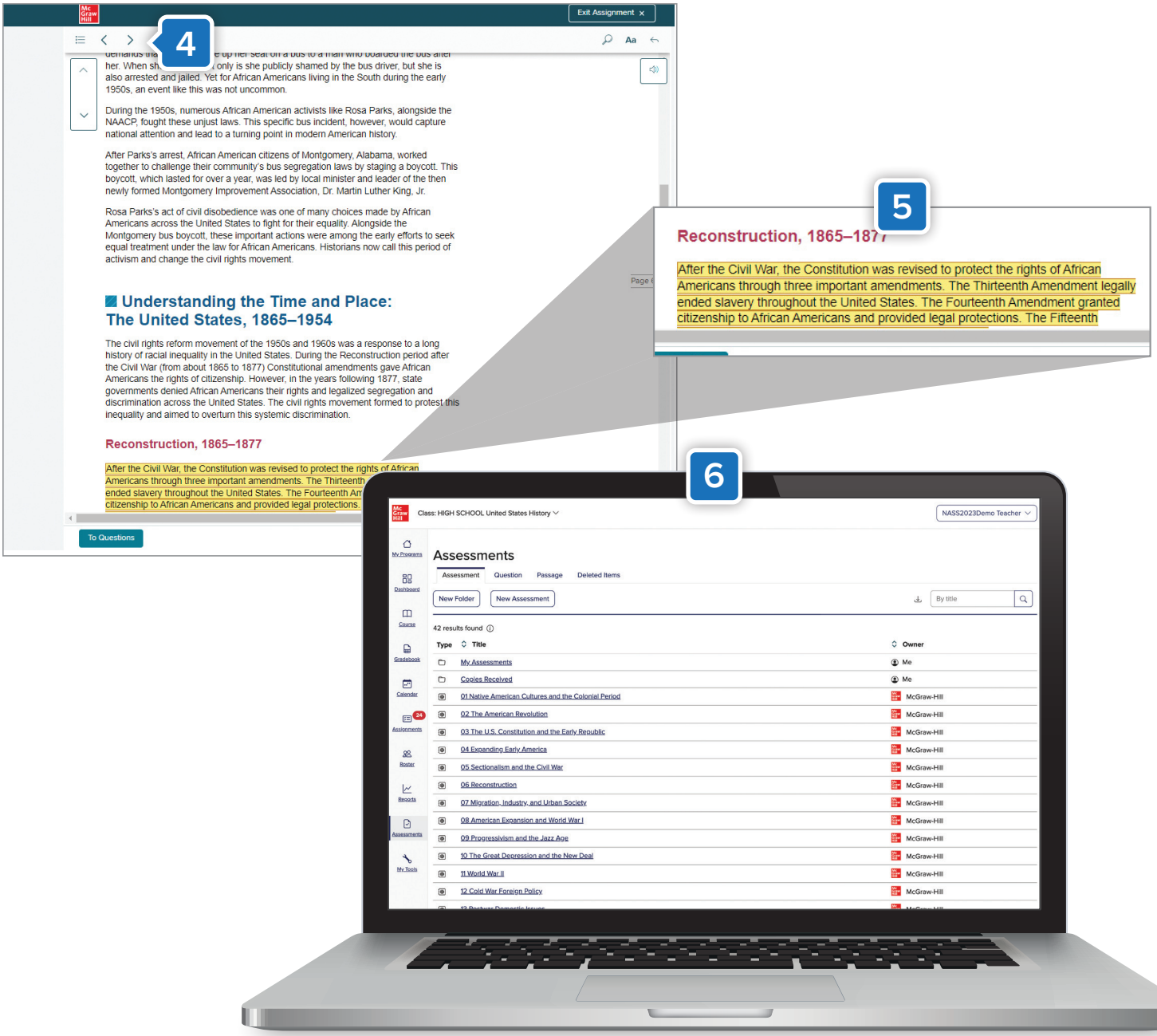


Personalize Learning for Every Student (*continued*)

4. Use the arrows to navigate back to questions.

5. Highlighted text helps draw student focus; yellow shows where additional focus is needed, while blue shows that a question was missed.

6. Teachers can use the checkboxes to assign specific concepts, topics, or subtopics. Use the slider to modify the estimated time and number of concepts for the assignment. We recommend keeping the student work time to 10–15 minutes.



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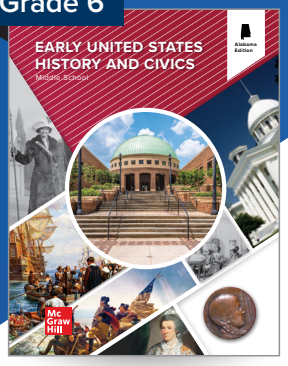

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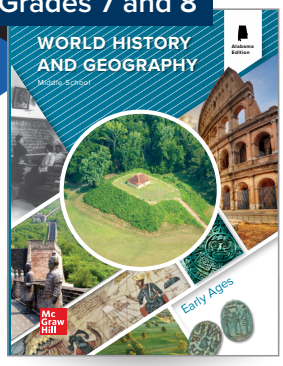

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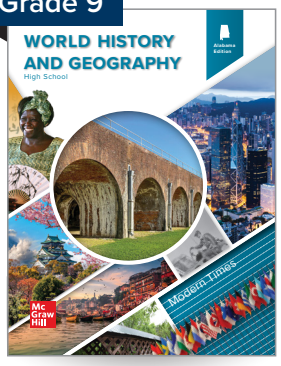

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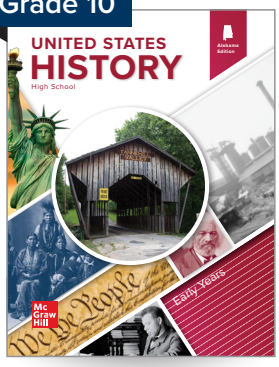

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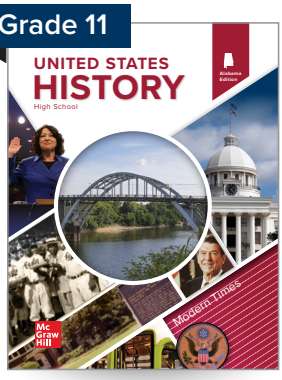

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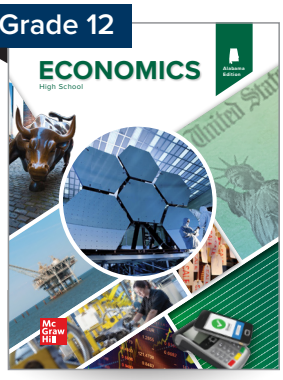

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