



OHIO SOCIAL STUDIES EXPLORERS

Social Studies Curriculum Directly Aligned to Ohio's Standards

Finding elementary social studies curricula that is directly aligned to Ohio's Social Studies Learning Standards is very challenging. Many published curricula say they are aligned to the Ohio standards but they still include topics and information that does not directly align. This leaves teachers to filter and make decisions about what to teach and what not to teach!

Ohio Social Studies Explorers has been developed by an Ohio educator for Ohio teachers. All the lessons and activities in this curriculum are directly aligned to the Ohio grade level standards for social studies. There is no deciding what not to teach.



Ohio Social Studies Explorers K-5 Units

Complete social studies units aligned to Ohio's Social Studies Standards



Kindergarten	Exploring My Place in Time	Exploring Working Together	Exploring Maps and Our World	Exploring and Celebrating Cultures
Grade 1	Exploring Time Adventures: Discovering How Things Change	Exploring Places and How People Live in the Environment	Exploring Our Community and Us: Learning About Responsibilities	Exploring Money and Business
Grade 2	Time Explorers: Journeying Through Changes	Exploring Our Earth: Fun with Maps and Nature!	Explore Being a Good Neighbor: Learning About Citizenship	Exploring Resources and Jobs
Grade 3	Exploring Our Community's Geography and History	Exploring Communities and the Environment	Exploring the Role of Our Government	Exploring Money Matters: Making Smart Choices Every Day!
Grade 4	Exploring Ohio's Past and Its Place in America	Exploring Ohio's Location and the Contributions to the Nation	Exploring the Movement of People in Ohio	Exploring How Citizens and Government Work Together and How Our Economy Works
Grade 5	Exploring the Basics of History and Geography	Exploring Early Civilizations and Cultural Diversity	Exploring Diversity in the Western Hemisphere	Exploring Government, Money, and You



UNITS FOR GRADE K-5

- 4 Units per Grade level
- Units arranged in a logical instructional progression
- Units are organized in the 5E's instructional framework
- Each unit is carefully planned in a learning progression that builds conceptual understanding.

UTILIZES THE GOOGLE PLATFORM



- Includes hyperlinked Google docs for each unit organizer linked to all lesson and instructional resources.
- Lessons and resources can be copied and saved in teachers' Google drive and be accessible from anywhere.
- Most lessons and resources can be assigned in Google classroom.



IMPORTANT COMPONENTS OF EACH UNIT

Grade 3 - Unit 1 Storyline

This document provides a lesson by lesson progression and overview for the given unit to assist teachers in preparing for and pacing the Ohio Social Studies Explorers unit.



Inquiry Stage	Lesson(s)	Duration	Materials needed	Key Vocabulary	Student Outcome
Engage	→ Video & T-Chart	→ 5 minutes	Video, T-chart, paper, markers	map, physical map, political map, compass, grid	Students describe the difference between the physical and political maps and identify the purpose of each.
Explore/Explain	→ Brainstorms activity → Discuss the meaning of the vocabulary terms: map, legend, grid, compass rose, direction.	→ 15 minutes	Handwriting article, Prezi, Google Slides presentation materials	title, key, alphanumeric grid, and compass rose	Students demonstrate the ability to read a map's title, key, alphanumeric grid, and compass rose.
Elaborate/Evaluate	→ Create short video clips teaching their lesson.	→ 15 minutes	Activity sheets, paper, colored pencils	coordinate, relative location, absolute location	Students demonstrate the ability to read and interpret physical and political maps, and coordinates to locate specific landmarks.

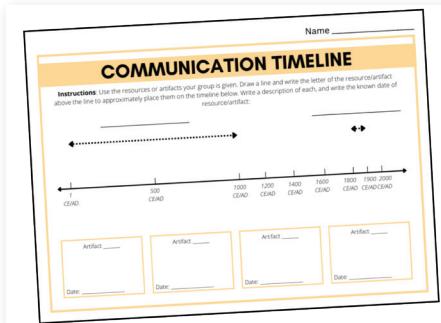
✓ Storylines that provide quick unit breakdown for planning

✓ Activities that reinforce literacy standards

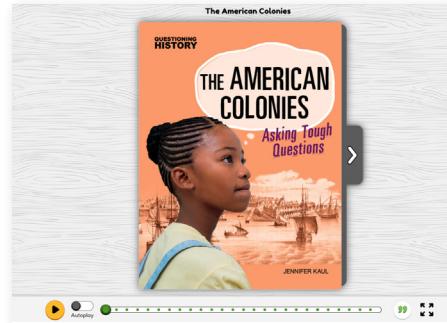
✓ Pear/Edulastic Assessments



✓ Vetted, engaging videos to introduce content



✓ Includes all the student copies of materials, as well as teacher keys



✓ Capstone Interactive eBooks

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