

## WHAT'S NEW

Course Improvements for this K-5 Social Studies course will ensure that learners have a Minnesota standards-aligned, media-rich, and interactive experience to provide an engaging learning environment, bolster understanding of course content, and improve outcomes.

## TIMELINE OF DELIVERY AND COMMUNICATIONS

This updated and more closely aligned course will be customer-ready by June 30, 2023. Your Customer Success Manager will coordinate the delivery to your learning management system.

## NEW COURSE INFORMATION

<b>MN Social Studies - Grade 4 (1 of 2)</b>	<b>SCED ID:</b> 04 434 G 0404 0101	<b>Grade / Grade Band:</b> K - 5	<b>Availability:</b> 06/30/2023
<p><b>Course Description:</b> MN-Social Studies 4 (1 of 2) examines the earliest periods of America through the study of history, geography, economics, and history. The course includes a study of the settlement patterns, lifestyles, and governments of early American Indian societies. European exploration and settlement of North America, as well as interaction with American Indian groups are explored. Social studies skills are applied, and primary sources, maps, graphs, and timelines are used to analyze these periods of early American history.</p> <p><b>Materials Required:</b> paper, pencils</p>			
<p><b>Improvements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Increased Alignment</b> - This MN state-specific course is more closely aligned to Minnesota state standards than the previously offered national course.</li> <li>• <b>Expanded Media &amp; Interactivity Throughout Every Course</b> - additional media and interactivity added             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reduced text heaviness, adding instructional images and over 1,200 graphics, videos, and interactives across K-5 curriculum</li> <li>○ New practice activities that are interactive for skill mastery and comprehension</li> <li>○ Updated Read Along interactive that has a new look and navigation for learners</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Grading Support for All Open Response Questions</b> - additional grading supports for teachers including grading notes and rubrics             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Added "Grading Notes" in the answer key and Speedgrader</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Evaluation of All Objectives and Assessment Items to Ensure Grade Level and Correct Measuring of Objectives</b></li> </ul>		<p><b>Related Course Information:</b> Social Studies – Grade 4 (2 of 2) National course currently available</p>	