

WHAT'S NEW

December 2023

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

TIMELINE OF DELIVERY AND COMMUNICATIONS

These updated and more closely aligned courses will be customer-ready by the week of December 11th. Your Customer Success Manager will coordinate delivery to your learning management system.

IMPROVED COURSE INFORMATION (PARTS 2 of 2)

	Social Studies Kindergarten	Social Studies Grade 1	Social Studies Grade 2	Social Studies Grade 3	Social Studies Grade 4	Social Studies Grade 5
SCED ID	04 430 G KGKG 0202	04 431 G 0101 0202	04 432 G 0202 0202	04 433 G 0303 0102	04 434 G 0404 0202	04 435 G 0505 0202
SM Course Description	The course explores how to solve problems, the need for rules and laws, and how they help communities. Topics ask students to examine their place in the world and learn about the environment and what it is made up of. Lastly, it will explore American symbols, traditions, and holidays.	The course examines the various features, symbols, holidays, leaders of the United States, as well as describing important people of the past. Activities include identifying national, state, and local government leaders and exploring how local government makes and enforces laws. The impact of resources and the environment are explored in terms of how humans live.	The course examines who producers and consumers are, how the world economy works and what it entails, how the environment affects how humans live, and how humans affect the environment now and through history. Activities include researching how people and groups have protected the environment.	The course explores the geography, history, politics, and economics at local, state, national, and tribal levels. Students will learn about working together as a community, government services, physical and culture features of the North American region, resources, industry, and why people migrate within the United States and to the United States from other countries.	The course explores the history, geography and economics associated with the original thirteen colonies of the United States, including topics regarding indentured servitude, culture mixing, and governments. Trade between Europe, Africa, and the Americas is analyzed to understand what was traded and the effects of these trades on the colonies. Finally, the New England Colonies, Middle Colonies, and Southern Colonies re-examined to understand the specific location, economy, government, religion, and culture for each area.	The course explores United States expansion, The Civil War, Reconstruction, Westward expansion, The Transcontinental Railroad, Economic and Urban Changes, and reform movements. Investigations include key historical events of the topics arranged chronologically, while also refining map skills, working with timelines and graphs, and analyzing causes and effects.

Materials Required	Students - Required: camera/video camera, colored pencils or markers, family photographs or artifacts, notebook paper, paper currency and coins, pencil, printables (see link in Syllabus), printer, printer paper, ruler, scissors, tape	Students - Required: camera/video camera, colored pencils or markers, family photographs or artifacts, notebook paper, pencil, posterboard, printables (see link in Syllabus), printer, printer paper	Students – Required: camera/video camera, colored pencils or markers, family photographs or artifacts (optional), notebook paper, pencil, printables (see link in Syllabus), printer, printer paper	Students - Required: notebook paper, pencils, printables (see Course Syllabus for link), printer and printer paper (for printables), Optional: research materials	Students - Required: chart paper, colored pencils/crayons/fine-tipped markers (drawing utensils), computer microphone, construction paper (large and colored), construction paper (white), drawing paper, glue or tape, highlighters, index cards to create flashcards, notebook paper, poster-like paper (large – 3 sheets), presentation software, printables (see link in Syllabus), printer, printer paper, scissors; string, painter's tape, or chalk for marking; web camera, whiteboard, whiteboard erasers, whiteboard markers	Students - Required: chart paper, colored pencils/crayons/fine-tipped markers (drawing utensils), computer microphone, construction paper (large and colored), construction paper (white), drawing paper, glue or tape, highlighters, index cards to create flashcards, notebook paper, poster-like paper (large – 3 sheets), presentation software, printables (see link in Syllabus), printer, printer paper, scissors; string, painter's tape, or chalk for marking; web camera, whiteboard, whiteboard erasers, whiteboard markers
Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% Alignment to National Standards • Expanded Media & Interactivity Throughout Every Course - additional media and interactivity added – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reduced text heaviness, adding instructional images and over 1,200 graphics, videos, and interactives ○ New practice activities that are interactive for skill mastery and comprehension, ○ Updated Read Along interactive that has a new look and navigation for learners. • Grading Support for All Open Response Questions - additional grading supports for teachers including grading notes and rubrics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Added “Grading Notes” in the answer key and Speedgrader • Reading Level Evaluated and Brought to Grade Level K-3 • Evaluation of All Objectives and Assessment Items to Ensure Grade Level and Correct Measuring of Objectives 					
Availability Date	Week of 12/11/23	Week of 12/11/23	Week of 12/11/23	Week of 12/11/23	Week of 12/11/23	06/30/23
Related Course Information / Delivery Date	Social Studies Kindergarten (1 of 2) July 2023	Social Studies Grade 1 (1 of 2) July 2023	Social Studies Grade 2 (1 of 2) July 2023	Social Studies Grade 3 (1 of 2) July 2023	Social Studies Grade 4 (1 of 2) July 2023	Social Studies Grade 5 (1 of 2) July 2023