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NCSS Bulletin 111, 171 pp., 2010

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Making A Difference: Revitalizing Elementary Social Studies
Edited by Margit E. McGuire and Bronwyn Cole
NCSS Bulletin 109, 87 pp., 2010

This teacher-friendly book will be a welcome resource for all committed to the revitalization of social studies in elementary schools in the face of great pressures to reduce the time given to social studies subjects.

The contributors advocate a vision of social studies that engages students, incorporates best classroom practices, and results in demonstrable educational accomplishments. One of the principal thrusts of the book is to emphasize the potential of children’s literature and stories on social studies topics as a means of promoting literacy goals as well as an authentic social studies education. Contributors demonstrate the value of using cultural universals—basic human needs and social experiences found in all societies—as a framework for teaching developmentally appropriate social studies in the early grades. The book also emphasizes the importance of well-constructed and imaginative service-learning projects as a way for students to “live their civics.”

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Edited by Valerie Ooka Pang, William R. Fernekes, and Jack L. Nelson
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When catastrophe strikes in the form of natural disasters, many questions spring to mind: How did this happen? What can be done to protect against these disasters in future, or to respond better to them? How can we help the survivors? The examination of these questions engages many social studies disciplines—history, geography, civics, economics, and the other social sciences.

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Edited by Rahima C. Wade
NCSS Bulletin No.106, 78 pp. 2007

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Passport to Learning: Teaching Social Studies to ESL Students
Bárbara C. Cruz, Joyce W. Nutta, Jason O’Brien, Carine M. Feyten and Jane M. Govoni
NCSS, Bulletin No. 101, 123 pp., 2003

More and more teachers face the challenge of teaching social studies to students whose native language is not English. The authors of this book have designed it especially to help social studies teachers do so successfully. The first part of the book enables teachers to understand the process of acquiring a second language and how to deal with students engaged in that process. The second identifies good topics for social studies classes that include ESL students, and offers detailed, ready-to-use lesson plans. This book is a must for social studies teachers whose classes include ESL students.

Teaching Together: School/University Collaboration to Improve Social Studies Education
Edited by Mary Christenson, Marilyn Johnston and Jim Norris
NCSS, Bulletin No. 98, 198 pp., 2001

This unique book presents the experiences of college professors and classroom teachers who have engaged in cooperative classroom projects that span the range of social studies disciplines at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. Each chapter is authored jointly by the classroom teacher and professor engaged in the project and highlights the achievements that resulted from their collaboration, the problems that arose, how they were solved, and what the implications and possibilities are for other educators seeking to engage in similar collaborative efforts.
Edited by Margaret Smith Crocco and O.L. Davis, Jr.
NCSS, Bulletin No. 100, 162 pp. 2002
Women constitute the majority of K-12 social studies teachers, but historians have often neglected or underemphasized the importance of their role in the development of social studies. This volume shows how women have built a legacy in shaping social education, as seen through the biographies of more than forty women over a 200-year period.

Building Bridges: Connecting Classroom and Community Through Service-Learning in Social Studies
Edited by Rahima C. Wade
NCSS, Bulletin No. 97, 116 pp. 2000
This book, which offers teaching suggestions at the elementary, middle, and high school levels, features a very diverse array of service-learning projects. Topics include AIDS awareness, community planning, shelters for the homeless, and marine environmental activism.

Surfing Social Studies: The Internet Book
Edited by Joseph A. Braun, Jr. and C. Frederick Risinger
NCSS, Bulletin No. 96, 180 pp. 1999
There is no doubt about the importance of the Internet to schools in the future, but there are many questions about the best ways to use it in the social studies classroom. The contributions to this volume are an excellent guide to the Internet in general and its value for social studies in particular.

Enhancing Social Studies Through Literacy Strategies
Judith L. Irvin, John P. Lunstrum, Carol Lynch-Brown, Mary Friend Shepard
NCSS, Bulletin No. 91, 73pp., 1995
Help your students to improve their literacy abilities by offering them stimulating social studies materials. This bulletin focuses on enhancing writing, speaking, and listening skills, and on building conceptual and vocabulary knowledge. Based on current theory and research in literacy education and student motivation, this book provides practical step-by-step procedures and literacy-based strategies for developing critical thinking skills.

Arts & Humanities in the Social Studies
Douglas Selwyn
NCSS, Bulletin No. 90, 66pp., 1995
The arts are windows into and products of the cultures of the world. The arts-based strategies in this bulletin bring social studies to life in the classroom. These fifteen lessons are a proven, effective means for involving students in the social studies. Selwyn provides a context for incorporating the arts in general, and proven strategies for using creative writing, literature, and plays in the classroom.

James A. Michener on the Social Studies
NCSS, Bulletin No. 85, 119 pp., 1991
In addition to works of historical fiction, non-fiction, short stories, and novels, Michener also wrote an impressive body of work in the social studies that is collected in Bulletin 85. Readers will be struck by the familiarity of issues our colleagues faced in the 1940s and those we confront today. This bulletin captures thoughtful reflections on the problems of teachers and teaching the social studies.

Teaching About Native Americans
Karen D. Harvey, Lisa D. Harjo, and Jane K. Jackson
NCSS, Bulletin No. 84, 82 pp., 2nd Ed., 1996
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**National Standards for History (Basic Edition)**
Developed by the National Center for History in the Schools.
*NCHS, 215pp., 1996*

This 215-page volume includes standards for U.S. and world history as well as specific standards for grades K-4. It is now the official standards volume, replacing the three original volumes. Omitted from this revised volume are most of the teaching and class activity suggestions that were in the original volumes. (See page 7 for related publications).

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**National Standards for Civics and Government**
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*Center for Civic Education, 169pp., 1995*

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**Geography for Life: National Geography Standards**
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*National Geographic Society, 272pp., 1994*

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**Voluntary National Content Standards in Economics**
Developed by the National Council on Economic Education in partnership with the National Association of Economic Educators and the Foundation for Teaching Economics.
*NCEE, 108pp., 1997*

The Voluntary National Content Standards in Economics are designed to provide a tool for educators specifying what students from the kindergarten level through grade 12 should learn about basic economics as they go through school. The standards are practical guides to teaching that include benchmarks, applications, and teaching suggestions and strategies. They will assist teachers to help students learn crucial reasoning and decisionmaking skills that will serve them all their lives.

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In previous years, our publications list included two other volumes related to the National Standards for Social Studies Teachers: volume 2 (“Program Standards for the Initial Preparation of Social Studies Teachers”) and volume 3 (“Guidebook for Colleges and Universities Preparing Social Studies Teachers”). These have now been superseded by the NCSS-NCATE Social Studies Program Review posted on the NCSS website at www.socialstudies.org/standards/teachers or www.ncss.org/standards/teachers
**Digital Age: Technology-Based K-12 Lesson Plans for Social Studies**  
Edited by Linda Bennett and Michael J. Berson  
*NCSS Bulletin No.105, 200 pp. 2007*

This is an indispensable book for social studies educators at all grade levels. Its standards-based lesson plans present some of the best uses of instructional technology to teach the range of social studies subjects at each of the elementary, middle school and high school levels. Whether your interest is U.S. history or contemporary politics and government, world history or world cultures, economics or current affairs, or introducing students to important social groups such as families and communities, you will find this book useful.

**Meeting The Standards: Social Studies Readings for K-6 Educators**  
Edited by Mary E. Haas and Margaret A. Laughlin  
*NCSS, 393 pp., 1996*

Elementary educators will get great teaching ideas from this anthology of almost 100 articles specially selected for their valuable guidance in teaching social studies subjects to grades K-6. The first ten sections of the book contain suggestions for teaching each of the ten themes of the social studies standards, while the remaining five sections deal with curriculum issues, the integration of social studies, the use of literature to promote social studies understanding, cooperative learning, and assessment.

**Favorite Lesson Plans: Powerful Standards-Based Activities**  
Edited by William W. Wilen  
*NCSS, 100 pp. 2000*

In this volume outstanding teachers share some of their favorite and most effective lesson plans. The topics of this book cover the range of social studies disciplines and standards themes. Its contents deal with images of the West, Native American culture, slavery and attempts to escape it, controversial issues, global economic decision-making, unions and collective bargaining, and more.

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**Bring History Alive! A Sourcebook for Teaching U.S. History**  
Edited by Kirk Ankeney, Richard Del Rio, Gary B. Nash and David Vigilante  
*NCHS, 244 pp., 1996*

This volume offers teachers a treasury of ideas for teaching about U.S. history, with hundreds of classroom activities related to the history standards. Also included are teacher-friendly essays, articles and resource lists.

**Bring History Alive! A Sourcebook for Teaching World History**  
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*NCHS, 321 pp., 1996*

This volume will be exceptionally valuable for world history teachers, with hundreds of classroom activities that supplement the history standards. See page 5 for One-Stop Standards Shopping.
In this book, Joan Brodsky Schur presents successful strategies for engaging students in history by placing them in the shoes of the ordinary people of past generations. The author outlines proven and effective ways of using six different types of primary sources: diaries, travelogues, letters, news articles, speeches, and scrapbooks. Students will learn to interpret primary sources, express contrasting viewpoints, stage simulations, and develop their analytical thinking and presentation skills.

In Search of America’s Past: Learning to Read History in Elementary School
Bruce VanSledright
Teachers College Press, 189 pp., 2002

This original and insightful book shows how an investigative, inquiry-based approach to the study of history can pay off in the elementary grades. The author provides guidelines and examples derived from his experiences in a fifth grade classroom, whose students showed themselves to be very capable in evaluating the reliability, validity, and perspective of historical documents.

Teaching History for the Common Good
Keith C. Barton and Linda S. Levstik
Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, 2004

This book explores the body of research on students’ historical thinking and examines controversies about what should be taught to history students and how it should be presented. The authors examine ways in which history education can prepare students to participate in a pluralistic democracy and help citizens collaborate for the common good.

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J. Weston Walch, 121 pp., 1997

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Charlotte C. Anderson and Marcel Lewinski/
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Social Science Education Consortium/
Education For Global Involvement, 163 pp.,
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