National Geographic
California Middle School
Social Studies Program

GRADE 6: World History Ancient Civilizations
GRADE 7: World History Medieval and Early Modern Times
GRADE 8: U.S. History American Stories Beginnings to World War I
Authentic National Geographic Content
Empathy and Empowerment

National Geographic Learning’s California middle school History-Social Science program encourages empathy for the world’s peoples and cultures. Through the stories of individuals, students in grades 6, 7, and 8 view history as an exploration of identity. They are empowered to experience their unique place in history and apply their strengths as global citizens.

National Geographic content brings history to life.

See the world’s people and their cultures.

Historical artifacts provide a window into bygone times.

Historical landmarks are captured as they exist today.

Students learn about the work of National Geographic Explorers and their contributions to the scientific and historical record. These explorers serve as role models for students and inspire them to consider these concepts in their own lives.
National Geographic has endorsed the selection of maps in our California middle school History-Social Science program. Connections to the California standards are provided at point of use.

**National Geographic Features**

- Maps
  - National Geographic Map Collection
  - The National Geographic Atlas of the World
  - National Geographic USA Atlas
  - National Geographic World Atlas

**STANDARDS**

**HSS CONTENT STANDARDS:**

- 7.9.4 Identify and locate the European regions that remained Catholic and those that became Protestant and explain how the division affected the distribution of religions in the New World.

**HSS ANALYSIS SKILLS:**

- CST 3 Students use a variety of maps and documents to identify physical and cultural features of neighborhoods, cities, states, and countries and to explain the historical migration of people, expansion and disintegration of empires, and the growth of economic systems.

Grade 8, U.S. History American Stories Beginnings to World War I

**Curating History** features invite students to engage with museums and learn through art and artifacts.

Grade 8, U.S. History American Stories Beginnings to World War I
Student-Centered Learning through Inquiry

Putting students at the center of their own learning empowers them to approach a task, create a plan, collaborate with others, and emerge with a solution that can be articulated and shared.

Inquiry begins with an Essential Question, which activates curiosity and drives engagement.

Providing Text Evidence

Critical Viewing, Review & Assess, and Historical Thinking features in each lesson focus on text evidence and build the skills necessary for discerning readers.

Unit Inquiry Projects

Unit Inquiry Projects at the end of each unit challenge students with open-ended questions and guide them to gather evidence from the text, synthesize a response, and present their results in a creative, engaging format.

Exercises in the Field Journals and History Notebook provide additional opportunities to engage in inquiry.
Engaging & Motivating Activities that Meet the California History-Social Science Standards

National Geographic Learning’s California middle school History-Social Science program meets the content standards and analysis skills outlined in the California History-Social Science Framework and Standards.

California standards are printed directly on the page at point of use, and a complete standards correlation appears in both the Student and Teacher’s Editions. Teachers may also choose to search by standard using the digital Standards Correlation Tool.

Standards Correlation Tool

- Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for ELA/ELD are reflected in the “Writing About History” sections of each chapter review.
- Complete correlations for National Geographic California middle school History-Social Science to the ELA/ELD standards are available upon request.
- Reading strategies are implemented throughout each chapter and assessed in the chapter reviews.
- Review questions in each lesson and activities in the Teacher’s Edition provide ongoing practice with reading skills for the California ELA/ELD standards.
- Writing assignments are aligned with California ELA/ELD content standards.
Universal Access

National Geographic Learning’s California middle school History-Social Science program meets the rigor of the California standards for grades 6, 7, and 8 while providing accessibility for all students. Students who are reading and writing below level, on level, or at an advanced level have equal access to California content. English Language Learners, inclusion students, and students with special needs successfully interact with our California content.

**Strategies for Differentiation** help teachers provide universal access to the content through guided reading strategies, graphic organizers, vocabulary and enrichment activities.

In the digital version, students have the option to listen to the text as it is read and to follow along at their own pace.

The **Modified Text** feature in the digital Student Edition provides access to California content two levels below grade level.

Students can activate the **Modified Text** feature by clicking on the radio button to the left of the text.

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Grade 6, World History Ancient Civilizations (Print)

Grade 8, U.S. History American Stories, Beginnings to World War I (Digital)
Rich Instructional Resources

Digital and print resources provide the flexibility that California teachers need in today’s classroom.

**Teacher’s Edition Features include:**
- Universal Access pages to provide multiple learning options for all students
- Options for active learning and differentiation
- Additional content questions and background information
- Planning and pacing of student assessment

**Digital Teacher’s Edition Features include:**
- Premade lesson plans to guide teachers through the lessons
- A bank of summative and formative assessments at the lesson, chapter, and unit levels
- A selection of reading, writing, vocabulary, and note-taking ancillaries
- Graphic organizers
- Answer keys

Teaching strategies are found inside every chapter in both the print and digital California Teacher’s Editions.
Assessments in a Variety of Formats

Formative and Summative assessments, along with Pre-assessments, are aligned with the California standards and measure what the students know and are able to produce.

- **Document-Based Questions** provide practice working with primary and secondary source materials.
- **End-of-Chapter Reviews** revisit the main ideas, key vocabulary, skills, concepts, and connections.
- **Formative Assessments** allow teachers to monitor students’ progress, make accommodations, and tailor instruction to individual students.
- **eAssessment** is available online.

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California Social Studies Assessment

Available for grades 6, 7, and 8, this California Handbook includes:

- Chapter Pretests
- Section Quizzes
- Chapter Tests A & B
- Unit Tests
Digital Resources

National Geographic Learning’s California digital platform, MindTap, provides a personalized learning experience for all California students and an array of resources for the teacher to better promote learning outcomes. It is fully accessible on all devices and has been specifically designed to meet the needs of California middle school teachers and their classrooms.

Teachers and students access the digital platform via a single sign-on from school or at home.

Digital resources are designed to enhance learning and to increase comprehension.

Digital Student Resources include:
- Digital versions of Student Edition and content handbooks
- Modified Text tool with audio playback
- Explorers, “Reid on the Road”, and “Why Study History?” videos
- Online assessments
- Image gallery of photographs
- Interactive maps
- Note-taking features

Digital Teacher Resources include:
- All of the student materials
- Digital Teacher’s Editions
- Lesson plans
- California Standards Correlation Tool (search by keyword or by standard)
- Assignment/Assessment feature
- Gradebook

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Student Program Components

The National Geographic California middle school History-Social Science program is available in both print and digital formats. All Student Editions and ancillaries are also available in Spanish.

Grade 6, National Geographic World History Ancient Civilizations

Grade 7, National Geographic World History Medieval and Early Modern Times

Grade 8, National Geographic U.S. History American Stories Beginnings to World War I
Teacher Program Components

Supplementary materials that support all programs are available online, saving teachers valuable time and resources. A complete Teacher’s Resource Package is also available in print for each grade 6, 7, and 8.

Grade 6, National Geographic World History Ancient Civilizations

Teacher’s Edition

Digital Teacher Resources

Grade 7, National Geographic World History Medieval and Early Modern Times

Teacher’s Edition

Digital Teacher Resources

Grade 8, National Geographic U.S. History American Stories

Beginnings to World War I

Teacher’s Edition

Digital Teacher Resources

Grade 6 World History Ancient Civilizations Teacher Resource Package includes:
- Teacher’s Edition (available in English and Spanish)
- Field Journal
- California Knowledge, Concepts & Skills Workbook
- California Knowledge, Concepts & Skills Workbook Answer Key
- Teacher Resources: Lesson Plans and Graphic Organizers
- California Social Studies Assessment contains
  - Chapter Pretests, Section Quizzes, Chapter Tests A & B, Unit Tests, and Answer Key
- California Social Studies ELA/ELD Connection: Developing Literacy in History contains
  - ELA/ELD Correlation Chart, Student Activities, Teacher Support, and Answer Key
- Teacher’s Edition Resource Pages

Grade 7 World History Medieval and Early Modern Times Teacher Resource Package includes:
- Teacher’s Edition (available in English and Spanish)
- Field Journal
- California Knowledge, Concepts & Skills Workbook
- California Knowledge, Concepts & Skills Workbook Answer Key
- Teacher Resources: Lesson Plans and Graphic Organizers
- California Social Studies Assessment contains
  - Chapter Pretests, Section Quizzes, Chapter Tests A & B, Unit Tests, and Answer Key
- California Social Studies ELA/ELD Connection: Developing Literacy in History contains
  - ELA/ELD Correlation Chart, Student Activities, Teacher Support, and Answer Key
- California Teacher’s Edition Resource Pages

Grade 8 U.S. History American Stories Beginnings to World War I Teacher Resource Package includes:
- Teacher’s Edition (available in English and Spanish)
- History Notebook
- California Knowledge, Concepts & Skills Workbook
- California Knowledge, Concepts & Skills Workbook Answer Key
- Teacher Resources: Lesson Plans and Graphic Organizers
- California Social Studies Assessment contains
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- California Teacher’s Edition Resource Pages

All Teacher’s Editions Now in Spanish!
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