Social Studies

Some curricula treat social studies as a subject separate from history, while others incorporate it into historical studies. The ways in which social studies can be combined with history are virtually endless. When you study a period in history, look at as many aspects of daily life as you can. What jobs did people have? What were their families like? What kinds of homes did they live in? Here are some specific goals included in various curriculums that do not always fall into a course of historical studies.
Social Studies

Kindergarten-1st Grade

- Your family structure
- Community helpers
- Community jobs and how they function (fire and police stations, post office, bank, newspaper, public transportation, telephone company, garbage disposal, etc.)
- American holidays and celebrations
- Things that make you special and unique
- Life on a farm

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Many of these topics are covered in the 34-week course Kindergarten Social Studies. Additional topics are studied in the 9-week course Exploring Social Studies for Beginners. Firefighters, law enforcement, and EMTs are discussed in the 3-week study Hometown Heroes for 1st-3rd grade. You can also learn about community helpers with Who Are Community Helpers? as well as the Community Helpers eBook, Community Helpers Coloring Book, and Learning Ladders—Jobs to Do eBook, available in the Unit Studies and More section. Our World Book Early World of Learning library has short videos about people and occupations; the Know It section has interactive learning tools about people at work.

This is also a perfect time to incorporate field trips so students can see first-hand how their community works.

You may also enjoy Michelle Miller’s recommended reading lists for Patriotism and Courage.
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2nd-4th Grade

- Changes in transportation, communication, and technology, and how that affects our daily lives
- Flag etiquette
- Learn about famous artists, authors, musicians, and others in the arts and culture

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Foods and Food Production: 26 lessons for 1st-3rd grade
Changes in Transportation, Communication, and Technology: this unit is found in our Unit Studies and More section.
Flag Etiquette: this unit is found in our Unit Studies and More section.

Famous artists, authors, musicians, and others in the arts and culture are woven throughout the history, art, and music lessons found on the site.

Additionally, you may enjoy the Growing Up Dutch and Renaissance Festival units in Ditch the Desk and Michelle Miller's Monthly Book Lists for Families selections for Authors, Art, Patriotism, and Courage.
Social Studies

5th-6th Grade

- History of American holidays
- Comparing and contrasting nations of the Western hemisphere
- Details of various professions including chef, firefighter, veterinarian, doctor, military, missionary, police officer, farmer, pilot, artist, and video game designer

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- **History of Holidays in America**: covers more than 20 holidays in a format that can be adapted to many schedules
- **Western Hemisphere Social Studies**: eighteen weeks
- **All About Careers**: in-depth study of eleven careers

Our World Book Student library has a fun collection of holiday-themed trivia quizzes.

You may also enjoy Michelle Miller’s recommended reading lists for Patriotism and Courage.
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7th-8th Grade

- Celebrations, food, and customs in other countries
- Closer look at how advancements in science and technology impact our daily lives
- Preserving cultural heritages in a quickly changing world

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Learning About World Cultures: 200+ lessons exploring all nations in the world

Ring in the New Year: short study (flexible length) for 5th-7th grade explores New Year’s celebrations and traditions in various countries.

Inventions and Discoveries: Transportation: eBook in the Unit Studies and More section

Additionally, Mock Trial is a social studies class for 7th-12th grade that contains 35 topics that can be studied independently from one another for any total course length desired or taken together as one course spanning more than 145 weeks.

Our World Book libraries include webquests on the history of computers and electronic games.

Our World Book Social Studies Power library includes lessons on culture, indigenous peoples, immigration, and civil rights. The lessons themselves are written for upper elementary students, but they include critical thinking and extension assignments that may be of interest to older students.

You may also enjoy Michelle Miller’s recommended reading lists for Patriotism and Courage.
Social Studies

9th-12th Grade

• Influence of social media, TV, and the Internet on our daily lives
• Impact of globalization on each aspect of how we live and work
• Impact your community (your family, friends, etc.) has on you personally
• Impact you and your community have on the world around you
• Growth of the indigenous missionary movement

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Globally Connected: High School Social Studies: 18-week course

Media Socialization: 19-week course for 9th-12th grade that discusses the influence of social media, TV, and the Internet on our daily lives

Additionally, Mock Trial is a social studies class for 7th-12th grade that contains 35 topics that can be studied independently from one another for any total course length desired or taken together as one course spanning up to 70 weeks.

You may also enjoy Michelle Miller’s recommended reading lists for Patriotism and Courage.