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**Social Studies Materials Review**

**Materials Review Process:** The Social Studies curriculum committee identified essential criteria that should be present in high-quality Social Studies instructional materials. We created a rubric that outlined these criteria in addition to other considerations such as cost and available professional development. We reviewed a variety of curriculum providers using these criteria and identified five publishers to review more thoroughly. The tables below outline the committee’s findings after formal informational presentations from each of the companies listed below.

**Recommendations for How to Use this Document:** Each school has different needs, resources, and challenges. We recommend that schools interested in purchasing new Social Studies instructional materials review the table below to understand the different features offered by each product. Schools may wish to request a product demo to gain further insights into each product. After reviewing the information below, schools should choose the product that will best meet the needs and goals of their unique programs. Schools may also choose to use the [committee rubric](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1lpf5aVxlhJtDP7aaMYjraR8800auOcRRDo0V6vakm1o/edit?usp=sharing) to conduct their own assessment of materials reviewed.

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| **REVIEW OF SOCIAL STUDIES MATERIALS**  |
|  | **STORYPATH** | **TCI** | **PEARSON** | **MCGRAW HILL** | **HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT** |
| **Grade Levels** | PK- 8 | K-8 | K-8 | K-8 | PK-8 |
| **Material Type(s) (Print, digital, textbooks, magazines, etc.)** | Print and E-book | Print and digital | Spanish student and teacher editions & Leveled Libraries available K-5 Spanish student editions will be available for Middle School November, 2019 | Print and digital | **All grades:** print and digital**K-5/6:** print is softcover consumable magazines**6/7-8:** print is hardcover textbooks w/ optional workbook |
| **4th Grade WA State History** | Units on Early NW Coast People, Oregon Trail | No, but supplementary online information available | Yes | No | No |
| **7th Grade WA State History** | No | No, but supplementary online information available | No | No | No |
| **Available in Spanish** | Platform can translate text into Spanish | Yes |  | Yes | Yes |
| **Overall Committee Recommendation** | We endorse and strongly recommend this for grades PK-4. In the lower grades, it could be used as a stand-alone or supplementary material. In grades 5-8, this should not be used as a core curriculum, but could be a nice supplement.  | This is the committee’s pick for purchase as a core curriculum. It is the most teacher-friendly and met mostly all of the committee’s criteria.  | These are acceptable materials. However, they were the last choice of the committee.  | These are acceptable materials, and were tied as the committee’s second choice with HMH.  | These are acceptable materials, and were tied as the committee’s second choice with McGraw Hill.  |
| **Strengths** | -Well-aligned to Common Core ELA standards- Strong social and literacy components-Good for developing speaking and listening skills. -Strong ELL modifications-Project-based learning; highly interactive  | -Clear, easy-to-follow lesson plans. -Expansive digital subscription with highly interactive digital tools for students. -Online assessments provide assessment data visualizations-Student-centered-No charge for online professional development with a TCI consultant. | -Digital consumables available for print or electronic use. -Varied assessments embedded-Remediation automatically sent to students who score below 70% -Pacing guide for each chapter-Cross-curricular connections built-in y book for 4th grade. -Includes suggestions for culturally responsive pedagogy-Online text translations available in many languages-Teachers can grade within the platform and upload their own resources. | -Explorer Magazine available as a supplement in digital and print form. -Current events connections-Customizable assessments-Online resource library-Cross-curricular connections embedded-Lexile level can be adapted to accommodate all learners | -Database of grade-level appropriate news articles updated monthly-Differentpacing guides available to accommodate different instructional hours-Cross-curricularconnections embedded-Customizable assessments-Auto-assessment scoring with item analysis-Lexile level can be adapted to accommodate all learners-Access to History Channel videos-Google classroom integration-Includes rubrics for performance assessments-Elementary program is made of magazines; teachers can pick and choose which to use-Access to Newseum database of newspaper covers through history |
| **Limitations** | -Limited primary and secondary sources available-Requires teacher to supplement with additional sources  | -Each lesson lasts about a week- teacher concerns over feasibility of staying on track | -Lesson activities do not foster group/collaborative learning-No online lessons, teachers just show the online text  | -Lesson activities do not foster group/collaborative learning-There may be too many materials for students to balance- inquiry journal, research companion, and explorer magazine-Seems to be more reading than writing focused  | -Elementary magazine model requires renewal of magazines each year (no cost, but negative environmental impact)-Could offer too many materials- a bit overwhelming for teachers  |
| **Professional Development Opportunities Available**  | Yes$3,000 for onsite PD | YesDoes not charge for professional development | YesOnline access to on-demand tutorials and interactive webinar sessions included. Onsite training available (with fees) | Live webinarsRecorded trainingsEmbedded professional learning videosOnsite (with fees) | **Complimentary:** Getting Started modules within online platform**Purchased:** In-person, webinar, AskHMH Q&A serviceGetting Started, follow-up, coaching**In-person:** $2,800/day (6 hours)**Webinars:** $800-$1,400 for 2-4 hours**Online coaching:** $1,500-$4,500 for 4-8 sessionsMaximum number of participants varies. Depending on schedules, schools can collaborate on some options. |
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| **Approx. Cost per Student for K-8 Six Year Adoption, 150 students\*****\***Pricing for StoryPath is shown for units, not by student. The prices listed are per grade level. | $1,960 for 24 units; $89 per unit to purchase individual units | $45 per student  | $110 per student for basic package. Price increases with digital subscriptions, leveled reader super kits, and myWorld Interactive Activity Pack  | $98 per student. Price increases with additional materials.  | $70 per student |
| **Approx. Cost per Student for K-8 Six Year Adoption, 3,600 students**  | $1,960 for 24 units; $89 per unit to purchase individual units | $40 per student | $87 per student.Price increases with digital subscriptions, leveled reader super kits, and myWorld Interactive Activity Pack  | $62 per student. Price increases with additional materials.  | $64 per student |
| **Approx. Cost per Student for K-8 Six Year Adoption, 7, 300 Students** | $1,960 for 24 units; $89 per unit to purchase individual units | $40 per student | $78 per student. Price increases with digital subscriptions, leveled reader super kits, and myWorld Interactive Activity Pack | $62 per student. Price increases with additional materials.  | $64 per student |
| **Approx. Cost per Student for K-8 Six Year Adoption, 12,000 students** | $1,960 for 24 units; $89 per unit to purchase individual units | $40 per student | $74 per student. Price increases with digital subscriptions, leveled reader super kits, and myWorld Interactive Activity Pack | $62 per student. Price increases with additional materials.  | $64 per student |
| **Approx. Cost per Student for K-8 Six Year Adoption, 15,000 students** | $1,960 for 24 units; $89 per unit to purchase individual units | $40 per student | $74 per student. Price increases with digital subscriptions, leveled reader super kits, and myWorld Interactive Activity Pack | $62 per student. Price increases with additional materials.  | $64 per student |
| **Notes** | \*Pricing for StoryPath is shown for units, not by student. The prices listed above would be per grade level.  |  |  |  |  |