

ELEMENTARY SOCIAL STUDIES NEWSLETTER

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NOVEMBER SOCIAL STUDIES IDEAS

Remember that November is Native American Heritage Month. It is a great time to teach students about their important impact on the USA. It is also Veterans Day.

Nov 1 In 1512 Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel opened to the public.

Nov 2 Twenty Five years ago the first crew arrived in the International Space Station.

Nov 10 Sesame Street premiered in 1969

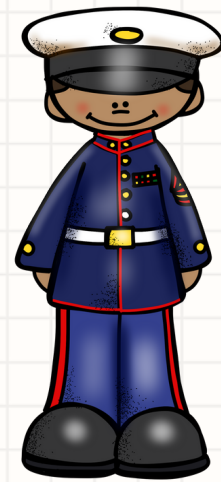
Nov 10 250th anniversary of the formation of the US Marines!

Nov 11 Veterans Day.

Nov 11 In 1620 the Mayflower Compact was signed.

Nov 21 Thomas Edison announced the phonograph in 1877

Nov 27 The first all female city council was elected in Kanab, Utah



DRAWING: WIN A SOCIAL STUDIES PICTURE BOOK

Each month I will hold a drawing to win one of the picture books that are mentioned in the lesson ideas in this newsletter. Make sure to sign up so that you can have a new book to add to your classroom library and use for a social studies lesson! Last months winners:

Alyssa Bailey at Bluffdale
Amanda Moon at Westvale

Sign up here: [Drawing Form](#)



UCSS CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 8, 2025 8:00 AM
3:00 PM

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POWER OF PLACE
WE THE PEOPLE
AMERICAN EXPERIMENT
DOING HISTORY

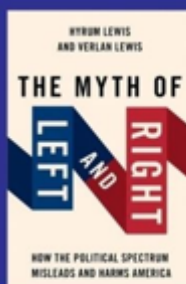
Presenter Submissions

Deadline
September 1, 2025

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Dr. Verlan Lewis
Keynote Speaker



"The Myth of the Left and Right"

How the Political Spectrum
Misleads and Harms America



Register Now



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INFORMATIONAL TEXTS

Past Informational Texts

1st Grade: Marines

The new standards asks teachers to teach about different jobs. This month is Veterans Day and the 250th anniversary of the formation of the Marines. It is 220 Lexile.

Marines



2nd Grade: Thomas Edison

The new Utah Social Studies Standards ask us to teach about different historical people. This month is the anniversary of the phonograph so it is a good time to teach about him. This reading is 260 Lexile.

Thomas Edison

3rd Grade: International Space Station

This month is the anniversary of the International Space Station. In 3rd grade we start learning about other countries. This is a good way to show cooperation between different countries This reading is 440 Lexile.

International Space Station



4th Grade: Kanab All-Female City Council

This month is the anniversary of the amazing election of the All-Female city council in 1912. This reading is 630 Lexile.

Kanab City Council

5th Grade: Mayflower Compact

This month is the anniversary of the Mayflower Compact. Since it also the month of Thanksgiving it is a great time to talk about how the Pilgrims were the first to form a self-government. This reading is 750 Lexile.

Mayflower Compact

6th Grade: Sistine Chapel

This month is the anniversary of the Sistine Chapel being opened to the public in the Vatican City. This text can introduce students to the Renaissance. This text has a 850 Lexile.

Sistine Chapel

Digital Social Studies Books

As part of the district push to increase literacy in younger grades, you should have more time in your daily schedule to get students reading books at the appropriate Lexile Level. To help you integrate this time with social studies, I will be working on creating digital books that your students can read during this time. They are based off of your grade social studies standards.

1st Grade Books

These books have a Lexile Level of 150-200.

- 150 Pocahontas Helps (1st Grade Standard 1.1.2)
- 150 A Day to Say Thank You (1st Grade Standard 1.3.5)
- 160 The Mayflower Sails (1st Grade Standard 1.3.4)
- 130 Rock by the Sea (1st Grade Standard 1.3.4)

2nd Grade Books

These books have a Lexile Level of 200-250.

- 220 Where is Utah (2nd Grade Standard 2.2.1)
 - 250 A Special Day for Heroes (2nd Grade Standard 2.3.6)
 - 270 Sacagawea Helps (2nd Grade Standard 2.3.1)
 - 270 Sammy Sees the Helpers (2nd Grade Standard 2.3.4)
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More 6th Grade Texts

A 6th grade team said that they are using the social studies fluency texts to support their walk to read groups and asked for more so they could have one per week. I will add to the list and they will follow this [6th grade pacing guide](#). You can find a list of all the 6th grade fluency pages that I have created by topic here: [6th Grade Fluency](#).

[Aztecs](#)

[Indus River Valley Civilization](#)

[Inca Civilization](#)

[The Middle Ages](#)

If you have a request for something that will help you and your team to add social studies, please let me know. If you do not tell me what you need, I can only guess. I want to make it as easy as possible for you to add social studies into your day.

Pacing Guide

This year the new elementary social studies standards should be implemented. Here are the Jordan District Scope and Sequence for each grade level. There are several lessons that are tied to Witt and Wisdom for most grade and there will be more added throughout the year. These will guide you throughout the year.

[Kindergarten Pacing Guide](#)

[1st Grade Pacing Guide](#)

[2nd Grade Pacing Guide](#)

[3rd Grade Pacing Guide](#)

[4th Grade Pacing Guide](#)

[5th Grade Pacing Guide](#)

[6th Grade Pacing Guide](#)

[6th Grade Option 2 Pacing Guide](#)
