

ELEMENTARY SOCIAL STUDIES NEWSLETTER

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OCTOBER SOCIAL STUDIES IDEAS

Remember that October is Hispanic Heritage Month. It is a great time to teach students about their important impact on the USA and teach them some cultural differences.

Oct 1 In 1905 the First World Series game was held.

Oct 5 Wilbur Wright had his first record flight in 1905.

Oct 15 In 1495 Columbus returned from his first voyage to Spain.

Oct 16 BYU was started in 1875

Oct 19 The British surrendered in the final battle of the American Revolution at Yorktown.

Oct 26 The 200th anniversary of the Erie Canal.

Oct 28 The 60th anniversary of The Gateway Arch completion in St. Louis.



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:

Katrina Shelley at Antelope Canyon
Kara DeKlerk at Rose Creek

Sign up here: [Drawing Form](#)



UCSS CONFERENCE

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

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CONFERENCE THEMES

UNFINISHED REVOLUTIONS
POWER OF PLACE
WE THE PEOPLE
AMERICAN EXPERIMENT
DOING HISTORY

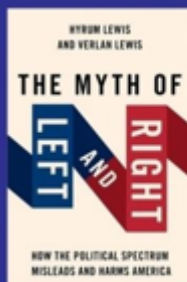
Presenter Submissions

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



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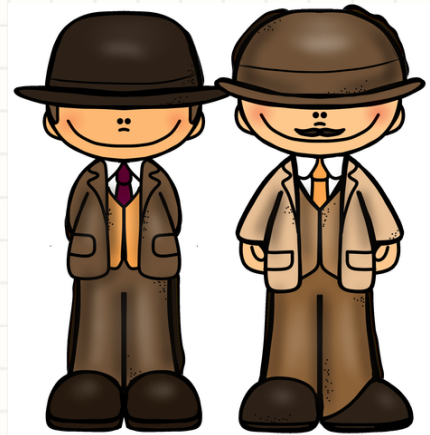
INFORMATIONAL TEXTS

Past Informational Texts

1st Grade: Wright Brothers

The new standards asks teachers to teach about different historical people. This month is the anniversary of their record flight. This text can help explain what maps are. It is 180 Lexile.

Wright Brothers



2nd Grade: Gateway Arch

The new Utah Social Studies Standards ask us to teach about different landmarks around the USA. This month is the anniversary of the completion of the Arch. This reading is 300 Lexile.

Gateway Arch

3rd Grade: Erie Canal

This month is the anniversary of the Erie Canal. The new standards want us to teach about hoe geography impacts a community. This canal had a huge impact on the USA. This reading is 400 Lexile.

Erie Canal

4th Grade: Shakespeare Festival

The new social studies standards ask us to teach about cultural institutions in Utah. The Shakespeare Festival is an amazing event that happens every year in Cedar City. This reading is 560 Lexile.

Utah Shakespeare Festival

5th Grade: Battle of Yorktown

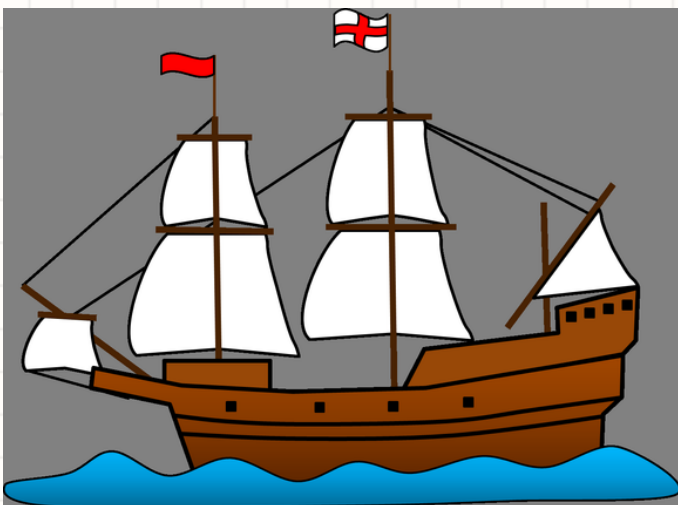
This month is the anniversary of the Battle of Yorktown.. It was the final battle of the Revolutionary War. This reading is 660 Lexile.

Battle of Yorktown

6th Grade: Age of Exploration

This month is the anniversary of Columbus returning from his first voyage which helped the Age of Exploration to rapidly expand. This text has a 1010 Lexile.

Age of Exploration



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.

- 160 Where are the Oceans ? (1st Grade Standard 1.2.3)
- 160 Cesar Chavez: Helping Hands (1st Grade Standard 1.2.1)
- 170 Emma and Her Magic Map (1st Grade Standard 1.2.3)
- 170 Kate and Adam's Big Utah Adventure (1st Grade Standard 1.3.4)

2nd Grade Books

These books have a Lexile Level of 200-250.

- 240 Ben Follows the Rules (2nd Grade Standard 2.3.1)
 - 250 Bee Busy in Utah (2nd Grade Standard 2.1.4)
 - 260 Ellen Ochoa: Girl Who Reached for the Stars (2nd Grade Standard 2.1.5)
 - 260 Daisy and the Big Dam (2nd Grade Standard 2.2.4)
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Math/Social Studies

As the year progresses I am going to try to create ways that you can integrate your math and social studies content. There are some full lessons and some simple switches that you can do to integrate social studies into your math curriculum. These should be done AFTER using Open Up

Kindergarten Unit 2 Ideas

1st Grade Unit 2 Ideas

2nd Grade Unit 2 Ideas

3rd Grade Unit 2 Ideas

4th Grade Unit 2 Ideas

5th Grade Unit 2 Ideas

6th Grade Unit 2 Ideas

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](#)

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