



# Elementary Social Studies

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Program Assessment  
2018





# Internal Program Review

## Conditions:

TCI Expiration: June 2019

Last curriculum review: 2012-  
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Concurrent ELA Curriculum  
Study

2014 Social Studies  
Standards



# Summary

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The Social Studies Program meets most state standards, and TCI provides a sound foundation to support the implementation of our units of study. There are some revisions that will be necessary, and we can enhance our current program through the adoption of supplemental classroom resources.



# NJ's Mission Statement for Social Studies:

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*Social studies education provides learners with the knowledge, skills, and perspectives needed to become active, informed citizens and contributing members of local, state, national, and global communities in the digital age.*

# NJ Vision for grades K -4

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In grades **K-4**, students learn fundamental concepts about government, citizenship, geography, economics, and history. The focus of instruction is on developing an understanding of core democratic values, the rights and responsibilities of American citizens, and how key people and events contributed to the development of the American heritage. Exploration of cultural universals enables students to realize how the availability of resources, the changing environment, and innovation impact everyday life.

Grade 5- “...build upon foundational knowledge...”

# Organization of the Standards

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## 6.1- US History: America in the World

- A. Civics, Government, and Human Rights
- B. Geography, People, and the Environment
- C. Economics, Innovation, and Technology
- D. History, Culture, and Perspectives

## 6.2- World History- Begins in grade band 5-8

## 6.3- Active Citizenship in the 21st Century



# Grades K-2

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## Kindergarten:

Being a Responsible Citizen TCI- 1, 3, 4, 5, 6	Staying Healthy and Safe in your Environment TCI- 7, 10 (with some repeat content from other chapters)
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## Grade 1:

Citizenship TCI- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	All Kinds of Families TCI- 8, 9, 11, 12	Meeting Needs and Wants TCI- 10, 11(again), 14
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## Grade 2:

Understanding My Community TCI- 1, 2, 7 14	Understanding Geography TCI- 3, 4, 5, maybe 6	What Is American? Signs, Symbols, and Heroes of our Country
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# Grades 3-5: Four units per year

## Grade 3

Community Teamwork TCI- 6, 10, 11, 12, 14	<b><i>NJ: Then and Now Needs to be developed</i></b>	Show Me the Money TCI- 8, 9	Ever Changing Communities <i>Revise the focus to impact of innovation/technology over time</i>
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## Grade 4:

Interdependence between Geography and Society TCI-2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13 (Regions of the US)	<b><i>American Democracy and Values TCI- 17 Needs to be developed- Civil Rights focus</i></b>	<b><i>Being an Active Citizen TCI- 16, 17  Needs to be developed- Align with NJSLS- SS 6.3</i></b>	Immigration Near and Far Stick with current unit
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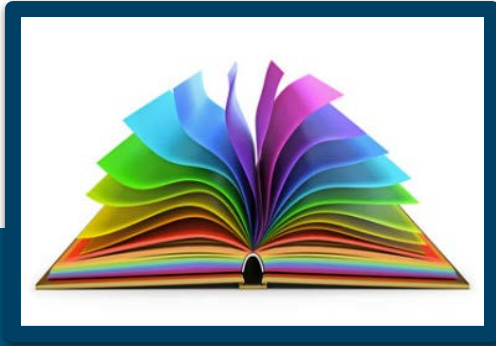
## Grade 5:

Indigenous People of North America TCI- 2, 3	European Explorers TCI- 4, 5	Early Settlements and Colonization TCI- 6, 7, 8, 9	American Revolution TCI- 10, 11, 12, 13
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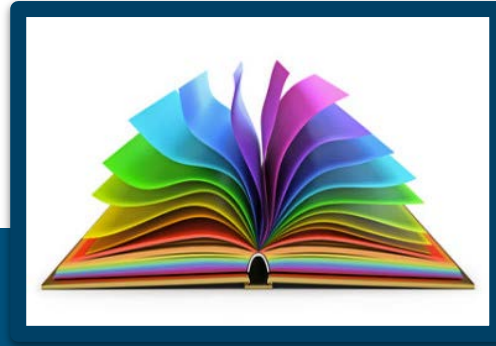
# Important Factors



## NJSLS Alignment

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We will address all K-4 standards for social studies.



## Articulation

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Some unit themes are repeated across grades, however, depth will increase at developmentally appropriate levels.



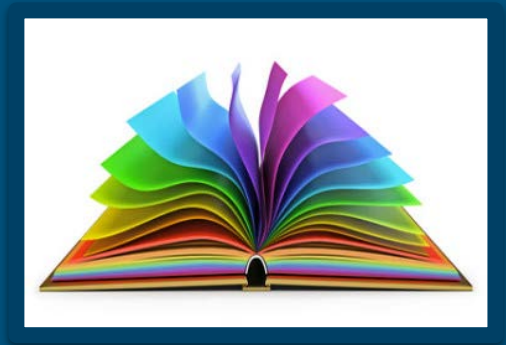
## TCI Support

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Most units are supported by TCI chapters. We will renew K-2 for teachers only and 3-5 for both teachers and students.



# Supplemental resources to enhance instruction



## Book Source:

Creating unit specific grade level book bundles to support TCI content

## NCSS:

Best titles for 2015-2018 that align with units will be reviewed and considered for purchase for each classroom

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