

INTERESTED IN IMPROVING YOUR 8TH-GRADERS' UNDERSTANDING OF SOCIAL STUDIES?

We Can Help!

FREE LESSON MATERIALS and PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

are available to schools in the 2023–2024 school year as part of an Institute of Education Sciences research study.

How will this help my 8th-graders? In previous studies, students, on average, made **gains in history knowledge** and **understanding of key history concepts** when compared with other students taught by the same teachers in different classes.

What is the focus of the lessons? The researcher-developed lesson materials cover **three 10-day units** (Colonial America, Road to Revolution, and American Revolution) aligned with U.S. history curriculum standards. Lessons are designed to improve U.S. history content knowledge and reading comprehension.

Is this a new curriculum? No! This is a set of fully developed lesson materials that **OVERLAY YOUR EXISTING CURRICULUM**. The lessons do not consume all of the teacher's class time, leaving plenty of time for teacher preference and local requirements.

LESSONS ALLOW FOR FLEXIBLE USE IN 8TH-GRADE U.S. HISTORY CLASSES

Engagement and Motivation

- Increased opportunities for students to be active participants in learning social studies

In-Depth Learning and Knowledge Application

- Individual and team-based learning checks to inform instruction; application of knowledge to writing and academic discussions

English Language Learner Supports

- English language learner enhancements in all materials to support learning and comprehension of content and text

Content Acquisition

- Increased opportunities for organizing and capturing essential content and knowledge from complex text



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2023–2024 TEACHER PARTICIPATION INCLUDES:

Professional Development



- Strategies to enhance student comprehension, critical thinking, and content understanding
- Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits
- Coaching for teachers

Lesson Materials



- Fully prepared materials developed by researchers at The University of Texas at Austin and Florida State University
- Units for Colonial America, Road to Revolution, and American Revolution
- Alignment with state standards

Other Benefits



- Stipends to all teachers
- Summative report describing success of the project at the school

Feedback From Past Teacher Participants

“The strategies provide innovative ways to get students to go deeper (beyond the facts).”

“The strategies enabled the students to see different nuances, discuss, and pull information together.”

“The students enjoyed it. I was pleased by the thought-provoking perspectives the kids were able to take on.”

For More Information and to Sign Up for Participation:

<https://meadowscenter.org/project/promoting-comprehension-and-content-acquisition-for-students-with-disabilities>

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