Experience the World. Shape the Future.
What happened?

How did it happen?
Engagement generates impact. And impact changes lives.

Social studies helps students connect someone else’s past to their present, and ultimately helps them shape their own futures.

The incredible power of connection inspires important questions, drives understanding, and promotes the kind of critical thinking skills that motivate students to become active citizens.

Our goal is to help you spark the kind of engagement that turns curiosity, knowledge, and critical thinking into empowered citizenship. That’s IMPACT.
Create an Impact in Your Classroom

Compelling questions, enthralling inquiry, and relevant content ignite student curiosity.

Engaging materials provoke critical thinking and inspire students.
Flexible pathways and plans that easily incorporate social studies into any block of time make every minute count.

Access to rich content—with robust support for English learners, struggling and advanced students—means support for all.
Prepare California Students to Be Global Citizens

Created to meet the vision of the California History-Social Science Framework and Standards, IMPACT: California Social Studies was thoughtfully created with a focus on Inquiry, Literacy, Content, and Citizenship.

Let’s make an impact on the next generation of informed people.
Ignite Curiosity and Inspire Participation

Want to see your students fired up about social studies? Get them talking!

Engage kids with compelling essential questions, interactive resources, and powerful stories that help them see themselves as part of history, and watch the world come alive for them.

Immerse your students in Google Expeditions and transport them to exciting places and times—bringing lessons to life.

Engage with the History-Social Science Analysis Skills Every Day

- Chronological and Spatial Thinking
- Research, Evidence, and Point of View
- Historical Interpretation

Develop Critical Consumers of Information and Media

Analyze the Source Routine:
- Inspect
- Find Evidence
- Make Connections

Write About It

Based upon your experience, write a reflection about the diversity of people you have encountered in California. How does a diverse population affect your community and your day-to-day life?

Write About It

How is the diversity of people and environments important to life in California?

Pull It Together

Compare your list of examples with lists from other students.

Share

Talk About It

Think of an example of how the government does something differently today than in the past.

Discuss

In Their Words…

The Preamble, First Draft

In Their Words…

The Preamble, Final Draft

In Their Words…

PRIMARY SOURCE

Constitution [printing of first draft] [Committee of Detail], 6 August 1787, Philadelphia. Gilder Lehrman Collection #: GLC00819.01. Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.

TEXT:

U.S. Constitution, preamble. 17 September 1787. www.whitehouse.gov ;
Flexible Pathways Built on a Dynamic Platform for Teachers and Students

Students begin the inquiry process by asking questions and evaluating sources. They investigate using the research companion, the magazine, or other sources. Students talk and write about their discoveries.

Engage

Inquiry Journal
The interactive Inquiry Journal sparks students’ curiosity and begins the inquiry process with questions. Then the Inquiry Journal guides the investigation and discovery throughout the lessons.

Investigate

Research Companion
Students continue their investigation using the Research Companion, a collection of informational texts designed to provide social studies concepts required to deepen students’ understandings.

Report

Inquiry Journal
Students return to the Inquiry Journal to review the information collected, answer the Essential Question, and report their findings.

More to Investigate
Weekly Explorer Magazine
This captivating magazine extends learning and helps students dig deeper into the content.
Unit 5 Week 2
On the Move
Read Aloud:
“Horse-Tamer Hattie Heads West”
Reading/Writing Workshop:
“My Big Brother, Johnny Kaw”
Literature Anthology/Paired Selection:
Apples to Oregon, “Westward Bound: Settling
the American West”
Leveled Readers
The Adventures of Sal Fink, The Great
Man of Nebraska, The Tale of John Henry,
“Traveling on the Mississippi,” “Westward
Ho!” and “The Transcontinental Railroad”

CONNECT TO
Math
• Have students explore the process
of surveying unknown areas in
preparation for mapmaking. John C.
Frémont surveyed the western territories
and used specific instruments and
made calculations to produce accurate
distances and angles. Have students
find out how this was done.

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ENGAGE
Inquiry Journal
pp. 136–139
Inquiry Project
Timeline of People and Events in
California 1845–1851
• Explore Words

Go Digital!
• The Golden State

REPORT
Inquiry Journal
pp. 164–165
Inquiry Project
Timeline of People and Events in
California 1845–1851

INVESTIGATE
Research Companion
pp. 156–161
• Step into the Time and Place
• Connect Through Literature
Sweet Betsy from Pike
traditional folk song
• People You Should Know
Weekly Explorer
Magazine
pp. 40–55

CULTIVATE MEANING AND
SUPPORT LANGUAGE
Language Learner
Teaching Guide,
pp. 86–87
Content Objectives
• Understand the effect of the Gold
Rush on California’s population,
economy, and environment.
• Understand the issues involved in
California becoming a state.
Language Objectives
• Demonstrate an understanding of
reported speech.
• Recognize, record, and report main
ideas and supporting details.
• Demonstrate an understanding of
quantifiers as pronouns.

Teacher’s Edition
Instructional support, planning
guides, correlations, differentiated
instruction, and more all found in
one easy-to-use Teacher’s Edition.

Language Learners
Teaching Guide
Provides focused language study
to support language learners
unpack the social studies content.

Make Minutes Count!
• Customizable lesson plans built to fit any
block of time.
• Everything you need to teach is guided by
the CA History-Social Science Framework
and Standards.
• Seamlessly connect to McGraw-Hill California
Wonders or any other ELA/ELD curriculum.
• See how each social studies lesson relates
to math, science and other content areas for
maximum impact throughout your day.
Connect Seamlessly to Literacy Standards, Strategies, and Skills

Rich and Diverse Literature and Informational Texts

- Graphic Novels
- Poetry
- Historical Documents
- Award-Winning Literature
- Biographies

Impact Every Student

It is essential to support every student, from English learners to struggling and advanced students. We’re there, with critical content and differentiated instructional resources that will help you access and unlock every student’s potential.

Support Emerging, Expanding, and Bridging English learners with:

- Differentiated instruction
- Targeted Vocabulary Development

Teacher’s Edition

Language Learners Teaching Guide
The Digital Experience

Bring Your Classroom to Life
Explore, Investigate, and Report with digital tools that engage students in inquiry by learning to think, read, write, and to interact with history-social science content. Whether your Social Studies instruction is center-based, whole class, or woven into cross-curricular explorations, IMPACT California Social Studies program will bring your classroom to life with a rich, interactive digital experience.

- Pre-built Lesson Presentations
- Interactive Maps
- Chapter Videos
- Professional Videos Led by Authors
- Field Trip Videos
- Planning Support

IMPACT NEWS offers engaging news articles about many topics from a variety of perspectives, including current events.

IMPACT Online Assessment Center
Provides frequent and measurable assessment opportunities to inform instruction and shine a light on areas of mastery.

- Use Stop and Check, Report Your Findings, and Monitor and Differentiate for a quick determination of student understanding, allowing for on-the-spot teachable moments.
- Customize and differentiate assessments to meet the needs of every learner.
- Edit, delete, and add questions to create the precise assessment you want.
- Assign auto-graded assessment questions for immediate feedback.
- Access a variety of detailed reports on students, classes, standards and skills.
You deliver educational IMPACT every day.

YOU are a reason your students love learning. Our goal is to help you spark the kind of engagement that turns curiosity, knowledge, and critical thinking into empowered citizenship. That's IMPACT.

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