



Recommended Curriculum Resources



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International Schools Services advocates teacher leadership and ownership in designing, refining, and reviewing curriculum. Using the *Understanding by Design* process, our teachers develop standards-based and responsive curriculum for their students. Our curriculum development and archiving efforts are further guided by utilizing Rubicon Atlas software and online curriculum library services.

As sister schools using Rubicon Atlas to develop and archive each school's curriculum, ISS school educators are fortunate to be able to learn from and with one another by having access to all ISS schools' curriculum through our *ISS PLC* online portals. When launching new curriculum efforts and to support your ongoing curriculum work, we encourage you to take advantage of our vast ISS school curriculum wells. By sharing our curriculum with one another, everyone gains supportive starting points and review lenses. And, as a way to encourage massive sharing, I have included curriculum information about each school in this text.

With the ongoing challenges international schools face such as faculty turnover, professional learning needs (whether increasing our own content knowledge and/or strengthening our capacity to implement best practice pedagogy), and accessing relevant curriculum resources (i.e. children's literature and aligned content texts; science consumables; math manipulatives; physical education equipment; etc.), the *ISS RCR* is meant to offer practical curriculum support. The listed resources are not meant to supplant teacher leadership and decisions in crafting curriculum. Rather, we profile these because we know that sometimes new schools (and existing schools, too) urgently need some immediately accessible foundational curriculum resources and well developed professional learning roadmaps and tools. So, we offer the following recommendations to support your work in birthing a new school or in refining your ongoing curriculum articulation efforts and professional learning collaborations.

In addition to the ISS RCR, please check out the ISS Open Book and ISS Padlets. You can access Open Book here <http://lauraopenbook.strikingly.com>. Links to the ISS Padlets are included on the following pages.

Please don't hesitate to let me know if you have additional curriculum recommendations to improve the *ISS IRC* or suggestions for revisions, too. And, as always, know that I am here to support your curriculum and professional learning efforts throughout each school year. If I can be of any help, I am here for you and your faculty.

Warmest connections and respect,
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“*Curriculum in your hands*” resources are highlighted in yellow. These represent curriculum units of study and/or lesson plans you can easily access online and use immediately - and most often free!

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Art Curriculum Resources

*See **ISS Arts and Music Padlet** <https://padlet.com/lbenson3/artsmusic>
Password: artsarelife

- **Annenberg Learner:** Model Lesson Plans for Grades K-2, Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, and Grades 9-12
https://www.learner.org/resources/lessonplanbrowse.html?disciplines%5B%5D=ART&page=1&per_page=20&query=
- **Brain POP**
<https://www.brainpop.com>

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Creativity, Innovation and Technology Curriculum Resources

*See **Level 5** Professional Learning opportunities and collaborations: <http://www.thelevel5.org>

*Connect with **John Burns**, ISS Chief Innovation Officer, and Tosca Killoran of Level 5 at Shekou International School

Ed. Tech Framework for Schools ~ Authored by Tosca Killoran

(*Thank you for sharing this with all of us, Tosca!)

<http://edtechframework4schools.weebly.com>

ISTE STANDARDS for Students

<https://www.iste.org/standards/standards/for-students>

ISTE Standards for Teachers

https://www.iste.org/docs/pdfs/20-14_ISTE_Standards-T_PDF.pdf





- **Brain POP**
<https://www.brainpop.com>

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Counseling Curriculum Resources



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Early Childhood Curriculum Resources

New Zealand Ministry of Education

<http://www.education.govt.nz/early-childhood/>

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Language Learners and World Languages Curriculum Resources



*See **ISS Language Padlet**

Language Learners

<https://padlet.com/lbenson3/languagelearners>

Password: mothertongue

*Also see ISS Language Arts Padlets.

• **Annenberg Learner:** Model Lesson Plans for Grades K-2, Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, and Grades 9-12

https://www.learner.org/resources/lessonplanbrowse.html?disciplines%5B%5D=FL&page=1&per_page=20&query=

- **Oakland Schools ~ ESL**

https://oaklandk12-public.rubiconatlas.org/Atlas/Browse/View/Calendars?BackLink=Atlas_Browse_View_Calendars&Page=1&SubjectFilter%5B%5D=46&NowViewing=Atlas_Browse_View_Calendars

- **Oakland Schools ~ World Languages**

https://oaklandk12-public.rubiconatlas.org/Atlas/Browse/View/Calendars?BackLink=Atlas_Browse_View_Calendars&Page=1&SubjectFilter%5B%5D=44&NowViewing=Atlas_Browse_View_Calendars

- **WIDA CanDo Descriptors (Key Uses Edition)**

<http://share.sis.org.cn/ealpd/2016/04/26/wida-cando-descriptors-key-uses-edition/>



PROFESSIONAL LEARNING RESOURCES

- **Edutopia ~ 4 Truths About Teaching English Language Learners**

https://www.edutopia.org/blog/4-truths-about-teaching-english-language-learners-elena-aguilar?utm_source=googleplus&utm_medium=socialflow

- **ESL Literacy Network**

<https://centre.bowvalleycollege.ca/networks/esl-literacy-network>

- **Supporting ELL's in Writing Workshop**

Language Arts/English Curriculum Resources

*See **ISS Literacy Padlets**

Going Deeper with Literacy Workshops

<https://padlet.com/lbenson3/goingdeeperlit>

Password: fromtheheart

Growing Readers

<https://padlet.com/lbenson3/growingreaders>

Password: Atticus

Language Learners

<https://padlet.com/lbenson3/languagelearners>

Password: mothertongue

Libraries are Lighthouses

<https://padlet.com/lbenson3/librarylighthouse>

Password: booksbooksbooks

Literacy Coaches

<https://padlet.com/lbenson3/literacycoaches>

Password: bettertogether

Reaching Students with Engaging Learning Moves: Highly Effective Instructional Strategies

<https://padlet.com/lbenson3/reachingstudents>

Password: Thisworks

Writers' Workshop

<https://padlet.com/lbenson3/writersworkshop>

Password: forronnie

ELEMENTARY LANGUAGE ARTS/LITERACY RESOURCES

- **Achieve the Core**

<https://achievethecore.org/category/411/ela-literacy-lessons>

“Lessons designed to highlight the ELA/literacy Shifts and expectations of college- and career-ready standards”; Site offers K – 12 literacy lessons, assessments, and student writing samples.

- **Annenberg Learner: Model Language Arts Lesson Plans for Grades K - 2 and Grades 3 – 5**

https://www.learner.org/resources/lessonplanbrowse.html?disciplines%5B%5D=LANG&page=1&per_page=20&query=

- **Annenberg Learner: Model Literature Lesson Plans for Grades K-2 and Grades 3-5**

https://www.learner.org/resources/lessonplanbrowse.html?disciplines%5B%5D=LIT&page=1&per_page=20&query=

- **Collaborative Classroom**

<https://www.collaborativeclassroom.org>

The Center for the Collaborative Classroom (formerly Developmental Studies Center) has created excellent literacy programs which provide teachers with lessons and even the children's literature texts needed for each lesson. For example, the writing program is called "Being a Writer" and offers a supportive road map of instruction using workshop model (but in very accessible ways including offering teachers videos of what best practice looks like and sounds like). The reading program is called "Making Meaning."

- *Making Meaning*
- *Becoming a Writer*

- **Common Sense – Lesson Plans** (to grab online)

<https://www.common sense.org/education/top-picks/top-websites-for-teachers-to-find-lesson-plans>

- **EngageNY**

<https://www.engageny.org>

<https://www.engageny.org/common-core-curriculum>

Engage NY has built incredible units of study for both literacy and math. They also have social studies, too, but these tend to be a bit harder to transfer to the international school context. I think you will find this well of curriculum very helpful:

- **Expeditionary Learning**

<http://curriculum.education.org/curriculum>

- **Great Minds**

<https://greatminds.org/resources/?page=4>

- **Oakland Schools**

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- **Teachers College, Columbia University ~ Reading Units of Study**
- **Teachers College, Columbia University ~ Writing Units of Study**
- ***The Common Core Reading Book K - 5* by Gretchen Owocki**
- ***The Common Core Writing Book K - 5* by Gretchen Owocki**
- ***The Literacy Playbook Grades K-2: Four Steps for Turning Assessment Data into Goal-Directed Instruction* by Jennifer Serrvallo**
- ***The Literacy Playbook Grades 3 - 6: Four Steps for Turning Assessment Data into Goal-Directed Instruction* by Jennifer Serrvallo**
- ***The Reading Strategies Book: Your Everything Guide to Developing Skilled Readers* by Jennifer Serrvallo**
- ***The Writing Strategies Book: Your Everything Guide to Developing Skilled Writers* by Jennifer Serrvallo**

SECONDARY LANGUAGE ARTS/LITERACY RESOURCES

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- **Annenberg Learner: Model Language Arts Lesson Plans for Grades 6-8 and Grades 9 -12**
https://www.learner.org/resources/lessonplanbrowse.html?disciplines%5B%5D=LANG&page=1&per_page=20&query=
- **Annenberg Learner: Model Literature Lesson Plans for Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12**
https://www.learner.org/resources/lessonplanbrowse.html?disciplines%5B%5D=LIT&page=1&per_page=20&query=

- **Common Sense – Lesson Plans** (to grab online)
<https://www.common sense.org/education/top-picks/top-websites-for-teachers-to-find-lesson-plans>
- **Great Minds**
<https://greatminds.org/resources/?page=4>
- **Oakland Schools**
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- ***The Common Core Reading Book 6 - 8*** by Gretchen Owocki
- ***The Common Core Writing Book 6 - 8*** by Gretchen Owocki
- ***Lessons That Change Writers: Lessons with Electronic Binder*** by Nancie Atwell
- ***The Literacy Playbook Grades 3 - 6: Four Steps for Turning Assessment Data into Goal-Directed Instruction*** by Jennifer Serrvallo
- ***The Reading Strategies Book: Your Everything Guide to Developing Skilled Readers*** by Jennifer Serrvallo
- ***The Writing Strategies Book: Your Everything Guide to Developing Skilled Writers*** by Jennifer Serrvallo
- **Reading Units of Study, Grades 6, 7, & 8 ~ Teachers College, Columbia University/Lucy Calkins**
- **Writing Units of Study, Grades 6, 7, & 8 ~ Teachers College, Columbia University/Lucy Calkins**
- **Woodburn Schools, Oregon**
<http://www.woodburnsd.org/wsd-curriculum/unit-of-study-by-content/reading/>

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING FOR LANGUAGE ARTS/ENGLISH LEARNING AND TEACHING

- **Annenberg Learner:** Workshop Model for Middle School Students <https://www.learner.org/resources/series192.html#>
- **Annenberg Learner:** *Developing Writers: A Workshop for High School Teachers* <https://www.learner.org/resources/series194.html>
- **Dorothy Barnhouse's Blog** *To Make a Prairie* <https://tomakeaprairie.wordpress.com/2016/12/18/ideas-for-skinning-the-writing-about-reading-cat/>
- **Choice Literacy** <https://www.choiceliteracy.com>
- **International Literacy Association** <https://www.literacyworldwide.org>
- **National Council of Teachers of English** <http://www.ncte.org>
- **Teachers College, Columbia University ~ The Reading-Writing Project** <http://readingandwritingproject.org>



Literature and Children's Book Resources



American Library Association

<http://www.ala.org>

Booksource

<http://www.booksource.com>

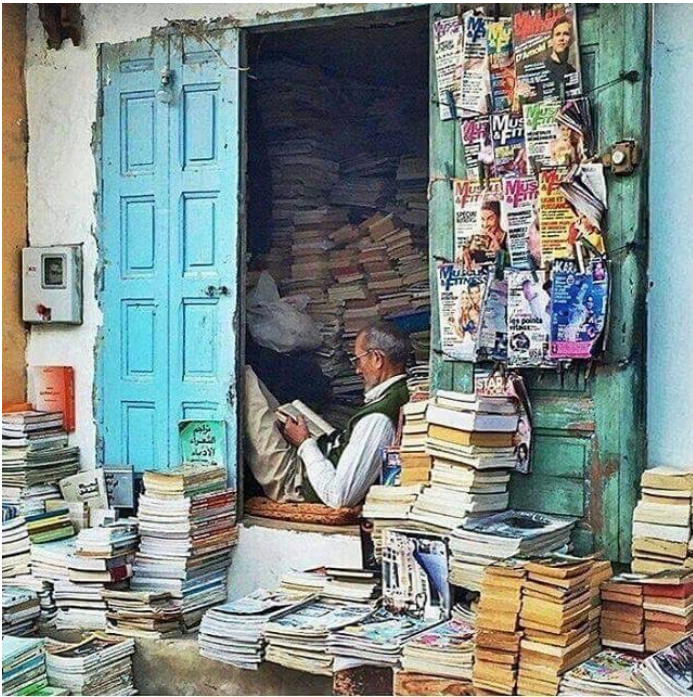
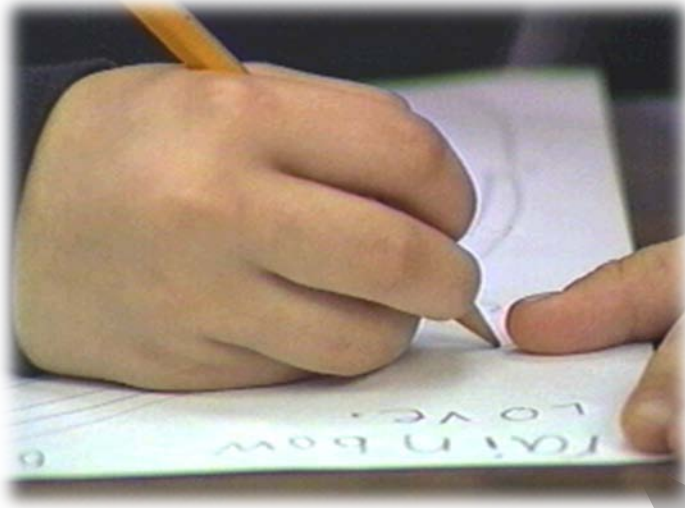
Classroom Library

<https://www.classroomlibrarycompany.com>

Dr. Nancy Johnson, Western Washington University

<http://www.nancyjohnson.com>

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Math Curriculum Resources

***See ISS Math Padlets**

“Mad About Math”

<https://padlet.com/lbenson3/madaboutmath>

Password: universallanguage

Reading Students with Engaging Learning Moves: Highly Effective Instructional Strategies

<https://padlet.com/lbenson3/reachingstudents>

Password: Thisworks

ELEMENTARY MATH CURRICULUM RESOURCES

- **Achieve the Core**

<https://achievethecore.org/category/854/mathematics-lessons>

Site offers deep wells of K – 12 math lessons, tasks, and assessments

- **Annenberg Learner: Model Lesson Plans for Grades K-2 and Grades 3-5**

https://www.learner.org/resources/lessonplanbrowse.html?disciplines%5B%5D=MATH&page=1&per_page=20&query=

- **Brain POP**

<https://www.brainpop.com>

- **EngageNY**

<https://www.engageny.org/mathematics>

<https://www.engageny.org/common-core-curriculum>

- **Everyday Math**

<http://everydaymath.uchicago.edu>

- **Great Minds**

<https://greatminds.org/resources/?page=4>

- **National Council of Teachers of Mathematics**

<http://www.nctm.org>

- **Oakland Schools**

[https://oaklandk12-](https://oaklandk12-public.rubiconatlas.org/Atlas/Browse/View/Calendars?BackLink=Atlas_Browse_View_Calendars&Page=1&SubjectFilter%5B%5D=37&NowViewing=Atlas_Browse_View_Calendars)

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- Singapore American School

<http://www.sas.edu.sg/page.cfm?p=443>

SECONDARY MATH CURRICULUM RESOURCES

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<https://achievethecore.org/category/854/mathematics-lessons>

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- **Annenberg Learner: Model Lesson Plans for Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12**

https://www.learner.org/resources/lessonplanbrowse.html?disciplines%5B%5D=MATH&page=1&per_page=20&query=

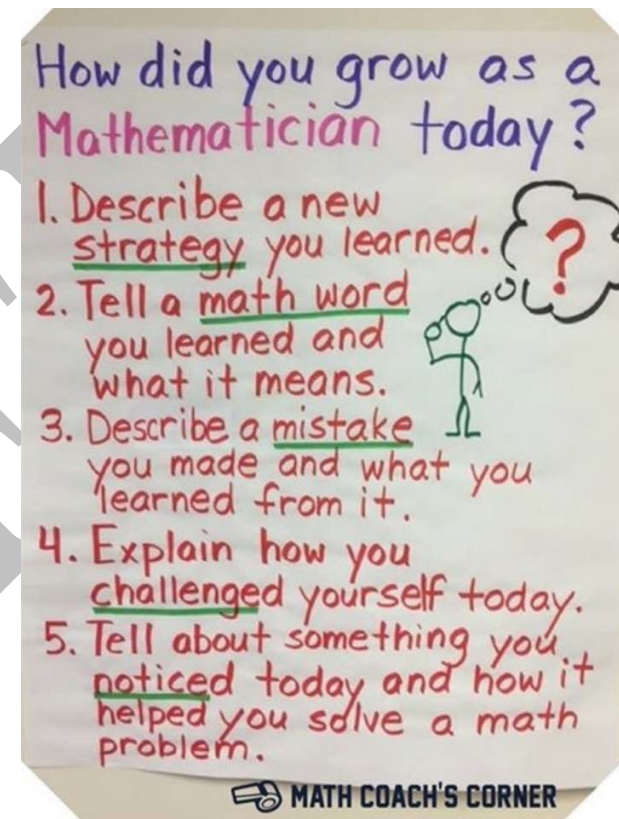
- **Great Minds**

<https://greatminds.org/resources/?page=4>

- **National Council of Teachers of Mathematics**

<http://www.nctm.org>

- **Oakland Schools**
<https://oaklandk12->



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PROFESSIONAL LEARNING LINKS FOR MATH LEARNING AND TEACHING

- **Erma Anderson, Math Consultant**
http://ermaandersonconsulting.com/Home_Page.html
- **Curriculum Framer (Grant Wiggins)**
http://www.curriculum-framer.com/ui2014/template_detail.lasso?unitid=14351
- **The Math Mentors**

<https://www.themathmentors.com/how-to-use-a-round-robin-in-your-room/>

➤ **Megan Holstrom, Math Consultant**

<http://pilgrim-school.wixsite.com/summerretreats/facilitators>

➤ **The PLACE: Professional Learning and Collaboration Environment**

https://place.fi.ncsu.edu/?utm_source=iContactPro&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=The+Friday+Institute+%28.net%29&utm_content=CTD+announcement++sent+to+all+past+participants&vsmaid=133&vcid=2260

➤ **Stanford University's YouCubed: Inspiring All Math Learners**

<https://www.youcubed.org>

➤ **Teach Math Well**

<http://teachmathematicswell.blogspot.hk/2016/09/analyzing-students-work-habits-attitude.html>

➤ **YouCubed** – Growth Mindset for Mathematical Mindsets

<https://www.youcubed.org>

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Music Curriculum Resources

*See **ISS Padlet *Soul Food: Arts and Music***

<https://padlet.com/lbenson3/artsmusic>

Password: artsarelife



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Physical Education and Health Curriculum Resources



*See **ISS Padlet** - *PE Professional Learning Network*

<https://padlet.com/lbenson3/PEPLNetwork>

Password: healthyliving

Society of Health and Physical Educators/SHAPE

<http://www.shapeamerica.org/standards/pe/>

Brain POP

<https://www.brainpop.com>

Montgomery County Schools – Health Curriculum

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/health/middle/>

Oakland Schools

[https://oaklandk12-](https://oaklandk12-public.rubiconatlas.org/Atlas/Browse/View/Calendars?BackLink=Atlas_Browse_View_Calendars&Page=1&SubjectFilter%5B%5D=53&NowViewing=Atlas_Browse_View_Calendars)

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Science Curriculum Resources

*See **ISS Science Padlets**

Spectacular Science

<https://padlet.com/lbenson3/science>

Password: wonderfuelsus

Reaching Students with Engaging Learning Moves: Highly Effective Instructional Strategies

<https://padlet.com/lbenson3/reachingstudents>

Password: Thisworks



ELEMENTARY SCIENCE CURRICULUM RESOURCES

- **Accelerate Learning – STEMscopes**
<https://www.acceleratelearning.com>
- **Annenberg Learner: Model Science Lesson Plans for Grades K-2 and Grades 3-5**
https://www.learner.org/resources/lessonplanbrowse.html?disciplines%5B%5D=SCI&page=1&per_page=20&query=
- **Brain POP**
<https://www.brainpop.com>
- **EduTech**
<http://www.edutech.com/higher-education/stem-education/>
- **Expeditionary Learning**
<http://curriculum.ededucation.org/curriculum>
- **National Science Teachers Association**
<https://ngss.nsta.org/Classroom-Resources.aspx>
- **Next Generation Science Standards**

<http://www.nextgenscience.org>
<http://www.nextgenscience.org/teachers>

- **Oakland Schools**

https://oaklandk12-public.rubiconatlas.org/Atlas/Browse/View/Calendars?BackLink=Atlas_Browse_View_Calendars&Page=1&SubjectFilter%5B%5D=38&NowViewing=Atlas_Browse_View_Calendars

- **14 Books That Connect Students With Valuable Scientists' Struggles**

<https://ww2.kqed.org/mindshift/2016/05/26/14-books-that-connect-students-with-valuable-scientists-struggles/>

SECONDARY SCIENCE CURRICULUM RESOURCES

- **Accelerate Learning – STEMscopes**

<https://www.acceleratelearning.com>

- **Annenberg Learner: Model Science Lesson Plans for Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12**

https://www.learner.org/resources/lessonplanbrowse.html?disciplines%5B%5D=SCI&page=1&per_page=20&query=

- **Brain POP**

<https://www.brainpop.com>

- **EduTech**

<http://www.edutech.com/higher-education/stem-education/>

- **National Science Teachers Association**

<https://ngss.nsta.org/Classroom-Resources.aspx>

- **Next Generation Science Standards**

<http://www.nextgenscience.org>
<http://www.nextgenscience.org/teachers>

- **Oakland Schools**

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- **OpenEd Resources for Teachers** (resources aligned to NGSS)
<http://www.freetch4teachers.com/2016/12/opened-adds-thousands-of-new-science.html#.WPgwHLGZMdV>
<https://www.opened.com>
- **14 Books That Connect Students With Valuable Scientists' Struggles**
<https://ww2.kqed.org/mindshift/2016/05/26/14-books-that-connect-students-with-valuable-scientists-struggles/>



Social Studies Curriculum Resources

***See ISS Social Studies Padlets**

All About Us: Social Studies, History, and Humanities Resources

<https://padlet.com/lbenson3/allaboutus>

Password: ForDave

Going Deeper: Personalizing Learning and Linking Literacy Learning

<https://padlet.com/lbenson3/goingdeeperlit>

Password: fromtheheart

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SOCIAL STUDIES AND HISTORY STANDARDS

- **UCLA and National Center for History in Schools**
<http://www.nchs.ucla.edu/history-standards>
- **American Education Reaches Out/AERO**

ELEMENTARY SOCIAL STUDIES CURRIUCLUM RESOURCES

- **Annenberg Learner: Model Social Studies Lesson Plans for Grades K-2 and Grades 3-5**



https://www.learner.org/resources/lessonplanbrowse.html?disciplines%5B%5D=SS&page=1&per_page=20&query=

- **Brain POP**

<https://www.brainpop.com>

- **EngageNY**

[https://www.engageny.org/ccss-library/?f\[0\]=field_subject%253Aparents_all%3A13896](https://www.engageny.org/ccss-library/?f[0]=field_subject%253Aparents_all%3A13896)

*Please note: Not all units will work for international school social studies needs as some are very U.S.-centered.

- **Expeditionary Learning**

<http://curriculum.ededucation.org/curriculum>

- **Oakland Schools**

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- **SEEDS of Science ~ University of California Berkeley**

<http://scienceandliteracy.org/about/meetteam>

<http://scienceandliteracy.org/units>

- **UCLA and National Center for History in Schools**

<http://www.nchs.ucla.edu/resources>

- **World History for All of Us**

<http://www.nchs.ucla.edu/resources/world-history-for-us-all>

<http://worldhistoryforusall.sdsu.edu>

<http://worldhistoryforusall.sdsu.edu/shared/sitemap.php>

<http://worldhistoryforusall.sdsu.edu/shared/units.php>

SECONDARY SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM RESOURCES

- **Annenberg Learner: Model Social Studies Lesson Plans for Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12**

https://www.learner.org/resources/lessonplanbrowse.html?disciplines%5B%5D=SS&page=1&per_page=20&query=

- **Oakland Schools**

https://oaklandk12-public.rubiconatlas.org/Atlas/Browse/View/Calendars?BackLink=Atlas_Browse_View_Calendars&Page=1&SubjectFilter%5B%5D=39&NowViewing=Atlas_Browse_View_Calendars

- **Brain POP**

<https://www.brainpop.com>

- **The Document-Based Questions Project**

<https://www.dbqproject.com>

- **UCLA and National Center for History in Schools**

<http://www.nchs.ucla.edu/resources>

- **World History for All of Us**

<http://www.nchs.ucla.edu/resources/world-history-for-us-all>

<http://worldhistoryforusall.sdsu.edu>

<http://worldhistoryforusall.sdsu.edu/shared/sitemap.php>

<http://worldhistoryforusall.sdsu.edu/shared/units.php>

How to Find Social Studies Texts for Students' Learning and Reading

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1. **Read widely yourself.** Whether as a whole text or from an excerpt, the social studies texts you love can be rich wells of read alouds, independent reading, and collaborative study for your students. As a social studies teacher and coordinator/department chair, this is a habit which has served my husband well for over 38 years and one I adopted from him and absolutely love. Sharing our reading and the way we live our lives as social scientists and historians gives our teaching inviting energy and integrity.
2. **Contact your favorite librarian/s and book sellers.** They can offer all of us fantastic, up-to-date book and text recommendations. One of my “go to” support resources are the wonderful book shepherds of Booksource - <http://www.booksource.com>. They are so supportive in researching and developing very specific lists of literature (nonfiction and fiction titles) to support your students' social studies learning and your instruction. An additional link is offered in tip #5.
3. **Put out the “all call” to fellow international social studies teachers.** Ask them to share their social studies text sets and lists with you. This includes asking me ☺ - I will always do my best to help you build a well of inviting social studies pieces for you and your students (lbenson@iss.edu).
4. **Harvest short and spirited texts.** Brochures, song sheets, poems, one-page biographies, newspaper or magazine articles, photographs – Put a “box” on your desktop or office and collect a variety of social studies short and spirited texts over time. Ask your students, their parents, and your community to help you build social studies text sets by letting them know you are searching for a specific upcoming focus/topic.

Social Studies for Kids - <http://www.socialstudiesforkids.com>

Scholastic offers social studies magazines by grade levels -
<http://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/category/subject/social-studies>

Time for Kids - <https://www.teachercreatedmaterials.com/administrators/series/time-for-kids-nonfiction-readers-118/>

5. Check out these websites and links:

- **National Council of Social Studies**
 - <http://www.socialstudies.org/resources/notable>
- **American Library Association**
 - http://www.ala.org/search-results?as_q=social%20studies%20books
- **Book Source**
 - <http://www.booksource.com/Departments/Booksource/Preschool-Grade-2/Social-Studies.aspx?CategoryBvin=973823f8-43f7-468f-b971-5ccb47e8335a&SubCategoryBvin=d7ac8a36-c587-4b29-abb0-4b3cd0114a70>
- **The DBQ Project**
 - <http://www.dbqproject.com>
- **Children’s Book Council**
 - <http://www.cbcbooks.org/notable-social-studies/>
- **Good Reads**
 - <https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/non-fiction-social-studies>
- **Barnes and Noble**
 - http://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/books/kids/social-studies-kids/_/N-29Z8q8Zu5t
- **National Association for the Education of Young Children/NAEYC**
 - <https://www.naeyc.org/files/yc/file/200509/SocialStudiesBooksBTJ905.pdf>
- **The Reading Nook**
 - http://www.thereadingnook.com/social_studies/
- **Reading Rockets**
 - Award winning books: These lists are often fantastic social studies compass texts - <http://www.readingrockets.org/books/awardwinners>
 - Themed book lists - <http://www.readingrockets.org/books/booksbytheme>
- **Reading A-Z**
 - <https://www.readinga-z.com/content-area-reading/social-studies/>
- **Delightful Children’s Book**
 - 10 Authors for Elementary School Social Studies Teachers to Know - <https://delightfulchildrensbooks.com/2013/08/22/social-studies-nonfiction-picture-books/>
- **Scholastic**
 - History & Social Studies for Ages 8-10 - <http://www.scholastic.com/parents/books-and-reading/book-lists-and-recommendations/history-and-social-studies/ages-8-10>
- **International Literacy Association**
 - <https://www.literacyworldwide.org/blog/literacy-daily/2016/02/01/best-social-studies-books-2015>

- **University of Delaware**
 - <https://www1.udel.edu/dssep/literature.html>
- **iTunes**
 - Downloading social studies books for kids - <https://itunes.apple.com/us/genre/books-kids-social-studies/id11162?mt=11>
- **Read Works**
 - <http://www.readworks.org/social-studies-reading-passages>
- **Larry Ferlazzo**
 - Social studies books for ELL students: <http://larryferlazzo.edublogs.org/?s=social+studies+books>
 - Looking back handouts: <http://larryferlazzo.edublogs.org/2017/01/14/a-look-back-heres-how-my-students-taught-their-classmates-a-social-studies-unit-handouts-included/>
 - Best resources for writing in social studies: <http://larryferlazzo.edublogs.org/2016/10/16/the-best-resources-for-writing-in-social-studies-classes/>



6. **Professional books** often offer us meaningful advice about students' social studies reading and profile compelling books lists. Here are a few for your consideration (I will add more titles over time.):
- *Building Literacy in Social Studies* by Donna Ogle, Ron Klemp, and Bill McBride
<http://www.ascd.org/publications/books/106010/chapters/Reading-Social-Studies-Texts.aspx>
 - *Teaching Reading in Social Studies, Science, and Math* by Laura Robb
 - *Teaching Social Studies to English Language Learners*, 2nd Edition by Stephen J. Thornton and Barbara C. Cruz

Curriculum Design Resources

UbD Stage 1 *Resources to Nourish Thinking and Design:* *A Well of Curriculum Resources and Thinkers*

*See **ISS Padlet “Curriculum Connections”**

<https://padlet.com/lbenson3/curriculummatters>

Password: curriculummatters

Rubicon Atlas

<https://www.rubicon.com/design-thinking-curriculum-development/>

<http://us3.campaign-archive2.com/?u=8bd02fb36cdda6ffaba7ce120&id=d1e35e6ccf>

The Common Ground Collaborative

<http://www.thecgcproject.org>

Catching Readers ~ Commentary to chisel our curriculum thinking

<https://catchingreaders.com/2017/01/09/fidelity-vs-thoughtfulness/>

Curriculum Framers ~ Grant Wiggins

http://www.curriculum-framer.com/login/about.lasso?returnPage=http://www.curriculum-framer.com/ui2014/template_detail.lasso?unitid=14351

http://www.curriculum-framer.com/ui2014/template_detail.lasso?unitid=14351

Edutopia ~ Collaborative Planning: Integrating Curricula Across Subjects

https://www.edutopia.org/practice/collaborative-planning-integrating-curricula-across-subjects?utm_source=SilverpopMailing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=031517%20enews%20scattered%20minds%20remainder&utm_content=&utm_term=fea2hed&spMailingID=16784750&spUserID=MjcyODEyNTY2MTQ5MS&spJobID=981199226&spReportId=OTgxMTk5MjI2S0

https://www.edutopia.org/practice/collaborative-planning-integrating-curricula-across-subjects?utm_source=SilverpopMailing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=031517%20enews%20scattered%20minds%20remainder&utm_content=&utm_term=fea2hed&spMailingID=16784750&spUserID=MjcyODEyNTY2MTQ5MS&spJobID=981199226&spReportId=OTgxMTk5MjI2S0

North East School Division ~ Melfort, SK, Canada

Assessment Tools and Resources:

<http://curriculum.nesd.ca/Assessment/Pages/Understanding-Rubrics.aspx>

Instructional Tools:

<http://curriculum.nesd.ca/Instruction/Pages/Instructional-Tools.aspx>

Three areas of focus for the **CURRICULUM PROCESS**

1. **Who** is the curriculum for?

2. **What** should be captured in the curriculum?

3. **How** is the curriculum used once it is written?

WHY

we document curriculum

UbD Stage 2 Assessment Resources

*See **ISS Assessment Padlet**

<https://padlet.com/lbenson3/issassessmentstudygroup>

Password: relationships

Alberta Assessment Consortium

<http://www.aac.ab.ca/assessment-materials-2/scaffolding-for-student-success/comprehension-describe/>

All Things Assessment

<http://allthingsassessment.info>

<http://allthingsassessment.info/resources/>

Columbia University Teachers College Reading and Writing Project

<http://readingandwritingproject.org/resources/assessments/running-records>

Michigan Assessment Literacy Standards

<http://michiganassessmentconsortium.org/als/standards-for-teachers>

Michigan Department of Education

http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-22709_55936---.00.html

Mentor Teaching Moves: Thinking about the “how” of data analysis (#T4TMOMENTS)

<http://assessmentinperspective.com/?p=4241>



North East School Division – Canada

<http://curriculum.nesd.ca/Assessment/Pages/Understanding-Rubrics.aspx>

Online Assessment Resources

Classkick

<https://www.classkick.com>

Please note: This is a new potential resource and still to be vetted. If you have used ClassKick, let us know if you think it is valuable and worthy to recommend. Thanks!

Potential Benefits: Advertised as “Unleash personalized, real-time feedback at the moment students need it.” Sign-up is free and students can log-in to view your feedback.

Edulastic

<https://app.edulastic.com/login#dashboard/close>

Please note: This is a new potential resource and still to be vetted. If you have used Edulastic, let us know if you think it is valuable and worthy to recommend. Thanks!

Potential Benefits: Interactive formative assessment; You can create assessment questions, including math-specific functionality, and it will automatically score results but in a SBG way. Sign-up is free.

Reviews: I'm in a 1:1 environment using Office 365 as well. I've also had experience with Edulastic. It's pretty good. Edulastic can write high level assessments well beyond multiple choice if you want. But the grading piece... I'd say use it for formative assessment if you'd like but I wouldn't recommend letting a computer dictate a student's level of proficiency on a 1-4 scale. That judgment should always include you, in my opinion. If you want to use Edulastic for summative purposes, then design the assessments and issue them to students ungraded or "graded" via Edulastic but the tolerances for 1-4 should be pre-established by you and the students. And don't establish those as a numerator over a denominator either.

GoFormative

<http://goformative.com>

Please note: This is a new potential resource and still to be vetted. If you have used GoFormative, let us know if you think it is valuable and worthy to recommend. Thanks!

Potential Benefits: Advertised as supportive to any grade, any subject, for and with any device; Their formative assessments can run on any Internet connected device and are optimized for any 1:1, BYOD, flipped or blended classroom.

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UbD Stage 3 Learning Plan Resources

The following resources are offered to especially support your collaborative UbD Stage 3 Learning Plans collaborations and your own lesson planning.

*See **ISS Padlet** “*Reaching Students with Engaging Learning Moves: Highly Effective Instructional Strategies*”

<https://padlet.com/lbenson3/reachingstudents>

Password: Thisworks

Cult of Pedagogy

<https://www.cultofpedagogy.com/reciprocal-learning/>

<https://www.cultofpedagogy.com/concept-attainment/>

*Note: These links for reciprocal learning and concept attainment will guide you to many other learning and teaching strategies.

SPECIFIC PROGRAM RESOURCES/LINKS

College Board Advanced Placement/AP Professional Learning and Information Links

<http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/InstitutesAndWorkshops>

<http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/public/homepage/226393.html#english>

