HMH Social Studies

Uncover the Connections
Program Overview | High School

Active Inquiry for All Learners
Embrace inquiry-based learning with customizable assessments and unlimited access to curated professional learning, empowering teachers to personalize their classroom experience. With continuous updates, teachers can seamlessly align with state and district standards within a single solution.

Subject areas include: American History, World History, United States Government, Economics, Global Geography, and African American History.
Easy Access to All Subjects

Ed, the HMH learning platform, gives easy access to American History, World History, United States Government, Economics, Global Geography, and African American History in the HMH Social Studies High School Student Digital License.

One Subscription to Advance Flexibility

Within a single subscription, you can instantly pull content from six different subject areas to create lessons that perfectly match your classroom needs.

Easily Meet State Standards

The My Stuff tab allows teachers to save resources from different programs to create customizable lessons to use with their classes. Lessons can be fully customized to fit state requirements AND meet the needs of ALL students.

Sharing Lessons

Teachers can also share their lessons with other teachers to support collaboration and team-teaching.

Create Groups

Students in the class can be grouped by level or need to support differentiation.
Engage Your Students with Relevant Topics

Put the social back in social studies and get students excited to uncover connections to their world. Quality narrative blended with media, audio, and visuals provides learners with engaging ways to explore history and cultures.

Bring Content to Life

**HISTORY videos** enliven the classroom with primary source footage, dramatic storytelling, and expert testimonials.

Discover the Story Behind the Story

**HISTORY Shorts videos** explore the extraordinary history behind inspiring people, places, and events, from the Continental Army to the Harlem Hellfighters, the Statue of Liberty to space flight.

Easy Access to Social Studies Resources

- **The Keeping It Current newsletter** provides free high-quality content each month, such as standards-based videos, lesson plans, blogs with downloadable resources, and connections to current events.

- **Lesson Introductions** introduce each section and challenge students with a provocative question designed to make the study of history and geography relevant to students.
Ongoing Updates Ensure Content Stays Fresh

As part of HMH’s commitment to provide teachers and students with the most up-to-date content, resources will continue to be added during the duration of your subscription. You’ll have the opportunity to influence the direction of our future topics and features with your feedback.

Promote Currency and Relevancy in Your Classroom

Topics for Today modules address important current events topics that keep the curriculum relevant for students.

American History
- Trump Administration
- COVID-19 Pandemic
- 2020 Presidential Election
- Biden Administration
- Social Justice Movements

World History
- Human Rights
- Global Politics and Community
- Global Health
- The Global Economy
- March of Technology

Enrich and Extend Learning

The HMHfyi experience provides articles and sources for research and extended reading on social studies topics. The site offers links to current websites with thematic connections to social studies topics, as well as tips for reading informational text.

High-Interest News Articles

HMH Current Events provides trustworthy articles on today’s news to connect the students to current events.
Empower Students with Inquiry-Based Learning

Teaching students to think critically can be challenging. With this goal in mind, HMH Social Studies gives you the tools you need so students learn how to analyze primary sources like a historian and complete evidence-based writing tasks.

Nurture Critical Thinking

**Essential Questions** spark curiosity, guide instruction, and ask students to apply knowledge through writing tasks.

Students Demonstrate Learning with Performance Tasks

**Document-Based Investigations** build throughout every Module, featuring documents in each lesson with practice and short answers. In the Module Review, a Document-Based Investigation asks students to re-examine the featured documents and demonstrate their understanding of the module's main concepts through a presentation or essay.

**World War II**

During the aerial bombing of London beginning in September, 1940, the German goal was to terrorize the British people so that they would lose the will to fight. The London Blitz destroyed huge areas of the city and killed tens of thousands of people, but the British people refused to surrender. In this photo, a London bus is submerged in a bomb crater.

**Internment of Japanese Americans**

More than 100,000 Japanese Americans, mostly U.S. citizens, were forced to leave their homes and businesses and travel to internment camps. Surrounded by guards and barbed wire fences, families lived in small facilities, and the quality of education and health care was poor. It was not until late in the war that they were allowed to return to their homes.

**The Germans Stopped at Stalingrad**

At Stalingrad, the Russians used the city's environment to their advantage, fighting a deadly urban war. Stalingrad's great distance from Germany also aided Russia, making it hard for the Germans to supply and reinforce troops. And the Soviet winter killed many German soldiers and ruined equipment. In this photo, Soviet troops launch an attack during the battle for Stalingrad.

**Module 22**

**Essential Question—Writing**

**Why did the Allies win World War II?**

Write an argument answering this question. Your essay should include key events, lead-up events, and turning points in World War II. Be sure to cite evidence to support your position and organize your essay into an introduction, body, and conclusion.

**Part 1: Short Answer**

In this module, you have analyzed several primary sources. Review your answers to the questions you have already addressed and answer any questions that you have not yet completed.

**Part 2: Write a Compare-and-Contrast Essay**

**Historical Context**

World War II expanded the concept of total war. Total war was not just a state of war. It involved a total war effort. Total war involved civilians as well as soldiers. Total war included the destruction of economic and social life. Total war was no longer a battle between armies but a battle between armies and civilians.

**Task**

Each principal Allied and Axis nation experienced total war in ways that greatly impacted both personnel on the battlefield and their civilians. Write an essay in which you compare and contrast the ways that the total war approach differed in the Allied and Axis countries during World War II.

Complete the following steps as you plan and compose your essay.
Add Writable® to Your HMH Social Studies Subscription

To maximize teacher effectiveness and boost student writing scores, pair HMH Social Studies with Writable. With hundreds of assignment templates and customizable rubrics, Writable helps teachers strengthen their writing instruction while saving time on prep and feedback. Increase teacher impact with AI tools that engage students and motivate better writing in the moment. Writable’s approach to AI builds teacher agency and is teacher-intermediated, allowing for AI-suggested feedback and scores to be incorporated into their instruction to help drive purposeful revision and writing growth.

Let’s create a High Five!

High Five Quick Writes engage your students in daily writing: think bell ringers, ice breakers, or do-nows. After you enter a prompt or try an AI suggestion, we add a rubric item to keep feedback quick and goal-aligned.

Write Your Own  AI Suggestions

- Causes and effects of American Revolution
- What role did the Battle of Lexington and Concord play in the American Revolution?
- How did the Intolerable Acts affect the colonists and their desire for independence?
- What impact did the Boston Tea Party have on the American Revolution?
Multimedia Analysis at Your Fingertips

You no longer have to search for powerful videos, maps, and primary sources. HMH Social Studies provides you with an integrated design so all resources and lesson plans are just a click away at point of instruction.

Energize Students with Dynamic Primary Sources

The HISTORY Channel’s Multimedia Connections provide in-depth coverage of key concepts brought to life in the Interactive Online Edition. They extend and enrich the content with additional videos, primary sources, maps, and CGI films.

Master Primary Source Analysis

Close Read Screencasts model an analytical conversation about critical historical content and primary sources.

Supreme Court Cases that Impact Teens

HMH Judicial Inquiries: Interactive Supreme Court Case Studies promote critical viewing, source analysis, and writing about Supreme Court cases that impact teens’ lives.

Examine History through Primary Sources

Newberry Library’s Digital Collections for the Classroom gives students and teachers access to nearly 100 content-based essays accompanied by discussion questions, classroom activities, and high-quality digitized primary sources.
Supporting All Learners the Way You Want

Supporting equity among students is critical. HMH Social Studies presents material and activities in a variety of ways, including digital Spanish Student Editions, to allow students and teachers to choose the path that works best for them.

Spanish Ensures an Equitable Experience

Digital Spanish Student Editions provide equity for Spanish-speaking audiences. They consider culture and language norms that call for transadaptation to decode and reencode target language with careful attention to cultural and linguistic norms.

Accessible Content

The Guided Reading Workbook and Spanish/English Guided Reading Workbook help students as they read and take notes while reading adapted-level summaries.

Challenge Students to Explore More

Enrichment Activities at the end of every lesson provide avenues for students to stretch their curiosity and explore select topics in greater depth.
Providing Choice for Your Students

You put the learning in your students’ hands. Lessons and activities in HMH Social Studies are presented in a variety of ways to give you and your students options for how to examine content and important social studies concepts.

Need Help with Visuals?
Point-of-use support provides skills instruction on how to draw knowledge from and interpret each element from a map or a graphic.

Interactive Features that Inspire Curiosity
Interactive Features, Maps, and Games, at point of instruction in the Online Student Edition, provide quick, entertaining activities and assessments that present important content in a fun way.

Point-of-Use Support
Interactive Lesson Graphic Organizers help students process, summarize, and keep track of their learning for end-of-module performance tasks.
Meeting the Needs of a Diverse Classroom

Instant Remediation to Ensure Student Comprehension

Lesson-Level Assessments serve to inform instruction rather than simply assign grades to students. If students miss a question, the system gives them the option to pause, review instructional material, and then go back to their work. Teachers can further guide this process through reports on their students' performance, tied to standards and curriculum, to provide personalized intervention.

Ensure All Students Succeed

Differentiated Instruction Activities in the Teacher eBook offer further options for varying lessons to meet the needs of every student.

NWEA + HMH Give Teachers Greater Insight into Students’ Needs and Gains.

Customers who use both NWEA® MAP® Growth™ Reading assessment and HMH Social Studies will be able to see key MAP Growth Reading data on HMH Ed—the same place as their HMH Social Studies curriculum. Through this connection, educators can more easily track:

- Student growth in comprehending informational text
- Vocabulary acquisition
- Understanding text structure

Custom Assessments give teachers the flexibility to assign assessments that meet the assessment needs within their classroom.
Professional Learning

Experience unlimited professional learning—on your schedule. Implementing a social studies program requires strong partnership, so HMH’s professional learning is here to help teachers, students, and communities thrive.

Included with Your Program Subscription

Guided Implementation Support

1. Get Started with HMH Social Studies
   Build community and prepare for your first lesson during a Getting Started session with an HMH Coach.

2. Build Teacher Confidence in 30 Days
   Teachers starting at any time of the year can get up and running quickly with resources in their Teacher Success Pathways that help them plan, teach, and assess learning, using their new HMH program.

   Self-paced, on-demand sessions include: preparing for the first two weeks of instruction, analyzing data and reports, differentiating instruction, and more!

3. Explore On-Demand Learning and Live Online Events
   Teacher’s Corner® on Ed, the HMH learning platform puts real-world classroom videos, teaching best practices and live, online PD events at your fingertips, on your schedule.

   Leader’s Corner offers leader-specific resources and the ability to schedule teachers for live pathway sessions to encourage pathway completion.

Additional Professional Learning

Our People Make the Difference

HMH Instructional coaches bring years of classroom and subject-specific teaching experience to every coaching session and are committed to providing educators with year-round support for meeting their professional goals.

Partner with an HMH Coach for Personalized Professional Growth

HMH Coachly™ gives teachers unlimited, 1:1 access to an intentionally matched instructional coach online via the Ed HMH learning platform. Teachers can message their coach or schedule a live coaching session anytime to get hands-on support when they need it the most.

Connect the Evidence-Based Practices with Daily Instruction

Live Online Courses provide evidence-based pedagogy that connects with your HMH Social Studies curriculum. Get six live online sessions curated to your grade-level and subject, delivered by an HMH Coach.

- Social Emotional Learning
- High Impact Strategies
- Supporting the Unique Needs of Learners
- Assessing & Monitoring Student Growth

Learn how and where to use HMH Social Studies resources in the virtual classroom—part of the Teacher Success Pathway.

Contact your HMH representative for a full list of the LIVE Online Course offerings.

Nationally Recognized

Did you know HMH Professional Learning has been nationally recognized for our ability to support implementation and provide ongoing teacher and leader professional development?
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