

Social Studies Grades 6–12 LESS/MORE Chart

Social Studies Education will involve LESS....

Rote memorization and recall of facts without context.

Teacher-focused discussion and instruction.

Formal summative testing that relies on multiple choice questions to demonstrate knowledge and learning.

Reliance on textbooks to provide narratives with limited diversity of sources.

Coverage of content without critical thinking and literacy support.

Social Studies Education will involve MORE....

Careful use and placement of evidence in context (historical, geographical, etc.).

Opportunities for student-led inquiry to create personal and shared knowledge and understandings.

Formative assessments designed around discipline-specific thinking skills and critical content.

Diverse range of sources to engage students in constructing compelling evidence-based narratives and assertions.

Depth in compelling content with opportunities for reflection on skill and critical thinking development.

