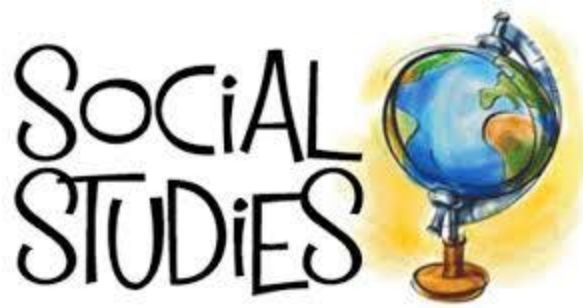




Our CA Social Studies teachers have a new History-Social Science Framework that provides an important step forward in our ongoing commitment to ensure that all of our CA students are prepared for college, twenty-first century careers, and citizenship. This framework was also created to model the diversity of our great state.

At the end of last year, our secondary teachers had the opportunity to pilot and select a new Social Studies curriculum. Our Middle Schools selected *National Geographic* and our High Schools selected both *TCI* (for 9th grade World Geography) and *Pearson* for grades 10-12. All of these programs were selected do to their strength in encouraging empathy for the world's peoples and cultures. Through the stories of individuals, our students are able to view history as an exploration of identity. Additionally, they are empowered to experience their unique place in history and apply their strengths as global citizens.

Our teachers in grades 4-12 also have the opportunity to engage our students in research and skills development by participating in District, County, State and even *National History Day*. Our History Day projects create an understanding and appreciation of history while developing the necessary 21st century tools, skills and aptitudes for our diverse student population.