

George Mason University
College of Education and Human Development
Early Childhood Education

ECED 513.B01 Integrating Social Studies Across the Content Areas
for Diverse Young Learners
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Required Prerequisites

ECED 401 or 501 and ECED 403 or 503
Prerequisites require a minimum grade of C for undergraduate courses and B- for graduate courses.

University Catalog Course Description

Explores social studies content, assessment, curriculum development, planning, and instructional practices. Examines strategies for guiding children’s behavior, integrating social studies instruction across content areas, and planning and implementing a community of learners inclusive of children with diverse abilities and cultural, linguistic, and socio-economic backgrounds.

Course Delivery Method

This course will be delivered using a lecture/discussion format and Blackboard (Bb).

Learner Outcomes or Objectives

This course is designed to enable students to do the following:

1. Explain how the *Virginia Standards of Learning* and *Virginia’s Early Learning and Development Standards* provide the necessary foundation for teaching history, including (a) the contributions of ancient civilizations to American social and political institutions; (b) the major events in Virginia history from 1607 to the present; (c) key individuals, documents, and events in United States history; and (d) the evolution of America’s constitutional republic and its ideas, institutions, and practices.
2. Explain how the *Virginia Standards of Learning* and *Virginia’s Early Learning and Development Standards* provide the necessary foundation for teaching geography, including (a) the use of maps and other geographic representations, tools, and technologies to acquire, process, and report information; (b) the relationship between human activity and the physical environment in the community and the world; and (c) physical processes that shape the surface of the earth.

3. Explain how the *Virginia Standards of Learning* and *Virginia's Early Learning and Development Standards* provide the necessary foundation for teaching civics, including (a) the privileges and responsibilities of good citizenship and the importance of the rule of law for the protection of individual rights; (b) the process of making laws in the United States and the fundamental ideals and principles of a republican form of government; (c) the understanding that Americans are a people of diverse ethnic origins, customs, and traditions, who are united by the basic principles of a republican form of government and a common identity as Americans; and (d) local government and civics instruction specific to Virginia.
4. Explain how the *Virginia Standards of Learning* and *Virginia's Early Learning and Development Standards* provide the necessary foundation for teaching economics, including (a) the basic economic principles that underlie the United States market economy; (b) the role of the individual and how economic decisions are made in the market place; and (c) the role of government in the structure of the United States economy.
5. Explain how the study of history and the social sciences assists children in developing historical thinking, geographic analysis, economic decision-making, and responsible citizenship.
6. Plan curriculum activities that teach young children to (a) use primary sources, such as artifacts, letters, photographs, and newspapers; (b) use charts, graphs, and pictures to determine characteristics of people, places, or events; (c) ask appropriate questions and summarize points to answer a question; and (d) compare and contrast people, places, and events in history.
7. Examine diverse historical, geographical, and economic sources for opportunities to develop students' fluency in content vocabulary and comprehension of verbal, written and visual sources.
8. Plan curriculum activities that include an in-depth understanding of (a) cause and effect relationships in history; (b) connections across time and place; (c) practicing good citizenship skills and respect for rules and laws; and (d) using a decision-making model to identify costs and benefits of a specific choice made.
9. Plan an integrated history and social sciences unit of study that incorporates the knowledge, skills, and processes of history and the social science disciplines and other content areas as defined in local, state, and national curriculum standards, including explanations of how the standards provide the necessary foundation for teaching history and social sciences.
10. Integrate the use of technology as a tool for teaching, learning, researching, and communicating into integrated social sciences units.
11. Plan history and social sciences instruction that is responsive to the interests, preferences, motivation, interaction styles, developmental status, learning history, cultural variables, and levels of participation of young children and integrates the visual and performing arts to help learners develop knowledge and basic skills, sustain intellectual curiosity, and problem-solve.
12. Implement a lesson using the language of economics to engage learners and introduce new economic terms (e.g., goods and services, human, natural, and capital resources, opportunity cost)
13. Select develop, and use culturally relevant curriculum, pedagogies, and materials that support and enhance students' learning and reflects the research on age-appropriate practices.
14. Exhibit standards of professionalism, ethical standards, and personal integrity in interactions with classmates, the instructor, and others.

15. Use writing as an instructional and assessment tool to generate, gather, plan, organize, and to communicate for a variety of purposes; integrate correct written conventions (i.e., grammar, usage, mechanics, and spelling); and format using current APA style.

Professional Standards – Virginia Professional Studies Competencies, Virginia Early/Primary Education PreK-3 (EPK3) Endorsement Competencies, Interstate Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (InTASC) Standards, and National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Professional Standards and Competencies

Upon completion of this course, students will have met the following professional standards:

Virginia Early/Primary Education PreK-3 Endorsement Competencies

Methods

Knowledge and Skills: History and Social Sciences

Required Texts

American Psychological Association. (2020). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (7th ed.). Author. ISBN: 9781433832178

Day, H. R., Foltz, M., Hayes, K., Marksberry, C., Stergeon, M., & Reed, S., (2006). *Teaching economics using children's literature*. Council for Economic Education. ISBN: 978-1-56183-630-7

NCSS (2010). *National curriculum standards for social studies: A framework for teaching, learning, and assessment*. Author. ISBN: 9780879861056

Odhiambo, E., Nelson, L., & Chrisman, J. K. (2016). *Social studies and young children*. Pearson Education.

Additional readings will be posted to Blackboard as indicated on class schedule.

Recommended Texts

Altoff, P., & Golston, S. (2012). *Teaching reading with the social studies standards: Elementary units that integrate great books, social studies, and the common core standards*. National Council for the Social Studies.

Course Performance Evaluation

Students are expected to submit all assignments on time in the manner outlined by the instructor (e.g., Blackboard, VIA, hard copy).

Assignments	Due Dates	Points
Attendance and Participation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Self-Evaluation Attendance and Participation Form	Ongoing July 25	25
Teaching Economics Using Children's Literature Lesson Share	July 18	10

Assignments	Due Dates	Points
Integrated History and Social Sciences Instructional Plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring Digital Technology Tools • Authentic Children’s Literature for Examining History and Social Sciences • Lesson Plan #1: History and Social Sciences Through Children’s Literature • Lesson Plan #2: History and Social Sciences Through Primary Sources • Sharing our Lesson Plans 	June 20 June 20 July 11 July 25 July 18	50 5 10 15 15 5
Social Studies Flipgrid Reflection Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • # 1 • # 2 • # 3 • # 4 • # 5 	June 20- Introductions June 27- Community helper July 11- VA Regions July 18- Branches of Gov’t July 25- Course reflection	15
TOTAL		100

- **Assignments and/or Examinations**

Teaching Economics Using Children’s Literature Experience Share (10 points)

Students will work in small groups to plan and engage the rest of the class in an exploration of economics concepts as examined in the text *Teaching Economics Using Children’s Literature*. Each group will select a different lesson experience from the text to prepare. Specific attention will be paid to developing peers’ understandings of specific economics content. Presentations will also connect experiences to the *Virginia Standards of Learning*. Selected readings will be determined at the beginning of the class based on group preferences.

Integrated History and Social Sciences Instructional Plans (50 points)

Students will develop two integrated lesson plans grounded in specific *National Curriculum Standards for Social Studies* and the *Virginia Standards of Learning* for kindergarten, first, second, or third grade or *Virginia’s Early Learning and Development Standards*. For each lesson plan, students will emphasize learning outcomes articulated within at least one of the following strands: History, Geography, Economics, or Civics. Each lesson plan will relate strategically to an authentic children’s literature text. Each lesson plan will integrate the history and social sciences theme selected into at least one other academic area of study for the primary grades (e.g., science, mathematics, music, fine arts, reading, writing). Accordingly, the instructional plans will incorporate knowledge and understandings of learning standards in history and social sciences, as well as other content area standards. Each lesson plan will use technology to

enhance children's learning. At the end of the course, students will share their lesson plans with the class. For this assignment students will develop and submit the following:

- ***Exploring digital technology tools to enhance and extend young children's learning and engagement (5 points)***
 - Students will identify two digital technology tools that can be leveraged to extend and enhance young children's learning. Students will use the SAMR language to evaluate the tool and describe how the tool can be used to enrich children's learning. Students will emphasize how the digital tool promotes children's high order thinking skills (e.g., analyzing, evaluating, and creating). The tools will be shared with the entire class on a Google Doc. The collective Google Doc will be available to students throughout the semester to support the unit planning process.

- ***Authentic Children's Literature for Examining History and Social Sciences Themes with Young Learners (10 points)***
 - Students will identify 15 children's texts that exemplify diverse history and social sciences themes and standards. While there may be some overlap in themes, each text identified should clearly relate to different *National Council of Social Studies* themes and *Virginia Standards of Learning* for History and Social Sciences (i.e., history, geography, economics, and civics), or *Virginia's Early Learning and Development Standards*. Students are encouraged to use texts identified by the National Council of Social Studies. Lists and websites will be provided to help guide students' selection. A template will be provided. Two of the texts will be used as springboards for the instructional plans submitted later in the semester.

- ***Integrated History and Social Sciences Instructional Plans (30 points total. This includes Lesson Plan #1: Integrating History and Social Studies Into the Content Areas With Children's Literature AND Lesson Plan #2: Exploring History and Social Sciences Themes in Children's Literature with Primary Sources and Technology).***
 - Students will develop two, integrated social studies plans over the course of the semester. Each plan will be related to at least one social studies *Virginia Standards of Learning* strand (i.e., history, geography, economics, and citizenship). Each plan will also reflect at least one of the 10 themes of social studies as defined by the National Council of Social Studies. Each lesson will provide:
 - An overview of the lesson,
 - A rationale for the social studies themes selected, and
 - A justification for the activities developed to promote children's understandings of essential social studies knowledge and processes

Each lesson plan will use the **Mason Lesson Plan Template** and clearly articulate the following details:

- Grade level
- Primary national social studies theme(s),
- Specific history and social sciences *Virginia Standards of Learning* or *Virginia's Early Learning and Development Standards* to be addressed (these could be global,

- Assessment products to consider developing to document and demonstrate children’s knowledge of identified academic standards.

Lesson Plan #1: Integrating History and Social Sciences Into the Content Areas With Children’s Literature (15 points)

Students will submit (at least) one lesson plan that is based on an in-depth exploration of an authentic **children’s literature text**. Students will do the following:

- Select a rich text to engage children in an exploration of the primary history and social sciences theme(s) to be explored. Students are encouraged to use texts identified by the National Council of Social Studies. Lists and websites will be provided to help guide students’ selection.
- Identify the relevant history and social sciences standards and themes explored in the text.
- Include a set of strategic questions that encourage children to grapple with complex history and social sciences themes.
- Design an assessment product/project that allows children to enhance and show their understandings of the primary standards articulated.
- Include an assessment tool for evaluating children’s understandings of the primary standards articulated.
- Use the lesson plan template provided on Blackboard to detail all aspects of the lesson.
- Extend the history and social sciences lesson by integrating it with another academic area of study for the primary grades (e.g., science, mathematics, music, fine arts, reading, and writing).
 - Identify the additional content area standards selected to extend students’ understandings of complex history and social sciences themes.
 - Detail how they will facilitate the lesson to actively engage young learners in an exploration of both the selected content area standards and the selected history and social sciences standards.
- Infuse technology to enhance the history and social sciences lesson with the integration of technology tools.
 - Use the **SAMR model** to inform the design of the lesson to ensure the purposeful and strategic incorporation of technology into the early childhood classroom.
 - Select **at least one technology tool** to facilitate the lesson and actively engage young learners.
 - Detail how they will facilitate children’s use of the technology tool throughout the lesson to actively engage young learners in an exploration of the selected history and social sciences standards.
 - Explain how the technology supports children’s learning.
- Include a rationale for selecting specific standards and articulate how the lesson promotes and enhances young children’s understandings of history and social sciences themes because of its relationship to the children’s text.
- **Use citations from current research from the textbook, class discussions, and/or handouts in their rationale using APA format to support their assertions.**
- Provide **appendices for this lesson that include all additional instructional tools** used to support children’s engagement (e.g., graphic organizers, story frames, writing prompts, work-mats, student directions for social studies centers or projects, assessment tools,

primary sources, etc.).

Lesson Plan #2: Exploring History and Social Sciences Themes in Children's Literature with Primary Sources and Technology (15 points)

Students will submit (at least) one lesson plan that strategically embeds the use of primary sources to support children's understandings of the history and social sciences theme.

Students will do the following:

- Select a **rich text to engage children in an exploration** of the primary history and social sciences theme(s) to be explored. Students are encouraged to use texts identified by the National Council of Social Studies. Lists and websites will be provided to help guide students' selection.
- Identify the relevant history and social sciences standards and themes explored in the text.
- Include a set of strategic questions that encourage children to grapple with complex history and social sciences themes.
- Design an assessment product/project that allows children to enhance and show their understandings of the primary standards articulated.
- Include an assessment tool for evaluating children's understandings of the primary standards articulated.
- **Select artifacts from the Library of Congress archives to facilitate the lesson and actively engage young learners.**
- **Detail** how they will facilitate the lesson to actively engage young learners in an exploration of the selected history and social sciences standards as they relate to the primary source documents.
- Use the lesson plan template provided on Blackboard to detail all aspects of the lesson.
- Extend the lesson the history and social sciences lesson by integrating it with another academic area of study for the primary grades (e.g., science, mathematics, music, fine arts, reading, and writing).
 - Identify the additional content area standards selected to extend students' understandings of complex history and social sciences themes.
 - Detail how they will facilitate the lesson to actively engage young learners in an exploration of both the selected content area standards and the selected history and social sciences standards.
- **Infuse technology to the social** studies lesson with the integration of technology tools.
 - Use the **SAMR** model to inform the design of the lesson to ensure the purposeful and strategic incorporation of technology into the early childhood classroom.
 - Select at least one technology tool to facilitate the lesson and actively engage young learners.
 - Detail how they will facilitate children's use of the technology tool throughout the lesson to actively engage young learners in an exploration of the selected history and social sciences standards.
 - Explain how the technology supports children's learning.
- Include a rationale for selecting specific standards and articulate how the lesson promotes and enhances young children's understandings of history and social sciences themes.
- **Use citations from current research from the textbook, class discussions, and/or handouts in their rationale using APA format to support their assertions.**

- **Provide appendices for this lesson that include all additional instructional tools used to support children’s engagement (e.g., graphic organizers, story frames, writing prompts, work-mats, student directions for social studies centers or projects, assessment tools, primary sources, etc.).**

Sharing Lesson Plans (5 points)

Students will come to class prepared to share their lesson plans. Lesson plans will be creatively presented by creating an iMovie, Screencastify, Powtoon, etc.. The video will need to include:

- A discussion about the lesson plan
- The selected children’s literature
- The primary source artifacts
- The instructional tools used to support children’s engagement
- During class, students will share their video presentations.

Social Studies Flipgrid (15 points)

To promote students’ thoughtful consideration of social studies themes, students will participate in a Social Studies Flipgrid reflection activities. Students will participate in reflection activities that will ask them to connect their understandings of social studies themes and concepts to their own world. Students must participate in five Flipgrid reflection activities (3 points each).

Students will record their responses on Flipgrid, a free platform that allows students to share thoughts and experiences with each other as a class in an easy, fun to use video format.

- **Other Requirements**

Attendance and Participation (25 points)

Because active participation and engagement are imperative for optimal learning, preparation for and participation in in-class and online activities will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Students attend class, arrive on time, and stay for the entire class period.
- Students use laptops and personal devices for instructional purposes only.
- Students complete readings and prepare for class activities prior to class as evidenced by their ability to discuss and write about the concepts presented and examined in the texts as well as participate fully in related activities.
- Students are actively involved in in-class and online learning experiences as evidenced by (a) participating in all activities, (b) engaging in small- and large-group discussions, (c) completing written work related to the activities, and (d) supporting the participation and learning of classmates.
- Students show evidence of critical reflective thinking through in-class and online discussions, activities, and written reflections.
- Students display professional dispositions at all times while interacting with the instructor and other students.
- Students complete participation activities across the semester that complement the scheduled course topic. Instructors will periodically collect artifacts from the activities. Students in attendance and who actively engage in the learning experience will receive credit for their efforts. Graded participation activities are not announced and are implemented at the discretion of the instructor.

- Students submit attendance and participation self-evaluation.

Written Assignments

All formal written assignments will be evaluated for content and presentation. The American Psychological Association, Seventh Edition (APA) style will be followed for all written work. All written work unless otherwise noted must be completed on a word processor and should be proofread carefully. (Use spell check!) If students are not confident of their own ability to catch errors, they should have another person proofread their work. When in doubt, they should check the APA manual. Portions of the APA manual appear at the Style Manuals link on the Mason library website at <http://infoguides.gmu.edu/content.php?pid=39979>. Students may consult the Writing Center for additional writing support.

Students will do the following:

1. Present ideas in a clear, concise, and organized manner. (Avoid wordiness and redundancy.)
2. Develop points coherently, definitively, and thoroughly.
3. Refer to appropriate authorities, studies, and examples to document where appropriate. (Avoid meaningless generalizations, unwarranted assumptions, and unsupported opinions.)
4. Use correct capitalization, punctuation, spelling, and grammar.
5. Type the paper with double spacing, indented paragraphs, 1-inch margins all around, and 12-point Times New Roman font.

- **Grading**

A = 95-100 A- = 90-94 B+ = 87-89 B = 80-86 C = 70-79 F = <70

Incomplete (IN): This grade may be given to students who are passing a course but who may be unable to complete scheduled coursework for a cause beyond reasonable control.

All CEHD students are held to the university grading policies as described in the Academic Policies section of the current catalog, which can be accessed at <http://catalog.gmu.edu>. Those students seeking Virginia initial teaching licensure must earn a B- or better in all graduate licensure coursework.

Professional Dispositions

Students are expected to exhibit professional behaviors and dispositions at all times. See <https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/policies-procedures/>.

Class Schedule

Date	Topic	Readings & Assignments Due
Week 1 June 13 Meet virtually via Blackboard collaborate	Introductions Review syllabus Introducing History and Social Sciences Themes and Standards (NCSS themes)	Read- NAEYC Advancing equity position statement

	<p>Review assignments: Authentic Children’s Literature for Examining History and Social Sciences</p> <p>Exploring Digital Technology Tools</p>	
<p>Week 2 June 20 In-person</p>	<p>Examining What We Know: Understanding the Knowledge, Skills, and Processes of Social Studies concepts and young children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examining Culture with Diverse Young Children • Developing understandings that Americans are a people of diverse ethnic origins, customs, and traditions • Asking appropriate questions and summarizing points to answer a question • Establishing the importance of developing fluency in content vocabulary and comprehension of verbal, written, and visual sources <p>Discuss: Children’s literature and technology and the Role of Assessment</p>	<p>Assignments due on June 20, 2022 Read: National Curriculum Standards for Social Studies (NCSS, 2010) pp. 3-12 and 26-29 Read: Odhiambo et al., (2016) Chapter 8 and 9 Watch: Iceberg video</p> <p>Due to Bb by 6/20- Flipgrid #1 – 5 artifacts Due to Bb by 6/20 - <i>Authentic Children’s Literature for Examining History and Social Sciences Themes with Young Learners Assignment</i></p> <p>Due to BB by 6/20- <i>Exploring Digital Technology Tools Assignment</i></p>
<p>Week 3 June 27 In-person</p>	<p>Promoting and Teaching Individual development, identity, and community to young children Promoting History and the Social Sciences Thinking and Concept Formation in Diverse Young Children Understanding the role of assessment <i>Virginia Standards of Learning and Virginia's Foundation Blocks for Early Learning: Comprehensive Standards for Four-Year-Olds</i> provide the necessary foundation for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fostering children’s historical thinking, geographic analysis, economic decision-making, and responsible citizenship practices • Developing and using culturally relevant curriculum, pedagogies, and materials that 	<p>Assignments due on June 27,2022 Read: Odhiambo et al., (2016) Chapters 1,2 and 3 Read: NCSS (2010) Chapter 2 (p. 14 - 23),</p> <p><i>Review -Virginia Standards of Learning for History and Social Sciences</i></p> <p><i>Review- Virginia's Foundation Blocks for Early Learning: Comprehensive Standards</i></p> <p>Examine the structure of the lessons in the following website and start thinking about your projects J https://www.socialstudies.org/sites/default/files/images/Bulletin112_Excerpts.pdf</p>

	<p>support and enhance diverse young children’s learning</p> <p>Promoting History and the Social Sciences Thinking and Concept Formation about Time, continuity, and change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrate the use of technology as a tool for teaching, learning, researching, and communicating into integrated social sciences units. • Planning Integrated History and Social Sciences Units for Diverse Young Learners • Planning instruction responsive to interests, preferences, motivation, interaction styles, developmental status, learning history, cultural variables, and levels of participation of young children 	<p>Due to Bb by 6/27 - Flipgrid #2-Community Helpers</p>
<p>Week 4 July 4</p>	<p>Holiday - No class</p>	
<p>Week 5 July 11 In-person</p>	<p>Exploring Individuals, Groups, and Institutions; Power, Authority, and Governance with young children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct cause and effect relationships in history <p>Connections across time and place</p> <p>Practicing Civics, Government, and Citizenship with Diverse Young Learners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Privileges and responsibilities of good citizenship • Process of making laws • Good citizenship and respect for rules and laws • Importance of children’s participation in classroom activities • Using a decision-making model to identify costs and benefits of a specific choice 	<p>Assignments due on July 11, 2022</p> <p>Due to Bb by 7/11 - Lesson Plan #1: History and Social Sciences with Children’s Literature</p> <p>Read: NCSS (2010) Production, Distribution, and consumption; Science, technology, and Society: Global Connections pp. 20-22,50-61, 82-89</p> <p>Read: Odhiambo et al., (2016) Chapters 6 and 7</p> <p>Due to Bb by 7/11- Flipgrid #3-VA regions</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Americans are a people of diverse ethnic origins, customs, and traditions, who are united by the basic principles of a republican form of government and a common identity as Americans Role of local government <p>America’s constitutional republic and its ideas, institutions, and practices</p> <p>Exploring the Five Themes of Geography with Diverse Young Children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place / Location / Regions Using Maps and Other Geographic Representations, Tools, and Technologies with Diverse Young Children Acquiring, processing, and reporting information Using charts, graphs, and pictures to determine to determine characteristics of people, places, and events in history Virginia history from 1607 to the present <p>Exploring Science, Technology, and Society with young children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop an understanding of past and present advances in science and technology and their impact 	
<p>Week 6 July 18 In-person</p>	<p>Economics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Role of government in economic markets Market economy Scarcity <p>Using a decision-making model to identify costs and benefits of a specific choice</p> <p>Economics</p>	<p>Assignments due on July 18, 2022</p> <p>Due to Bb by 7/18 - Lesson plan share video presentation Due to Bb by 7/18- Flipgrid #4- Branches of Government</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity costs • Consumption and production <p>Using historical, geographical, and economic sources to develop children’s fluency in content vocabulary and comprehension of verbal, written and visual sources</p> <p>Ancient civilizations and American social and political institutions</p> <p>Exploring Global Connections and Interdependence With Diverse Young Learners</p>	<p>Due to Bb by 7/18- Graduate students- Economics presentations</p> <p>Explore- Council for Economic Education https://www.econedlink.org: Become a member for free sign up to access resources</p>
<p>Week 7 July 25 In-person</p>		<p>Due to Bb by 7/25- Flipgrid #5 Due to Bb by 7/25 – Lesson #2: History and Social Sciences with Primary Sources</p> <p>Due to Bb by 7/25 - Attendance and Participation Self-Evaluation</p>

Note: Faculty reserves the right to alter the schedule as necessary, with notification to students

Core Values Commitment

The College of Education and Human Development is committed to collaboration, ethical leadership, innovation, research-based practice, and social justice. Students are expected to adhere to these principles: <http://cehd.gmu.edu/values/>.

GMU Policies and Resources for Students

Policies

- Students must adhere to the guidelines of the Mason Honor Code (see <https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/honor-code-system/>).
- Students must follow the university policy for Responsible Use of Computing (see <https://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/policies/responsible-use-of-computing/>).
- Students are responsible for the content of university communications sent to their Mason email account and are required to activate their account and check it regularly. All communication from the university, college, school, and program will be sent to students **solely** through their Mason email account.
- Students with disabilities who seek accommodations in a course must be registered with George Mason University Disability Services. Approved accommodations will begin at the time the written letter from Disability Services is received by the instructor (see <http://ds.gmu.edu/>).

- Students must follow the university policy stating that all sound emitting devices shall be silenced during class unless otherwise authorized by the instructor.

Campus Resources

- Support for submission of assignments to VIA should be directed to viahelp@gmu.edu or <https://cehd.gmu.edu/aero/assessments>. Questions or concerns regarding use of Blackboard should be directed to <https://its.gmu.edu/knowledge-base/blackboard-instructional-technology-support-for-students/>.
- For information on student support resources on campus, see <https://ctfe.gmu.edu/teaching/student-support-resources-on-campus>.

Notice of mandatory reporting of sexual assault, sexual harassment, interpersonal violence, and stalking: As a faculty member, I am designated as a “Non-Confidential Employee,” and must report all disclosures of sexual assault, sexual harassment interpersonal violence, and stalking to Mason’s Title IX Coordinator per [University Policy 1202](#). If you wish to speak with someone confidentially, please contact one of Mason’s confidential resources, such as [Student Support and Advocacy Center \(SSAC\)](#) at 703-380-1434 or [Counseling and Psychological Services \(CAPS\)](#) at 703-993-2380. You may also seek assistance or support measures from Mason’s Title IX Coordinator by calling 703-993-8730, or emailing titleix@gmu.edu.

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Evaluation Guides

Lesson Plan #1 or #2: Exploring History and Social Sciences Themes in Children's Literature (15 points)

Students will use the lesson plan template provided on Blackboard to detail all aspects of the lesson. Students will include the following:

- _____/3 Include an introduction that summarizes the lesson plan and provides a rationale for selecting the specific social studies and content area standards and articulates how the lesson promotes and enhances young children's understandings of social studies themes in relation to the children's text (approximately 1 page).
- _____/1 Select a rich text to engage children in an exploration of the primary social studies theme(s) to be explored. Students are encouraged to use texts identified by the National Council of Social Studies, lists and websites will be provided to help guide students' selection.
- _____/1 Identify the relevant social studies standards and themes explored in the text.
- _____/1 Select specific themes to strategically explore with young learners. These themes and standards will inform students' assessment products/projects and embedded strategic questions.
- _____/2 Select artifacts from the Library of Congress archives to enhance children's understandings of the social studies themes and actively engage young learners. Include a set of strategic questions that encourage children to grapple with complex social studies themes in relation to the primary sources identified.
- _____/2 Detail how they will facilitate the lesson to actively engage young learners in an exploration of the selected social studies standards as they relate to the primary source documents.
- _____/2 Strategically infuse the use of technology
- _____/3 Assessing Children's Understandings
 - Design an assessment product/project that allows children to enhance and show their understandings of the primary standards articulated.
 - Include an assessment tool for evaluating children's understandings of the primary standards articulated.

Use citations from current research from the textbook, class discussions, and/or handouts in their rationale using APA format to support their assertions.

Provide appendices for this lesson that include all additional instructional tools used to support children's engagement (e.g., graphic organizers, story frames, writing prompts, work-mats, student directions for social studies centers or projects, assessment tools, primary sources, etc.). The instructional materials should be the creative genius of the student (i.e., not from *Pinterest* or *Teachers Pay Teachers*, etc.).