

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 – Interstate Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (InTASC) Teaching Standards, Division of Early Childhood (DEC) Initial Practice-Based Professional Preparation Standards for Early Interventionists/Early Childhood Special Educators (EI/ECSE), National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Professional Standards and Competencies for Early Childhood Educators, Virginia Professional Studies Endorsement Competencies, and Virginia Early/Primary Education PreK-3 Endorsement 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: 9781561836307

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. ISBN: 9780133550733

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. ISBN: 9780879861063

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	Ongoing	25
• Self-Evaluation Attendance and Participation Form	July 24	
Virginia State and Local Civic Education Module	June 26	5
Exploring Digital Technology Tools	June 19	5
Authentic Children’s Literature for Examining History and Social Sciences	June 19	5
Integrated History and Social Sciences Instructional Plans		40

Assignments	Due Dates	Points
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lesson Plan #1: History and Social Sciences Through Children’s Literature and Primary Sources (Group Project) 	July 24	20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check-in #1 	June 12	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check-in #2 	June 26	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check-in #3 	July 10	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check-in #4 	July 17	5
Teaching Economics Using Children’s Literature Lesson Share	July 10	5
Sharing of Lesson Plans	July 17	5
Social Studies Flipgrid Reflection Activities		10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # 1 	June 5	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # 2 	June 12	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # 3 	June 26	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # 4 	July 10	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # 5 	July 24	2
TOTAL		100

- Assignments and/or Examinations

Virginia State and Local Civic Education Module (5 points)

Students will complete an online module on state and local civic education required for teacher licensure in Virginia. The module can be found through this link (<https://www.civiceducationva.org/>). Students will upload the completion certificate to Blackboard.

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 (5 points)

Students will identify 5 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.

Teaching Economics Using Children’s Literature Experience Share (5 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 (40 points)

Students will develop one 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 the 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, and writing). Accordingly, the instructional plan will incorporate knowledge and understandings of learning standards in history and social sciences, as well as other content area standards. The 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:

- ***Lesson Plan #1: History and Social Sciences Through Children’s Literature and Primary Sources (Group Project) 20 points***

Students will develop one, integrated history and social sciences plans over the course of the semester. The plan will be related to at least one history and social sciences *Virginia Standards of Learning* or *Virginia's Early Learning and Development Standards* strand (i.e., **history, geography, economics, and citizenship**). Each plan will also reflect at least one of the **10 themes of history and social sciences as defined by the National Council of Social Studies**. The lesson will provide the following:

- 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
- The lesson plan will use the **Mason Lesson Planning Frame** 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),
 - Technology integrated into the lesson to enhance student engagement,
 - Primary source
 - Secondary content area integrated into the lesson to complement the history and social sciences concepts,
 - Assessment products to consider developing to document and demonstrate

children's knowledge of identified academic standards.

Check-in

Periodically, students will submit work collaboratively completed within their Lesson plan groups. Time in class and outside of class will be utilized to complete the collaborative project and guidance will be provided throughout the process by the course instructor. The design process will be iterative and further guidance supporting the project will be available in Blackboard as the project unfolds.

In small and whole groups students will do the following:

- Complete reflective group status logs to document the group's progress.
- Identify the relevant history and social sciences standards and themes explored in the text.
- Create an interactive experience that leverages primary sources and allows children to enhance and show their understandings of the primary standards articulated.
- Design a set of strategic questions that encourage children to grapple with complex history and social sciences themes.
- Select **artifacts from the Library of Congress archives** or other credible resource sites to facilitate the lesson and actively engage young learners.
- Integrate another academic area of study for the primary grades (e.g., science, mathematics, music, fine arts, reading, and writing) to enrich the history and social sciences lesson.
 - Identify the additional content area standards selected to extend students' understandings of complex history and social sciences themes.
- Design an assessment product/project allows children to enhance and show their understandings of the primary standards articulated (the history and social science standards and the other academic area).
- Include an assessment tool for evaluating children's understandings of the primary standards articulated.
- Use the lesson plan template provided on Blackboard to describe all aspects of the lesson.
- Detail in the **lesson plan template** how they will facilitate the lesson to actively engage young learners in an exploration of the selected history and social sciences standards and the primary source materials.
- Include a separate descriptive rationale in the form of an introductory set of paragraphs to justify the specific standards selected 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.).

Sharing of Group Lesson Plans (5 points)

Students will come to class prepared to engage the class and guest participants fully in the history and social science learning experiences designed to support learners' understandings. Students will come prepared to:

- Immerse participants in explorations of the learning experiences their small group developed.
- Utilize technology to present their version of their lesson plan so that it may be used by participants and other ECE students in the future.

Social Studies Flipgrid (10 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 (2 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)

Active participation and engagement are imperative for optimal learning. Therefore, students will prepare for and participate in in-class and online activities. Students will be expected to do the following:

- Attend class, arrive on time, and stay for the entire class period for all in-person and online synchronous class sessions.
- Complete all online asynchronous work by the due dates.
- Use laptops and personal devices for instructional purposes only during in-person and online synchronous class sessions.
- Complete readings and prepare for class activities prior to class as evidenced by the ability to discuss, write about, and engage in activities related to the concepts presented and examined in the texts.
- Complete participation activities across the semester that complement the scheduled course topic. *Note: Instructors will periodically collect artifacts from the activities.*
- Support the participation and learning of classmates. 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.
- Show evidence of critical reflective thinking through in-person, online synchronous, and online asynchronous discussions, activities, and written reflections.
- Display professional dispositions at all times when interacting with the instructor, classmates, and other professionals.
- Submit an 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 enrolled in a CEHD Licensure Graduate Certificate program, however, must earn a B- or better in all graduate licensure coursework. A degree-seeking graduate student will be dismissed after accumulating grades of F in two courses or 9 credits of unsatisfactory grades (C or F) in graduate courses. A 3.0 grade point average is required for completion of the graduate degree.

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
<p>Week 1 May 30-June 4</p>	<p>Introductions Review syllabus</p> <p>Introduce History and Social Sciences Themes and Standards</p> <p>Discuss Flipgrid #1</p>	<p>Read: NAEYC Advancing equity position statement https://www.naeyc.org/sites/default/files/globally-shared/downloads/PDFs/resources/position-statements/advancingequitypositionstatement.pdf</p> <p>Start working on Flipgrid #1</p>

Date	Topic	Readings & Assignments Due
<p>Week 2 June 5-11</p>	<p>Promoting and Teaching Individual development, identity, and community to young children</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"> • 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>Using theoretical models to make decisions</p> <p>Integrating Children’s Literature and Technology to Support Diverse Young Learners’ Knowledge and Skills</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 <p>Promoting History and the Social Sciences Thinking and Concept Formation in Diverse Young Children</p> <p><i>Virginia Standards of Learning and Virginia's Early Learning and Development Standards</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 support and enhance diverse young children’s learning 	<p>Read: Odhiambo et al., (2016) Chapters 1 and Chapter 2</p> <p>Read: NCSS (2010) Chapter 2 (p. 14 - 23), and Individual Development and Identity (NCSS, 2010) pp. 3-12 and 26-29, 38-41, & 76-77</p> <p>Due (June 5): Flipgrid #1</p> <p><i>Review -Virginia Standards of Learning for History and Social Sciences</i> https://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/standards_docs/history_socialscience/index.shtml#sol2015</p> <p><i>Review- Virginia’s Early Learning and Development Standards</i> https://www.doe.virginia.gov/early-childhood/curriculum/va-elds-birth-5.pdf</p> <p>Examine the structure of the lessons in the following website and start thinking about your projects https://www.socialstudies.org/sites/default/files/images/Bulletin112_Excerpts.pdf</p>

Date	Topic	Readings & Assignments Due
<p>Week 3 June 12-18</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>Read: Odhiambo et al., (2016) Chapters 3 and 4</p> <p>Read: (NCSS, 2010) pp. 30-33,34-37, 70-75</p> <p>Due to Bb (June 12): Lesson plan group check-in</p> <p>Due (June 12): Flipgrid #2</p>
<p>Week 4 June 19-25</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 <p>Using charts, graphs, and pictures to determine to determine characteristics of people, places, and events in history</p>	<p>Read: (NCSS, 2010) Global connections pp. 58-61, 87-89</p> <p>Read: Odhiambo et al., Chapter 5 and 6</p> <p>Due to Bb (June 19): Exploring Digital Technology Tools to Enhance and Extend Young Children’s Learning and Engagement</p> <p>Due to Bb (June 19): Authentic Children’s Literature for Examining History and Social Sciences Themes with Young Learners</p>
<p>Week 5 June 26-July 2</p>	<p>Developing Understanding of History Using Primary and Secondary Sources With Diverse Young Learners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ancient civilizations and American social and political institutions 	<p>Read: (NCSS, 2010): pp. 54-57, 85-86</p> <p>Read: Odhiambo et al., Chapters 7 and 8</p>

Date	Topic	Readings & Assignments Due
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virginia history from 1607 to the present • United States history (individuals, documents, and events) • Using Primary and Secondary Sources With Diverse Young Learners • Content area fluency using verbal, written, and visual sources • Primary sources, such as artifacts, letters, photographs, and newspapers, and secondary sources to understand events in history • Charts, graphs, and pictures to determine characteristics of people, places, or events <p>Understanding the role of assessment 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>Integrate Social studies content: history, geography, economics, civics with technology</p>	<p>Due to Bb (June 26): Lesson plan group check-in</p> <p>Due to Bb (June 26): Virginia State and Local Civic Education Module https://www.civiceducationva.org/</p> <p>Due to Bb (June 26): Flipgrid #3</p>
<p>Week 6 July 3-9</p>	<p>Holiday</p>	<p>Continue meeting with your Lesson plan group</p>
<p>Week 7 July 10-16</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 • Connections across time and place Exploring Global Connections and Interdependence With Diverse Young Learners 	<p>Read: Odhiambo et al., (2016) Chapter 9</p> <p>Read: (NCSS, 2010) pp. 42-49, 62-65, 90-92,78-81</p> <p>Due to Bb (July 10): Lesson plan check-in</p> <p>Due (July 10): Flipgrid #4</p>

Date	Topic	Readings & Assignments Due
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using geographic skills to explain the interaction of people, places, and events • Relationship between human activity and the physical environment <p>How people are interdependent Practicing Civics, Government, and</p> <p>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 • 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>Due to Bb (July 10): Teaching Economics Using Children’s Literature Lesson Share</p>
<p>Week 8 July 17-23</p>	<p>Exploring Themes of Economics With Young Learners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic economic principles • Role of the individual and how economic decisions are made • Role of government in economic markets <p>Exploring Economics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market economy 	<p>Read: (NCSS, 2010) pp. 50-53, & 82-84</p> <p>Due to Bb (July 17): Lesson plan check-in</p> <p>Explore- Council for Economic Education</p>

Date	Topic	Readings & Assignments Due
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scarcity • Using a decision-making model to identify costs and benefits of a specific choice 	https://www.econedlink.org : Become a member for free sign up to access resources Due to Bb (July 17): Sharing of Lesson Plan #1
Week 9 July 24-26	Lesson plan share Social Studies in the ECE classroom	Due to Bb (July 24): Lesson Plan #1 Due (July 24): Flipgrid #5 Due to Bb (July 24): Attendance and Participation Self-Evaluation

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.

For additional information on the College of Education and Human Development, please visit our website: <http://cehd.gmu.edu>.

Evaluation Guides

Lesson Plan #1: Exploring History and Social Sciences Themes in Children's Literature

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.
- ____/2 Identify the relevant social studies standards and themes explored in the text.
- ____/2 Select specific themes to strategically explore with young learners. These themes and standards will inform students' assessment products/projects and embedded strategic questions.
- ____/3 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.
- ____/3 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.
- ____/3 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.).