

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

ECED 413.B02 Integrating Social Studies Across the Content  
Areas for Diverse Young Learners  
3 Credits, Summer 2024, Hybrid  
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In-person Meetings: Mondays/ 4:30 pm-7:10 pm (6/3, 6/24, 7/8)  
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**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 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. Select develop, and use culturally relevant curriculum, pedagogies, and materials that support and enhance students' learning and reflects the research on age-appropriate practices.

13. Exhibit standards of professionalism, ethical standards, and personal integrity in interactions with classmates, the instructor, and others.
14. 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

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

### 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

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 **[THIS TEXT IS A FREE DOWNLOAD]**

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

### 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"> <li>• Self-Evaluation Attendance and Participation Form</li> </ul>	Ongoing July 15	<b>150</b>
Virginia State and Local Civic Education Module	June 3	<b>15</b>
Exploring Digital Technology Tools	June 3	<b>50</b>

<b>Assignments</b>	<b>Due Dates</b>	<b>Points</b>
Authentic Children’s Literature for Examining History and Social Sciences	June 3	<b>50</b>
Integrated History and Social Sciences Instructional Plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lesson Plan #1: History and Social Sciences Through Children’s Literature and Primary Sources</li> </ul>	July 15	<b>135</b>
Sharing of Lesson Plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual Lesson Plan Sharing and Peer Evaluation</li> </ul>	July 8	<b>50</b>
Social Studies Flipgrid Reflection Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># 1</li> <li># 2</li> <li># 3</li> <li># 4</li> <li># 5</li> </ul>	June 10 June 17 June 24 July 1 July 15	10 10 10 10 10
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>500</b>

- Assignments and/or Examinations**

**Virginia State and Local Civic Education Module (15 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 (50 points)**

Students will identify four digital technology tools that can be leveraged to extend and enhance young children’s learning. Students will use the Substitution, Augmentation, Modification, Redefinition (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 higher-order thinking skills (e.g., analyzing, evaluating, and creating). The tools will be shared with the entire class on a shared online platform. The collective reflection 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 (50 points)**

Students will identify 10 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*. A template for the assignment will be provided. Students will use texts identified by the National Council of Social Studies or other recommended sites. Texts need to be recently published. Lists and websites will be provided to help guide students' selection. One of the texts will be used as springboards for the instructional lesson plan submitted later in the semester.

### **Integrated History and Social Sciences Instructional Plans (135 points)**

Students will develop **one** integrated unit plan 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 prekindergarten*. For the lesson plan, students will emphasize learning outcomes articulated within at least two 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 unit will include instructional plans that incorporate knowledge and understandings of learning standards in history and social sciences, as well as other content area standards. The unit plan will include at least one intentional technology integration and 1 primary source to enhance children's learning. At the end of the course, students will share their unit lesson plans with the class. For this assignment students will develop and submit the following:

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

The unit plan will provide the following:

- An overview of the lesson,
- A rationale for the social studies themes and standards of learning lenses 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 Planning Frame** and clearly articulate the following details:

- Grade level,
- Primary National Council of 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.

- Include a separate descriptive rationale in the form of an introductory set of paragraphs justifying the specific standards selected and articulating 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 course readings, class discussions, and/or handouts in their rationale using APA format to support their assertions.**
- Provide **appendices for the unit lesson plan that includes 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 Lesson Plans (50 points)**

Students will come to class prepared to engage the class fully in the history and social science learning experiences designed to support learners’ understandings (or prepare a full presentation using technology such as creating a video to be shared widely with ECE students). Students will come prepared to:

- Immerse participants in explorations of the lesson plan developed,
- Share the selected children’s literature,
- Hold a discussion about the unit lesson plan,
- Describe the primary source artifacts, and
- Explain the instructional tools used to support children’s engagement.

### **Social Studies Flip (50 points)**

To promote students’ thoughtful consideration of social studies themes, students will participate in five Social Studies Flip reflection activities. Flip reflection activities will invite students to connect their understandings of social studies themes and concepts to the real world. Students must participate in five Flip reflection activities (10 points each). Students will record their responses on Flip, 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 (150 points)**

1. Attendance is taken when the class is scheduled to start, and a student will be considered late once attendance is taken. If a student leaves more than 10 minutes before the end of the class, then it is considered an early departure. Two late arrivals or early departures, or a combination of both, equals one absence.
2. Students who are registered for the course at the start of the semester must attend the first class session to continue in the course. If the student is registered for the course and unable to attend the first class session, they should drop the course and plan to take it in a subsequent semester.
3. Course length:
  - a. For undergraduate students: In 15-week semester-long courses, more than 2 class absences will result in one full letter grade (10%) deduction. For example, if a student has a 92% in a 15-week course, after more than 2 absences their grade

will automatically change to an 82%. In a course that is less than a full 15-week semester length, inclusive of 7.5-week and 10-week courses, more than 1 class absence will result in one full letter grade (10%) deduction. For example, if a student has a 92% in a 7.5-week course or a 10-week course, after more than 1 absence their grade will automatically change to an 82%.

- b. For graduate students: In 15-week semester-long courses, more than 2 class absences will result in one letter grade (5%) deduction. For example, if a student has 92% in a 15-week course, after more than 2 absences their grade will automatically change to an 87%. In a course that is less than a full 15-week semester length, inclusive of 7.5-week and 10-week courses, more than 1 class absence will result in one letter grade deduction. For example, if a student has a 92% in a 7.5-week course or a 10-week course, after more than 1 absence their grade will automatically change to an 82%.
4. Per the catalog ([AP.1.6.1](#)), excused absences, to observe religious holidays or to participate in university-sponsored activities (e.g., intercollegiate athletics, forensics team, dance company, etc.) must be communicated to each faculty, within the first two weeks of the semester, with the dates of major religious holidays on which the student will be absent, and the dates for which they are requesting an excused absence for participation in any university-sponsored activity scheduled prior to the start of the semester, and as soon as possible otherwise. Absence from classes or exams for these reasons does not relieve students from responsibility for any part of the course work required during the absence. Students who miss classes, exams, or other assignments because of their religious observance or for participation in a university activity will be provided a reasonable alternative opportunity, consistent with class attendance policies stated in the syllabus, to make up the missed work. Students are obligated to provide their instructor with a letter from a university official stating the dates and times that participation in the University-sponsored activity would result in the student missing class.
5. Inclusive ECE program participation policy:
  - a. In accordance with the GMU Attendance Policies (University Catalog, 2023-2024), “Students are expected to attend the class periods of the courses for which they are registered. In-class participation is important not only to the individual student, but also to the class as a whole. Because class participation is a factor in grading, instructors may use absence, tardiness, early departure, or failure to engage in online classes as de facto evidence of nonparticipation.” See <https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/registration-attendance/#ap-1-6>.

Online participation in synchronous sessions requires students to remain engaged and active learners. Therefore, students must keep their camera on throughout the entire class session. Students must attend the entire class session without distractions and participate in small group and whole group activities. If cameras are off and engagement is not evidenced the student will be marked as absent.

If you must be absent, late, or leave early from class, or have your camera off, inform the instructor prior to the beginning of the class session, at least 24-48 hours.

## 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+ = 98-100   A = 93-97   A- = 90-92   B+ = 87-89   B = 83-86   B- = 80-82   C+ = 77-79  
C = 70-76   D = 60-69   F = <60

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 C or better in all undergraduate 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
<b>Week 1</b> <b>May 28-June 2</b>  Asynchronous Week	Introductions Review syllabus Introduce History and Social Sciences Themes and Standards Examining What We Know: Understanding the Knowledge, Skills, and Processes of Social Studies concepts and young children	Read: <i>National Curriculum Standards for Social Studies</i> Executive Summary: <a href="https://www.socialstudies.org/standards/national-curriculum-standards-social-studies-executive-summary">https://www.socialstudies.org/standards/national-curriculum-standards-social-studies-executive-summary</a>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asking appropriate questions and summarizing points to answer a question</li> <li>• Establishing the importance of developing fluency in content vocabulary and comprehension of verbal, written, and visual sources</li> <li>• Using theoretical models to make decisions regarding technology integrations</li> </ul>	<p>Read: <i>National Curriculum Standards for Social Studies</i> Introduction:  <a href="https://www.socialstudies.org/standards/national-curriculum-standards-social-studies-introduction">https://www.socialstudies.org/standards/national-curriculum-standards-social-studies-introduction</a></p> <p>Locate and Preview:  <i>Virginia Standards of Learning for History and Social Sciences</i>  <a href="https://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching-learning-assessment/k-12-standards-instruction/history-and-social-science/standards-of-learning">https://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching-learning-assessment/k-12-standards-instruction/history-and-social-science/standards-of-learning</a></p> <p>Locate and Preview:  <i>Virginia's Early Learning and Development Standards</i>  <a href="https://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching-learning-assessment/early-childhood-care-education/early-childhood-standards-instructional-supports">https://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching-learning-assessment/early-childhood-care-education/early-childhood-standards-instructional-supports</a></p> <p><u>Choose 1 grade you will focus each required assignment on for the semester</u></p>
<p><b>Week 2</b>  <b>June 3-9</b></p> <p><b>June 3</b>  Synchronous Meeting  4:30-7:10 pm</p>	<p>Promoting History and the Social Sciences Thinking and Concept Formation in Diverse Young Children <i>Virginia Standards of Learning</i> and <i>Virginia's Early Learning and Development Standards</i> provide the necessary foundation for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fostering children’s historical thinking, geographic analysis, economic decision-making, and responsible citizenship practices</li> <li>• Developing and using culturally relevant curriculum, pedagogies, and materials that support and enhance diverse young children’s learning</li> </ul>	<p>Read: NCSS (2019) Position Statement Early Childhood in the Social Studies Context.  <a href="https://www.socialstudies.org/position-statements/early-childhood-social-studies-context">https://www.socialstudies.org/position-statements/early-childhood-social-studies-context</a></p> <p>Read: Mindes (2015). Pushing up the social studies from early childhood education to the world. <i>Young Children</i>, 70(3), p. 10-15.  <a href="https://www.jstor.org/stable/ycyoungchildren.70.3.10">https://www.jstor.org/stable/ycyoungchildren.70.3.10</a>  (30 minute read and think)</p> <p>Review: <i>National Curriculum Standards for Social Studies</i> (NCSS, 2010) Chapter 2 The Themes of Social Studies</p>

		<p><a href="https://www.socialstudies.org/national-curriculum-standards-social-studies-chapter-2-themes-social-studies">https://www.socialstudies.org/national-curriculum-standards-social-studies-chapter-2-themes-social-studies</a></p> <p><b>Due to Bb (June 3):</b> Virginia State and Local Civic Education Module</p> <p><b>Due to Bb (June 3): Authentic Children’s Literature for Examining History and Social Sciences Themes with Young Learners.</b></p> <p><b>Due to Bb (June 3): Exploring Digital Technology Tools to Enhance and Extend Young Children’s Learning and Engagement</b></p>
<p><b>Week 3 June 10-16</b></p> <p>Asynchronous Week</p>	<p>Promoting History and the Social Sciences Thinking and Concept Formation about Time, Continuity, and Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrate the use of technology as a tool for teaching, learning, researching, and communicating into integrated social sciences units.</li> <li>• Planning Integrated History and Social Sciences Units for Diverse Young Learners</li> <li>• Planning instruction responsive to interests, preferences, motivation, interaction styles, developmental status, learning history, cultural variables, and levels of participation of young children</li> </ul> <p>Exploring the Five Themes of Geography With Diverse Young Children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place / Location / Regions</li> <li>• Using Maps and Other</li> </ul>	<p>Read: <i>C3 Framework</i> (20 pages)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction (pp.1-10)</li> <li>• How to Read the C3 Framework (pp. 12-14)</li> <li>• The Inquiry Arc of the C3 Framework (pp. 16-20)</li> <li>• Dimension 1: Developing Questions and Planning Inquiries (pp. 16-20)</li> </ul> <p>Read: NAEYC Advancing equity position statement <a href="https://www.naeyc.org/resources/position-statements/equity">https://www.naeyc.org/resources/position-statements/equity</a></p> <p>Read and View Lecture: (NCSS, 2010) Time, Continuity, and Change (pp. 30- 33, 70-71)</p> <p>Read: <i>C3 Framework: English Language Arts/Literacy Common Core Connections Dimension 2</i> (pp. 50-51).</p> <p>Read and View Lecture: (NCSS, 2010) People, Places, and Environments (pp. 34-37, 72-75)</p>

	<p>Geographic Representations, Tools, and Technologies With Diverse Young Children</p> <p>Acquiring, processing, and reporting information Using charts, graphs, and pictures to determine to determine characteristics of people, places, and events in history</p> <p>Introduce History and Social Sciences Themes and Standards</p>	<p>Read and View Lecture: (NCSS, 2010) Global connections (pp. 58-61, 87-89)</p> <p>Review: <i>C3 Framework: Geography</i> (pp. 40-45)</p> <p>Selected Article Explorations Posted on Blackboard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geography, Global Connections, People Place and Environments: Ellison &amp; Peterson (2021). Creating culturally relevant, place-based lessons for first graders in Minnesota—and in every community.</li> <li>• Hughes &amp; Heckart (2023). Asking their own questions: Supporting student-initiated inquiry in third grade. <a href="https://www.socialstudies.org/social-studies-and-young-learner/35/4/teaching-young-learners-c3-framework">https://www.socialstudies.org/social-studies-and-young-learner/35/4/teaching-young-learners-c3-framework</a></li> <li>• Allen (2018). Teach like Socrates- Encouraging Critical Thinking in Elementary Social Studies.</li> <li>• Other children’s literature related articles</li> </ul> <p><b>Due (June 10): Flip #1 Geography</b></p>
<p><b>Week 4</b> <b>June 17-23</b></p> <p>Asynchronous Week</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"> <li>• Inquiry in Action</li> <li>• Asking appropriate questions and summarizing points to answer a question</li> <li>• Establishing the importance of developing fluency in content</li> </ul>	<p>Read: <i>National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) (2017). Powerful, purposeful pedagogy in elementary social studies.</i> <a href="http://www.socialstudies.org/positions/powerfulandpurposeful">www.socialstudies.org/positions/powerfulandpurposeful</a>.</p> <p>Read and View Lecture: NCSS (2010) Chapter 2 (pp. 14 - 23), and Individual Development and</p>

	<p>vocabulary and comprehension of verbal, written, and visual sources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using theoretical models to make decisions regarding technology integrations</li> </ul> <p>Promoting and Teaching Individual development, identity, and community to young children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integrating Children’s Literature and Technology to Support Diverse Young Learners’ Knowledge and Skills</li> <li>Examining Culture With Diverse Young Children</li> <li>Developing understandings that Americans are a people of diverse ethnic origins, customs, and traditions</li> </ul>	<p>Identity (NCSS, 2010) (pp. 38-41, &amp; 76-77)</p> <p>Read and View Lecture: NCSS (2010) Chapter 2 Culture (pp. 26-29, &amp; 68-69).</p> <p>Read and View Lecture: <i>C3 Framework: Dimension 2: Applying Disciplinary Concepts and Tools</i> (pp. 29 <i>C3 Framework: Civics</i> (pp. 31-34) <i>C3 Framework: Economics</i> (pp. 35-39) <i>C3 Framework: Geography</i> (pp. 40-45) <i>C3 Framework: History</i> (pp. 45-49)</p> <p><b>Due (June 17): Flip #2 Mask</b></p>
<p><b>Week 5</b> <b>June 24-30</b></p> <p><b>June 24</b> Synchronous Meeting 4:30-7:10 pm</p>	<p>Developing Understanding of History Using Primary and Secondary Sources With Diverse Young Learners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ancient civilizations and American social and political institutions</li> <li>Virginia history from 1607 to the present</li> <li>United States history (individuals, documents, and events)</li> <li>Using Primary and Secondary Sources With Diverse Young Learners</li> <li>Content area fluency using verbal, written, and visual sources</li> <li>Primary sources, such as artifacts, letters, photographs, and newspapers, and secondary sources to understand events in history</li> <li>Charts, graphs, and pictures to determine characteristics of people, places, or events</li> </ul>	<p>Read and View Lecture: C3 Framework: Evaluating Sources and Using Evidence (pp. 53-57)</p> <p>Read and View Lecture: (NCSS, 2010) Science, Technology, and Society: pp. 54-57, 85-86</p> <p><i>Review: C3 Framework: History</i> (pp. 45-49)</p> <p>Selected Article Explorations Posted on Blackboard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nokes (2023) Chapter 2 Models of Instruction: Varying Teaching to Support Learners During Inquiry <a href="https://www.socialstudies.org/tps/ebook-elementary-inquiry/chapter2">https://www.socialstudies.org/tps/ebook-elementary-inquiry/chapter2</a> pick at least two models to read and compare.</li> <li>Purdin (2023) How do we teach elementary students to think like historians?</li> </ul>

	<p>Exploring Science, Technology, and Society with young children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop an understanding of past and present advances in science and technology and their impact</li> <li>• Integrate Social studies content: history, geography, economics, civics with technology</li> </ul> <p>Understanding the role of assessment</p>	<p><a href="https://www.socialstudies.org/tps/ebook-elementary-inquiry/chapter4">https://www.socialstudies.org/tps/ebook-elementary-inquiry/chapter4</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• La Croix, Vesely, &amp; Steen (in press). Humanizing History: Using Historical Fiction Texts to Develop Disciplinary and Racial Literacies.</li> <li>• La Croix, Steen, &amp; Vesely (2024). Using Historical Fiction with Young Children to Spark Historical Inquiry with Anti-Bias and Anti-Racist Lenses. <i>Young Children</i>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Due (June 24): Flip #3 Historical Location</b></p>
<p><b>Week 6 July 1-7</b></p> <p>Asynchronous Week</p>	<p>Exploring Themes of Economics With Young Learners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic economic principles</li> <li>• Role of the individual and how economic decisions are made</li> <li>• Role of government in economic markets</li> </ul> <p>Exploring Economics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Market economy</li> <li>• Scarcity</li> <li>• Using a decision-making model to identify costs and benefits of a specific choice</li> <li>• Basic economic principles</li> </ul>	<p>Read: (NCSS, 2010) Production, Distribution, and Governance pp. 50-53, &amp; 82-84</p> <p>Review: <i>C3 Framework: Economics</i> (pp. 35-39)</p> <p>Explore-Council for Economic Education <a href="https://www.econedlink.org">https://www.econedlink.org</a> Become a member for free to access resources</p> <p>Read: Vocabulary section of the Children’s Economics book.</p> <p>Read: C3 Framework: Dimension 4 Communicating Conclusions and Taking Informed Action (pp. 59-64).</p> <p>Selected Article Explorations Posted on Blackboard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Articles choices or kids making informed action</li> <li>• Pedagogy articles connected to assessment</li> </ul>

		<p>View and Complete Reflections on the Teaching Economics Using Children’s Literature Lesson Share</p> <p><b>Due (July 1): Flip #4 Economics and You</b></p>
<p><b>Week 7 July 8-14</b></p> <p><b>July 8</b> Synchronous Meeting 4:30-7:10 pm</p>	<p>Exploring Individuals, Groups, and Institutions; Power, Authority, and Governance with young children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct cause and effect relationships in history</li> <li>• Connections across time and place Exploring Global Connections and Interdependence With Diverse Young Learners</li> <li>• Using geographic skills to explain the interaction of people, places, and events</li> <li>• Relationship between human activity and the physical environment</li> <li>• How people are interdependent</li> </ul> <p>Practicing Civics, Government, and Citizenship With Diverse Young Learners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Privileges and responsibilities of good citizenship</li> <li>• Process of making laws</li> <li>• Good citizenship and respect for rules and laws</li> <li>• Importance of children’s participation in classroom activities</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Role of local government</li> </ul>	<p>Read: (NCSS, 2010) Individuals, Groups, and Institutions; Power, Authority, and Governance pp. 42-49, 78-81</p> <p>Review: <i>C3 Framework: Civics</i> (pp. 31-34)</p> <p>Read: (NCSS, 2010) Civic ideals and practices, pp. 62-65, 90-92</p> <p>Selected Article Explorations Posted on Blackboard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Krizan (2022) So We Want Kindergarteners to Argue Developing Argumentation Skills in the Kindergarten Classroom.</li> <li>• Krechevsky et al (2014). Engaging city hall: Children as citizens.</li> <li>• Rodriguez (2023). What does a U.S. Citizen “Look” Like? What Does It Mean to Be Loyal to Your country? Civics Inquiries about Japanese American Incarceration. <i>Using Inquiry to Prepare Students for College Career, and Civic Life (Elementary Grades)</i>. (pp. 312-351).</li> <li>• Dickerson, et al. (2023). Defending History: Educators Stand Up to Protect Virginia’s Social Studies Standards <a href="https://www.socialstudies.org/social-">https://www.socialstudies.org/social-</a></li> </ul>

	America's constitutional republic and its ideas, institutions, and practices	<a href="https://www.gmu.edu/education/87/6/defending-history-educators-stand-protect-virginias-social-studies-standards">education/87/6/defending-history-educators-stand-protect-virginias-social-studies-standards</a>  <b>Due to Bb (July 8): Individual Lesson Plan Share</b>
<b>Week 8 July 15-21</b>  Asynchronous Week	Social Studies in the ECE classroom  Social Studies in the ECE classroom Pausing to Reflect on Your Experiences and Future Practices	<b>Due (July 15): Flip #5 Reflection</b>  <b>Due to Bb (July 15): Individual Lesson Plan #1: History and Social Sciences through Primary Sources</b>  <b>Due to Bb (July 15): Attendance and Participation Self-Evaluation</b>
<b>Week 9 July 21-27</b>  Asynchronous Week	Review  Extending Your Learning in Social Studies Instruction	

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## Evaluation Guide

### ***Integrated History and Social Sciences Instructional Plans Lesson Plan #2***

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

\_\_\_\_\_/2 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).

\_\_\_\_\_/2 Identify the relevant social studies standards and themes explored in the text. 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 or other relevant source to enhance children's understandings of the social studies themes and actively engage young learners.

\_\_\_\_\_/2 Include sets of strategic questions to encourage children to grapple with complex social studies themes in relation to the primary sources identified.

\_\_\_\_\_/4 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.

\_\_\_\_\_/1 Strategically infuse the use of technology.

\_\_\_\_\_/2 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, workmats, 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.).