

Alabama FAQs

Why did you change the curriculum?

The Alabama State Board of Education extended the adoption cycle but let us update your social studies curriculum. Our goal is to give you the best curriculum possible, so we changed the publications to align with your current state standards and make them more engaging for students.

How is the new curriculum different from what I had before?

It more powerfully engages your students with integrated discussions and lesson plans where students evaluate evidence and make conclusions. It also aligns with your current state standards and includes better representation of different backgrounds and experiences so students see themselves in the publications.

I have lesson plans and activities already that fit with the old curriculum. How much work will I need to do to start using the new publications?

As with any new curriculum, you will need to make some changes. Some lessons you'll be able to use; others you'll need to adjust or will no longer fit. The new curriculum includes assessments, lesson plans, graphic organizers, and videos tied to the content so you have materials readily available to make using the new curriculum easier.

Does it have Critical Race Theory (CRT) in it?

Our curriculum does **NOT** include Critical Race Theory. We do **NOT** take a stance on what should or should not be included in your curriculum. We leave that up to your Department of Education.

If the Alabama Department of Education adds Critical Race Theory components into its standards, then we will update your curriculum in the next edition after notifying you and identifying which publication(s) contain Critical Race Theory so you can make an informed decision.

Does it have SEL in it?

There are no SEL lessons in these publications. The teacher edition has questions teachers can use to address student health, but there are no lesson plans around SEL ideas.

What is your political agenda as you build your curriculum?

Studies Weekly has no political agenda. We try to walk a middle ground and tightly align our curriculum to your state's standards so that you teach social studies your way. We stick to the facts by building our publications around primary sources so teachers and students can analyze them and come up with their own conclusions.

The Founding Fathers are being trashed in society today. What do you teach about the Founding Fathers?

The Founding Fathers played an important role in our country's history, and we present them fairly in all our publications.