

California State University San Marcos  
College of Education

**\*\* SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS \*\***  
**CRN #41323 - Section 1**  
**Cohort 57**

**EDMS 544**

**Fall 2004**

**Meetings:** Thursdays (8 weeks), 8:00 – 2:15

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*Children are the messages we will send to a time we will never see...*  
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**Course Description**

This course is designed to introduce prospective elementary school teachers to the theoretical concepts, instructional methods and materials for use in social studies education and curriculum integration. Research indicates that when teachers use a variety of teaching methods that are integrated into the content of the course, learners become more effectively engaged in learning. Therefore, the broad emphasis of this course will focus on issues of planning, organization and assessment that involve the learner in higher-level thinking through cognitive and affective involvement.

**Purpose**

Social studies is perhaps **the** most important part of the school curriculum because it not only brings together basic tools (such as the 3 Rs) but it **utilizes them authentically**. In the social studies we wrestle with crucial questions: What kind of society do we want to have? What is a "good citizen"? What is fair? How can we create better ways of living together? Our role as educators is to help students develop responsible and thoughtful ways of thinking, believing and acting.

As your instructor, I am committed to modeling reflective and transparent teaching in order to assist you in successfully achieving the goals of this course.

**Course Goals**

As a result of this course, you will be able to:

- 1) apply the California History/Social Science Framework (Standards), and related documents to the classroom experience;
- 2) understand the value of incorporating primary source materials, the arts, and oral history methods into social studies instruction;
- 3) become aware of the multitude of community resources available to teachers and the ways in which these resources can be used to strengthen the social studies program;
- 4) design lessons / units that are grade level and developmentally appropriate, that utilize primary source materials, that infuse a multicultural/lingual perspective, and that address the needs of diverse learners;
- 5) design curricula that reflect a variety of instructional strategies and that develop children's higher-level thinking skills through active participation;
- (6) more deeply appreciate the social sciences and history as a field of study.
- (7) more clearly articulate issues related to the "social environment" (TPE #11).

**Required Texts:**

CSDE. (2000). History-Social Science Framework (for California Public Schools K-12). Sacramento, CA. (H/SS)

Turner, T. N. (2004). Essentials of Classroom Teaching: Elementary Social Studies. Boston: Allyn and Bacon. (T)

*And readings from previously purchased, Successful Inclusive Teaching by Joyce Choate*

**Highly Recommended:**

California Geographic Alliance – North (2000). California Atlas. George Cram Company, Inc. (CA)

San Diego County Office of Education (2001). Pages of the Past: K-6 Literature Aligned to H/SS Standards. (PP)

**Professionalism**

Because this course is part of an accredited program that leads to professional certification, students are expected to demonstrate behavior consistent with a professional career. In particular students must:

1. Attend all class meetings. If you miss a class session, please notify the instructor in writing (email) as soon as possible. Absences do not change assignment due dates. Additional specifics regarding attendance will be handed out separately in class.
2. Arrive on time just as you would at a school site. Late arrivals to and early departures each count as ½ absence.
3. Prepare carefully for class. Be ready to discuss readings and assignments thoughtfully. All voices are valued in our classroom community. Please be sure we get to hear your thoughts on the topics we cover.
4. Complete assignments on time. Late assignments will receive a 20% reduction in points for each day late. Occasionally a student may be asked to revise an assignment. If so, the revised work must be submitted no later than one week after it was returned and may not be eligible for full credit. Absences do not change assignment due dates. If you are absent when an assignment is due, you may submit the work via email (except for Physical Model) so that it is not counted late. I will confirm receipt of emailed assignments.
5. Interact professionally and collaborate responsibly with your colleagues. Teacher education is a professional preparation program and students will be expected to adhere to standards of dependability, academic honesty and writing achievement. In short, please model TPE 11 and do your part to promote a healthy, happy, productive social environment.

With TPE 11 in mind... how would you rate yourself on the following?

## **PARTICIPATION, COLLABORATION AND PROFESSIONALISM**

Students will engage in active learning each class session, and will be expected to actively participate, collaborate, and demonstrate professionalism at all times.

- Do you participate in class discussions productively, sharing your knowledge and understandings?
- Do you interact productively with your peers, taking on a variety of roles (leader, follower, etc.)?
- Do you contribute appropriately to group work—do you “do your share”?
- Are you able to accept others’ opinions? Are you supportive of others’ ideas?
- Do you support your peers during their presentations?
- Can you monitor and adjust your participation to allow for others’ ideas to be heard?
- Do you show a positive attitude and disposition towards teaching all students?
- Do you exhibit professional behavior at all times and display a “can do” attitude?

### **Rubric for PCP: Participation, Collaboration and Professionalism**

	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Acceptable</b>	<b>Unacceptable</b>	
<b><u>Attitude</u></b>	Always displays a positive attitude. May offer constructive criticism and include alternatives that show initiative.	Displays a positive attitude. May offer constructive criticism and include alternatives that show initiative.	Seldom has a positive attitude. Often is critical. Does not offer alternative solutions to criticism.	
<b><u>Participation</u></b>	Attends every class, always on time and well prepared, and never leaves early. Gives closest attention to class activities and speakers.	Attends every class, on time and prepared, and never leaves early. Gives most attention to class activities and speakers.	Is not always ready when class time begins. Doesn't give full attention in class; sometimes talks when others are speaking.	
<b><u>Professionalism</u></b>	Consistently behaves, talks and works in a professional manner, regardless of task/topic.	Most of the time, behaves, talks and works in a professional manner, regardless of task/topic.	Seldom behaves, talks, and works in a professional manner, regardless of task/topic.	
<b><u>Collaboration</u></b>	Consistently listens to, shares with, and supports the efforts of others. Tries to keep people working well together.	Most of the time listens to, shares with, and supports the efforts of others, but sometimes is not a good team member.	Rarely listens to, shares with, and supports the efforts of others. Is not always a good team player.	
<b><u>Contributions</u></b>	Consistently provides useful ideas; always stays focused on the task. Exhibits a lot of effort and valuable contributions.	Most of the time provides useful ideas and stays focused. A satisfactory group member who does what is required.	Rarely provides useful ideas; not always focused. Reluctant to participate. Lets others take charge.	
<b><u>Disposition toward teaching</u></b>	Consistently demonstrates concern in learning to teach all children. Always demonstrates strong commitment toward developing (a) an understanding of children, (b) teaching strategies, and (c) knowledge of the CA Standards for the Teaching Profession (CSTP), Teacher Performance Expectations (TPE), and CA Content Standards.	Most of the time demonstrates concern in learning to teach all children. Often demonstrates commitment toward developing (a) an understanding of children, (b) teaching strategies, and (c) knowledge of the CSTP's, TPE's, and CA Content Standards.	Rarely shows concern in learning to teach all children. Rarely demonstrates commitment toward developing (a) an understanding of children, (b) teaching strategies, and (c) knowledge of the CSTP's, TPE's, and CA Content Standards.	
<b><u>Leadership</u></b>	Shows strength through leadership in class activities; other students respect you as a leader.	Effectively participates and contributes, but rarely shows leadership qualities.	Does not show leadership in any area of class.	

## California Commission on Teacher Credentialing

### Standards Alignment

The course objectives, assignments, and assessments have been aligned with the CTC standards for the Multiple Subjects Credential. Be sure to incorporate artifacts from this class into your final comprehensive portfolio.

### Teacher Performance Expectation (TPE) Competencies

This course is designed to help those seeking a Multiple Subjects Credential develop the skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary to assist schools and districts in implementing effective programs for all students. The successful candidate will be able to merge theory and practice in order to realize a comprehensive and extensive educational program for all students. The following two TPEs are specifically addressed in this course:

#### TPE #1A: Subject Specific Pedagogical Skills for History / Social Science

During interrelated activities in program coursework and fieldwork, MS candidates learn to:

- teach state-adopted academic content standards for students in H/SS while helping students to learn and use basic analysis skills;
- enrich the study of social studies by drawing on social science concepts, case studies and cross-cultural activities;
- incorporate basic critical thinking skills and study skills into content-based instruction; and
- utilize active forms of social studies learning, including simulations, debates, research activities and cooperative projects.

MS candidates begin to interrelate ideas and information within and across history/social science and other subject areas.

EDMS 544 will also take primary responsibility for addressing the content of TPE 11.

#### TPE #11: The Social Environment

Candidates for a Teaching Credential develop and maintain clear expectations for academic and social behavior. The candidates promote student effort and engagement and create a positive climate for learning. They know how to write and implement a student discipline plan. They know how to establish rapport with all students and their families for supporting academic and personal success through caring, respect, and fairness. Candidates respond appropriately to sensitive issues and classroom discussions. They help students learn to work responsibly with others and independently. Based on observations of students and consultation with other teachers, the candidate recognizes how well the social environment maximizes academic achievement for all students and makes necessary changes.

**CLAD Competencies** supported by this course:

Part 3: Culture and Cultural Diversity

I.A. Definitions of culture

I.C. Intragroup differences

I.D. Physical geography and its effects on culture

II.A. What teachers should learn about their students

II.B. How teachers can learn about their students

II.C. How teachers can use what they learn about their students (culturally responsive pedagogy)

III.A. Concepts of cultural contact

III.D. Strategies for conflict resolution

IV.A. Historical perspectives

IV.B. Demography

IV.C. Migration and Immigration

The Teacher Performance Expectations and CLAD Competencies identified above are addressed in EDMS 544 through class discussions, activities, oral/visual presentations, and written assignments.

## ASSIGNMENTS

*Detailed instructions for some course assignments will be handed out in class.*

### ➤ **Reading Response Journal**

**15 points**

The assigned readings provide an important foundation for your increasing understanding of how to effectively teach social studies. To aid you in remembering the readings, and assist you with meaningful class participation, you are asked to respond to each reading assignment by coming to class with a 1 page entry in your reading response journal (you will need to purchase 2 large Blue Books). Response journals will be collected at each class session. Please structure each page with:

- (1) your name and nickname,
- (2) reading identification (T:8, for example),
- (3) key points from the reading,
- (4) a paragraph towards the bottom that connects the reading to your perspectives/ experience,
- (5) one question that the reading assignment prompts you to ask at this time.

### ➤ **Finding the Social Studies in You! A Physical Model**

**pass/fail**

Have you ever tried to explain who you are through six social studies disciplines? For this assignment you will reintroduce yourself to our class by creating a physical model that illustrates aspects of you through the social studies disciplines. You may use photographs, drawings, cut-outs, objects, your imagination, etc. This activity models a way to verbally and visually engage your students -- and will demonstrate your understanding of the disciplines. Aim to present for 4-5 minutes.

### **The following three assignments will link together to support a social studies unit plan...**

### ➤ **Book Chat**

**15 points**

A wealth of children's literature exists that strongly supports the state standards for teaching social studies. For this assignment you and a partner will select *one book* from *Pages of the Past* appropriate for the grade level unit you are developing. You will then dramatically present your book and explain how it can be used to advance children's thinking about key social studies concepts. You will create a handout for your colleagues and design a lesson plan that incorporates your book. (more details to come)

### ➤ **Community Resource / Field Trip Project**

**25 points**

In this assignment you will explore and share information about a field trip site in San Diego County. By designing a variety of pre, during, and post-trip teaching activities, as well as questions you might ask during the visit, you will be able to plan an educational (rather than purely recreational) field trip. (more details to come)

➤ **Oral History Project**

**20 points**

Collecting oral histories is an exciting way to help children understand that “history” is found all around us and is being continually created. In this project, you will conduct an oral history interview of a person about a topic that relates to your social studies unit.

To support your interview, you will bring to class on the designated day a primary source object (artifact, document, photographs, etc.) of significance to the person/topic of the interview. We will then create a “classroom museum”. (more details to come).

➤ **Mock Interview**

**10 points**

Imagine you are at a job interview and were just asked: “How will you teach social studies in your classroom?” Knowing how to teach and structure learning in social studies, and then being able to express your understanding, can be two different abilities. In order to help you eloquently articulate the knowledge you gained through this course (and thereby increase your chances of getting hired!), as well as enhance your educational philosophy statement, you will participate in a mock interview. Be prepared to describe five (5) of the most important concepts or ideas you learned in EDMS 544. You may choose to include quotes from our readings to support your responses.

<b>ASSIGNMENT</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
Professionalism/ TPE 11	15
Reading Response Journal	15
Physical Model	pass/fail
Book Chat	15
Community Field Trip	25
Oral History Project	20
Mock Interview	10

**TOTAL:** 100 points

**Grading Scale:**

Grades will be determined by the total number of points earned (100 points possible):

A = 93-100    B+ = 87-89    B- = 80-82    C = 73-76    D = 60-69  
A- = 90-92    B = 83-86    C+ = 77-79    C- = 70-72    F = 0-59

Remember! You must maintain a B average (3.0 GPA) in your teacher education courses to receive a teaching credential from the State of California.

**Exemplary “A” Students (you!)**

1. Demonstrate serious commitment to their learning, making full use of the learning opportunities available and searching out the implications of their learning for future use.
2. Complete all assignments thoroughly, thoughtfully and timely.
3. Make insightful connections between assignments and their developing overall understanding of social studies concepts; continually question and examine assumptions in a genuine spirit of inquiry.
4. Show high level achievement of course goals.
5. Display a “can do” attitude, give 100%, and work to help others learn too.

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**Mission Statement**

The mission of the College of Education Community is to collaboratively transform public education by preparing thoughtful educators and advancing professional practices. We are committed to diversity, educational equity, and social justice, exemplified through reflective teaching, life-long learning, innovative research, and ongoing service. Our practices demonstrate a commitment to student centered education, diversity, collaboration, professionalism, and shared governance.

*(adopted by COE Governance Community October, 1997)*

**Attendance Policy**

Due to the dynamic and interactive nature of courses in the College of Education, all students are expected to attend all classes and participate actively. At a minimum, students must attend more than 80% of class time, or s/he **may not receive a passing grade** for the course at the discretion of the instructor. Individual instructors may adopt more stringent attendance requirements. Should the student have extenuating circumstances, s/he should contact the instructor as soon as possible.

*(Approved: 12/19/97)*

**CLAD Infusion**

In 1992, the College of Education voted to infuse Cross-cultural, Language and Academic Development (CLAD) competencies across the curriculum. The CLAD competencies are attached to the syllabus and the competencies covered in this course are highlighted.

**Disabled Student Services Office**

Students with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations must be approved for services through the Disabled Student Services Office (DSS) in Craven Hall 5205 at (760) 750-4905 or TTY (760) 750-4909. Eligible students may contact John Segoria during his office hours or in a more private setting in order to ensure confidentiality.

**Statement on Plagiarism**

Any evidence of cheating or plagiarism (defined as presenting the words or ideas of others as your own) will result in a failing grade for that assignment and a letter regarding the incident to be placed in your file in the Dean of Student's Office. Please read "Academic Honesty" in Academic Regulations and CSUSM Policies (found in your catalog or student handbook) and see me if you have any more questions about what constitutes plagiarism or cheating. Note that on written assignments exact quotes must be placed in quotation marks. All quoted and paraphrased work must be cited in the text.

## EDMS 544 - SOCIAL STUDIES BOOK CHAT

Your Book Chat will serve as one of three sections comprising your social studies unit. For this assignment, you will select a single (fiction or nonfiction) book that addresses the themes, and history/social science standards, that match your field trip location and oral history interview. It can be literature that you read to students or that students read by themselves.

When introducing a unit you should think about ways to invite your students into the topic. Many times, a book is a good way to do that. You may want to consult *Pages of the Past*, the SCORE website or NCSS Notable Children's Tradebooks ([www.socialstudies.org](http://www.socialstudies.org)), or your school librarian for suggestions. Your Book Chat will include a written lesson plan demonstrating how you will incorporate the book into your instruction.

### REQUIREMENTS

(1) A 5-10 minute “dramatic” presentation “selling” us on why your book is great to use with students. Be sure to consider the following when organizing your book chat:

- After reading your book carefully, identify several key themes and select one or two to focus on during your presentation.
- You will want to tell enough about the event or character to involve your audience but leave them curious to read the book themselves – so you might not want to give away the ending!
- Clearly connect the themes you discuss to social studies content and your unit standards.
- Include some creative elements, such as visual aids and audience involvement, to capture everyone's attention. You are welcome to use the overhead projector if you want to display a picture from the book, or add music. Remember... active learning is best!
- Practice your book chat several times aloud to yourself (or other family, friends, dogs, cats...) in advance to check for timing and smoothness of presentation.
- Although you may choose to write out the basics of your book chat, do not read it. Make eye contact with your audience, and change your vocal inflections. If it fits the book, ham it up.

(2) A **HANDOUT** with key information about your book. This will be emailed to your instructor and your cohort before your presentation, **OR** make enough typed copies of the handout for everyone in our class and distribute on the day of your presentation. Please use the following format to give us key information about your book. The goal is for everyone to come away with lots of ideas for ways to use social studies literature with students. (see sample at end)

**Your Names and Nick #s**  
**Book Title**  
**Author / Publisher / ISBN# / Date of publication**  
**History-Social Science Standard(s) this book supports**  
**Appropriate grade level(s)**  
**Identify fiction or non-fiction**  
**Big Idea / Key Questions**  
**Full paragraph summarizing book**  
**Brief descriptions of related teaching ideas**



(3) A **LESSON PLAN** for using the book within your unit. A copy of the lesson plan will be turned in to the instructor on the day of your presentation. Your lesson plan should include:

## Lesson Plan Format

**Lesson Title:** What is the title of your lesson?

**Grade Level:** What is the grade level?

**California Content Standard(s):** What standards are addressed?

**Big Idea(s):** What is the “big idea” and why is it important?

**Lesson Objective:** What do you want students to be able to do? How will they do it?

**Student Groupings:** How will you group students for instruction to promote cooperative learning? What cooperative learning skill will be addressed? (think TPE 11)

**Materials/Resources/Technology:** What does the teacher need? What do the students need?

**Assessment:** How will your students demonstrate that they have met the objective? Is there a clear match between the standards, big idea, objectives and the assessment? What specific criteria (rubric) will you use to grade performance on this lesson?

**Lesson Procedures:**

- **Into -**  
**(minutes?)**
  
- **Through -**  
**(minutes?)**
  
- **Beyond -**  
**(minutes?)**

**Accommodations/Adaptations/Applications for Special Learners:**

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**Don't forget to!**

- \* **Attach all handouts / worksheets / sample graphics, etc. that will be used in this lesson.**
- \* **Attach your grading rubric.**

\* *Cite References: While you may not copy a lesson directly from another source, you may modify existing lessons. However, you must give credit for any resources you use, including those from the web.*

<b>Title:</b>	<b>Harriet and the Promised Land</b>
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**Author:** Jacob Lawrence, Aladdin Paperbacks, ISBN# xxxxx, 1997  
**Grade Level:** 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**H/SS Standard:** 3.4.6 Describe the lives of American heroes who took risks to secure our freedoms.  
**Non Fiction** (historical fiction)

**Big Ideas:** People today and people from the past made/make a difference in the world.

**Key Questions:** What is a hero? Can common people be heroes? In what ways have heroes made a difference in people's lives? How has your life been "touched" by a hero?

<b>Summary</b>
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Harriet Tubman was a brave, courageous woman. As a young slave she endured many hardships; she was often beaten by her mistress and feared that she too would be sold "down the river", like her two sisters. For these reasons, she decided to escape, and was known to exclaim: "I have a right to liberty or death. If I could not have one, I would have the other."

Harriet escaped by traveling on what was known as the Underground Railroad; each stop was the house of someone who believed slavery was wrong and who was willing to help runaway slaves find their way to freedom. In the years to come Harriet worked as a laborer and used much of her money to lead over three hundred slaves to freedom. She didn't stop there.....read this book to discover how she dedicated her life to fight for human rights.

Teaching Ideas:

1. Trace the route of the Underground Railroad on a map.
2. Ask students to identify characteristics of a "hero".
3. Sing "Follow The Drinking Gourd" and discuss the hidden messages in the lyrics.
4. Study related vocabulary words, such as: Abolitionist, Big Dipper, Drinking Gourd, North Star, Plantation, Safe House, etc. – then create a class paper quilt alternating squares of vocabulary words with drawings depicting the words.

**Additional Resources:** [www.nationalgeographic.com](http://www.nationalgeographic.com) (The Underground Railroad)

