Common Core and Literacy Strategies: History/Social Studies, 2nd Edition

In the second edition of this course, emphasis is placed on literacy strategies used in the history and social studies’ classroom at grades 6-12.

In Common Core and Literacy Strategies: History/Social Studies, you will:

- Explore how the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) approach literacy in new and important ways
- See a strong emphasis on critical thinking skills in the areas of history and social studies
- Learn practical ways to put CCSS to work in classrooms through video examples, in-depth readings, and downloadable applications

Course Objectives

By the end of this course, you will be able to

Module 1

- Define literacy and the Common Core State Standards and explain why they are important.
- Understand the need for literacy skills in all content areas.
- Identify ways that classroom teachers can embrace the Common Core State Standards to improve 21st century literacy in their classrooms.

Module 2

- Articulate the significance of text complexity in developing 21st century literacy.
- Incorporate new text selection criteria and a focus on complex texts into your classroom.
- Evaluate various strategies to use complex texts in the classroom to improve student learning.
Module 3

- Explain the connection between math reasoning and text comprehension.
- Use literacy strategies to improve history/social studies reading as expressed in Common Core State Standards.

Module 4

- Explain how language, speaking, and listening skills contribute to strong reasoning and analytical skills in the history/social studies context.
- Use literacy strategies in language, speaking, and listening to increase logical reasoning, argument, and analysis in history/social studies.

Module 5

- Understand the role that reflection and writing play in improving reasoning, argument, and analysis skills in a history/social studies context.
- Incorporate literacy strategies in reflection and writing to increase reasoning, argument, and analysis in history/social studies.

Module 6

- Identify literacy problems for students who struggle with reading for a variety of reasons.
- Develop strategies that help special needs students develop literacy.
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**References**


