

Professional Development Options

Option One:

Integrating Social Studies Content into Literacy Instruction

This implementation workshop will help teachers build students' historical thinking skills through the use of reading comprehension and writing strategies. Participants will learn:

- How to use the document-based activities and assessments found in *Exploring Social Studies Texas Edition* as teaching and learning tools to enhance literacy instruction
- Strategies to encourage students to write about content-area material as a means to learn and apply social studies concepts
- To utilize primary sources to develop students' visual literacy skills as they interpret and make meaning from historical images.



Option Two:

Active Learning and Balanced Literacy

This implementation workshop will focus on developing a unique understanding of social studies with an innovative, integrated approach to active learning. Participants will learn:

- How to maximize *Exploring Social Studies Texas Edition* by using a proven framework for the reading process to make social studies text comprehensible for all students
- Strategies for a hands-on, inquiry-based approach within a balanced literacy framework
- Effective, creative tasks and cross-curricular ideas for infusing social studies content into reading, writing, and oral communication



Bonus!

Exploring Social Studies Texas Edition Introductory Webinar

To achieve maximum flexibility for professional development, this webinar will guide teachers through best practices for implementing *Exploring Social Studies Texas Edition*. Participants will identify the basic components of balanced literacy with the meaningful integration of social studies content into ELA instruction. This engaging, active webinar will fit into any schedule and is perfect for those in need of an overview of the product or as a refresher on the product and its usage.

