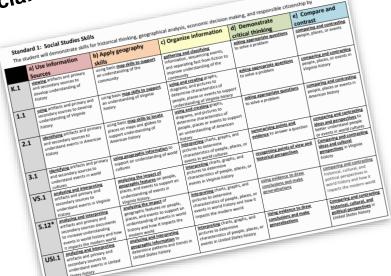
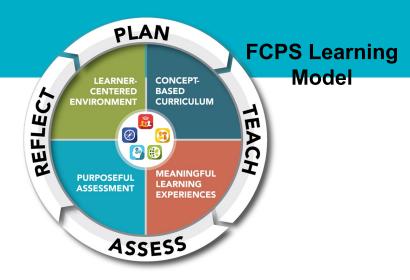


# Cultural Responsiveness in FCPS Social Studies: Updates and Ongoing Transformation 1/26/21









## Closing the Achievement Gap



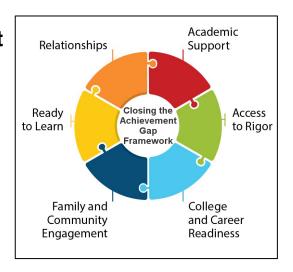








and Resilient Individual



Portrait of a Graduate

## Fostering Key Social Studies Dispositions

Globally-minded Civic-minded Analytical Communicative Ethical Confident to risks Willing Persistent Ready
Open-minded
Informed Accountable listen Respectful Resilient
Creative Curious Empowered **Empowered** 



K-12 Social Studies Program Standard

al Studies Program Standards reflect the consensus of FCPS tea ough twelfth grade and are intended to guide both teachers and l the FCPS Portrait of a Graduate. This expression of the FCPS Since ore thinking skills, and disciplinary learning experiences can serv iences connected to social studies as we develop a culture of this rgarten through graduation. We envision that schools, departme Will use this document to guide their practices related to student Dol-specific goals for growth, identifying key skills and learning e. Ctional planning, and designing common assessments that help

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### Collaboratively Drafted

## **K-12 Social Studies Program Standards**



Learning **Experiences** 



**Vision** 

**Thinking Skills** 



The purpose of social studies in FCPS is to empower all students to be positive contributors to their communities. Our student-centered curriculum grounded in historical and social science thinking skills fosters Portrait of a Graduate attributes. By exploring American democracy and the interconnected histories of our world, students develop as informed, empathetic citizens who take action to improve their local and global communities.



What word or phrase seems important to you?



## **Designing for Cultural Responsiveness**

### Five Ways a Culturally Responsive Curriculum Impacts the Student Experience Which of these elements could be leveraged in your curriculum to improve student outcomes?

Students feel dis- connected from their learning and uncertain about their abilities and value	Are diverse experiences and perspectives excluded, oversimplified, or tokenized?  Might students assume that experts in the discipline only come from certain backgrounds?  Are there missed opportunities to help students use their voices and activate their own perspectives?	Multiple Perspectives	Are diverse experiences and perspectives represented with respect and nuance? Will students see themselves in the expert practitioners represented? Are students invited to use their voice and activate their own perspective?	<b>→</b>
	Might students feel they must passively accept materials, events, and institutions as unquestionable?  Do materials suggest that the way things are (or were) is the way they must be, no matter how unjust?  Might students encounter facts or skills as discrete items unrelated to bigger concepts?	Critical Lens	Are students encouraged to examine materials, events, and institutions critically, attending to power, position, and bias?  Will students understand human systems as the product of choices that can be made better?  Will students construct their own knowledge about enduring concepts?	Students feel known and valued as learners and
	Might students feel that who they are is irrelevant to what and how they are learning?  Are there missed opportunities for students to make connections or take meaningful action to impact their communities or world?	Relevance	Do questions connected to students' identities, communities and/or the world drive learning?  Are students empowered to pursue their own lines of inquiry and take meaningful action to impact their communities and the world?	members of the classroom community
	Are there missed opportunities to foster active learning instead of rote tasks, basic recall of facts, and passivity?  Might students assume they are not expected to think for themselves?  Will students' learning cease to matter once the unit ends?	Rigor	Are students supported in constructing their own knowledge about concepts that transfer beyond the unit? Will students process their learning in ways that affirm who they are and how they use language? Will what students are asked to know and do matter beyond the unit?	
	Might students assume that their teacher has a low opinion of their abilities or cultural and linguistic identities?  Might students believe they must leave their culture outside the classroom in order to succeed?	Relationships	Will students be better known to their teachers, to each other, and/or to themselves?  Are students encouraged to believe that they are capable and worthy learners and human beings?	



### **Listening to Our Community**

#### FCPS parent email

...[W]e are having some trouble understanding the Colonial Day event. It seems to be, from the activities as I understand them, to be celebrating colonists exclusively. Are we incorrect about this? It is hard to tell if there is acknowledgment in this day of dancing, costumes, and eating certain types of food, that there are people of color who would not have been included in this type of celebration back then. Is there more you can tell us that we might be missing about how this may be acknowledged? Without this understanding, it seems that our child would be participating in a celebration for people (as well as role playing of these people) who were slave owners, and back then he would have been on the wrong side of that party.

**Step In:** What do you think this person might feel, believe, know, or experience?

**Step Out:** What would you like or need to learn to understand this person's perspective better?

**Step Back:** What do you notice about your own perspective and what it takes to take somebody else's?



#### STEP IN-STEP OUT-STEP BACK

A routine to support responsible perspective-taking

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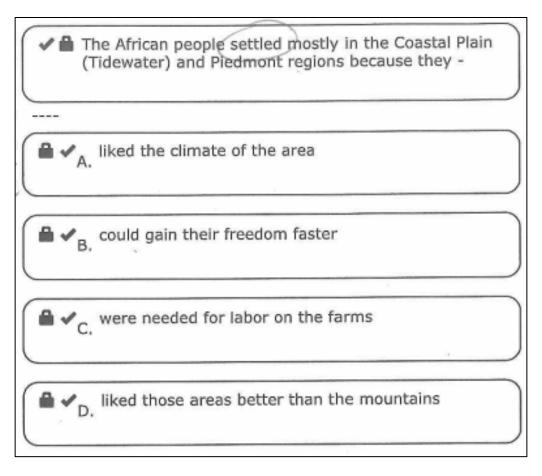


#### **Overview of Work in Social Studies**

- Auditing existing resources for bias using tools centered in culturally responsive pedagogy; removing harmful resources
- Developing partnerships to scale curriculum development focused on inquiry-based learning
- Infusing anti-bias standards into the core curriculum guidance
- Providing professional development for social studies educators across grade levels
- Working on policy to explicitly support antibias and anti-racism education in FCPS



#### **Auditing Curriculum Resources for Bias**





## VDOE: African American History Education Commission Technical Edits

VS.4a	For this reason, African men, women, and children were brought to the Virginia colony and enslaved to work on the plantations. The Virginia colony became dependent on slave labor, and this dependence lasted a long time.	The Virginia Colony turned to enslaved labor to make money and expand their resources. This dependence lasted for more than two hundred years, until the end of the Civil War. For this reason, African men, women, and children were forcibly brought to the Virginia colony and enslaved to work on the plantations. The Virginia colony became dependent on slave labor, and this dependence lasted a long time.
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#### Rethinking Virginia Studies





## 4th grade teachers from every elementary school

- Site-based learning
- Multiple perspectives
- Examine implicit bias
- Redesign Virginia Studies for Cultural Responsiveness
- Retire Colonial day





### **Rethinking Virginia Studies**





## Virginia Inquiry Collaborative

- ★ 6 school divisions
- ★ 102 educators
- ★ 30+ partners from historical sites, universities, & museums
- ★ Inquiry Design Model: Source analysis, argumentation, informed action
- ★ 39 inquiry units designed over 2 years
- **★** Work underway 2020-21 for world history courses

























AMERICAN CIVIL WAR

MUSEUM







People make choices. Choices make history.

























## Virginia Inquiry Collaborative: Compelling Questions

When should authority be questioned?

Why can't everyone vote?

Were the freedmen free?

Am I getting the education I deserve?

Would I break an unjust law?

Did the founders protect liberty or slavery?

Who decides how Virginia's history is told?



### Cultural Responsiveness in MS & HS



- Design Principles & implicit bias training: all social studies department chairs
- Enacting change in the classroom
- Professional development for all middle & high school social studies teachers in January 2020



### **Curriculum Revision & Development**

#### Courses Audited 2019-2020

by diverse teams of teachers:

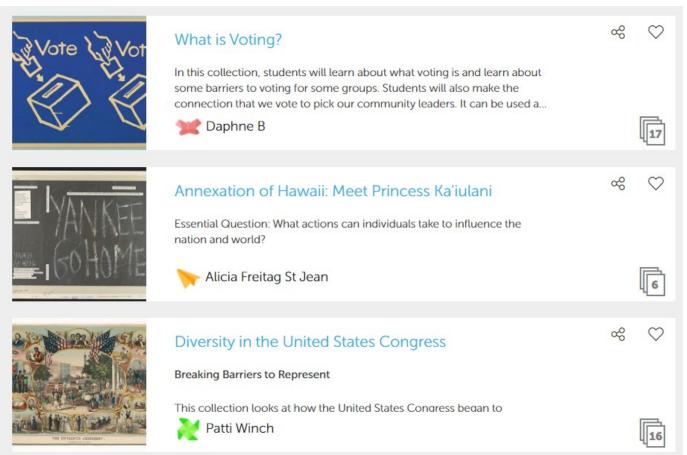
- Virginia Studies
- U.S. History I
- U.S. History II
- Civics
- World History I
- World History II
- VA / US History

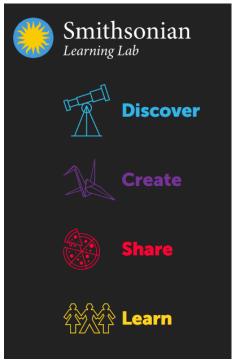
**New Resources** developed 2019-2020:

- Overhaul of Virginia
   Studies Planning &
   Pacing Guides
- Primary Source Sets for all U.S. History Courses with Smithsonian Resources
- Combating Intolerance



### Smithsonian Learning Lab Resources, K-12







#### **Anti-Bias Education in Core Curriculum**

- Essential Standards for the Return-to-School explicitly include content-aligned, anti-bias objectives derived from the Social Justice Standards by Teaching Tolerance
- Relevance, critical thinking, and informed action encouraged through unit concepts, essential questions, and performance-based assessments



#### **Example from VA/US History**

#### The US Civil War and Reconstruction

Weeks 3

**7.b,c,e-** Students will apply social science skills to understand the Civil War and Reconstruction eras and their significance, including the adoption of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments, on students' identities, communities, and the world.

**JU.12 -** Students will recognize unfairness on the individual level (e.g., biased speech) and injustice at the institutional or systemic level (e.g., discrimination).

**AC.16-** Students will express empathy when people are excluded or mistreated because of their identities and concern when they themselves experience bias.



## **Example from VA/US History**

#### Support a Claim or Position

Suggested Planning Template to Modify/Use



**Goal**: Students construct an argument (e.g., detailed outline, visual, essay) that addresses the compelling question using specific claims and relevant evidence from sources while acknowledging competing views.

Prompt: Either Essential Question could be used for this prompt

- How does the U.S. Civil War and Reconstruction impact our national identity and unity today?
- How does the past impact present understanding, systems, and actions regarding prejudice and social bias?

Or, another essential question can be designed. For example:

"From 1860 to 1877, the social, political and economic developments were so significant that the era should be referred to as a revolution." Support, modify or refute this statement.



- 1. Design resources and professional learning for distance and concurrent learning that prioritize cultural responsiveness and historical integrity
- 2. Adopt the use of Inquiry Design Model units, in U.S. history courses, pilot in 2020-21, scaling in 2021-2022
- 3. World History focus with Virginia Inquiry Collaborative



#### **Social Studies In-Service 2020**

#### Wendi Manuel-Scott, Ph.D.

As a case study in <u>culturally responsive pedagogy</u>, Dr. Wendi Manuel-Scott will share the inspiring collaboration between students and faculty of George Mason University leading to the construction of a memorial that will center the humanity of the enslaved people of Gunston Hall.

Wendi Manuel-Scott is Professor of Integrative Studies and History and an affiliate faculty member of Women and Gender Studies, African and African American Studies, and the John Mitchel, Jr. Program for History, Justice, and Race at the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution. Bio

#### Hasan Kwame Jeffries, Ph.D.

As a leading voice on anti-racism in education and as the host of the podcast "Teaching Hard History," Dr. Hassan Jeffries will address the questions you submit in advance about teaching hard history and the need for anti-racism in social studies education, particularly in these extraordinary times.



Hasan Kwame Jeffries is associate professor of history at The Ohio State University where he teaches courses on the Civil Rights and Black Power Movement. Bio

## Sample Breakout Session Topics:

A Toolkit for Identifying Cultural Bias and White Supremacy

**Anti-Bias Education** 

Facilitating Hard
Conversations with
Students



- 4. Clear expectations and guidance on Holocaust education in grades 7, 10, 11
- 5. Support high schools running new elective for African American History, created by Virginia Department of Education
- 6. System-wide Professional Development for teachers of U.S. history, focused on cultural responsiveness and the African American History Education Commission's technical edits





#### **About This Site**

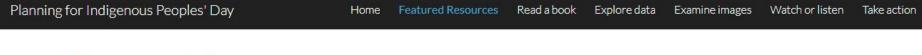
The Election 2020 site has been renamed the **Presidential Transitional 2020-21** site. This new title allows Instructional Services to continue to provide resources for teachers to use in the coming weeks. We have incorporated an entire page that contains **Inauguration guidance/resources**. Our immediate access to media means that the news cycle is constantly changing. As we encounter additional teachable moments, we will update the site. In the coming days, we will be adding impeachment materials and resources to support relevant discussions and learning experiences about the violent actions at our nation's capital amidst the peaceful transfer of power in our democracy. These will be housed on the **January 6 and Beyond** page.



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#### Planning for Indigenous Peoples' Day Google Site



#### Featured Resources



Grades 5-8: NMAI Inka Empire

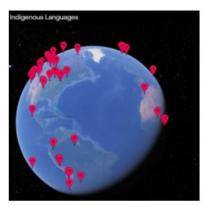
Module: Innovation and Technology

Access this learning experience in

Spanish here



Grades 9-12: NMAI: How Do Native
People and Nations Experience
Belonging?



All grades: <u>Celebrating Indigenous</u> <u>Languages Project</u>



Grades 9-12: <u>Native Resistance</u> (Smithsonian Learning Lab)



#### **Policy Development**

- January 2020: School Board Forum on Anti-Bias and Anti-Hate Curriculum
- June 2020: School Board Forum on Eliminating Racism & Implicit Bias in FCPS
- September 2020: School Board consensus to pursue policy development for anti-bias education and controversial issues
- January 27, 2020: School Board work session on stakeholder engagement plan



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