

Social Studies Curriculum Resources Proposal

Proposal Titles (K-5th Grade)

Open Social Studies Curriculum Resources

Scholastic News

Summary of Curriculum Resources

[Open Social Studies](#) (formerly called Understanding Our World), which is an inquiry-based and literacy-focused K-6 social studies curriculum. It is free and open source.

This curriculum was built to help teachers in K-6 schools regularly enact powerful and authentic social studies in their classrooms that will also meet essential literacy goals (linking every lesson to the Common Core State Standards). In other words, it leverages the richness of social studies content to help students learn to read, write, and think critically while exploring the past and present world around them. Moreover, it aims to make every single lesson culturally relevant, connecting to the racial, ethnic, gender, class, language, and immigration experience of the increasingly diverse United States. Originally, this curriculum was designed to help teachers in the Boston Public Schools regularly integrate social studies into their classrooms. It is now available to all teachers for free and open source with the hope of improving social studies learning for elementary students.

[Scholastic News](#) is a dynamic K-12 educational resource that blends traditional print periodicals with a robust digital platform to bring current events and curriculum-aligned content into the classroom. By transforming timely news, science discoveries, and social studies topics into age-appropriate stories, it provides teachers with a versatile tool for building literacy and critical thinking skills. The "plus" designation highlights the integration of multimedia assets—such as videos, leveled reading options, and interactive activities—designed to support differentiated instruction and meet state standards. Ultimately, it serves as a bridge between foundational learning and the real world, keeping students engaged with high-interest materials that are updated throughout the school year.

Item Details

Item	Quantity	Description	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Main Social Studies Curriculum Resources				
Binders	(1 of each per grade) 21 total	Teacher Manual, Student Sourcebook, and Student Workbook	\$6.00 per binder	\$126.00
Colored Copies	Approx. 500 pages per grade 3500 pages	Colored copies to print the manuals	\$0.10 per page	\$350.00
Colored Toner Cartridge	Approx. 1 toner per color (4 total)	Colored toner cartridge to print manuals	\$400	\$1600
Reams of Paper	Approx. 1 per grade per year (10 reams per box = 4 boxes)	Extra paper to print manuals and student workbooks	\$40	\$160
Extended Time for Curriculum Committee	2 teachers	16 hours for curriculum committee to put together the manuals and workbooks, as well as put all materials into Google Drive and create template of Curriculum Map	\$27.94 per hour	\$894.08
Extended Time for Classroom Teachers	7 teachers	Reading through their lessons and aligning them to standards on the curriculum map, while planning the first couple of months of lessons	\$27.94 per hour	\$1,564.64

Social Studies Supplemental Curriculum Resources				
Scholastic News Magazines	(25 copies per grade) 150 per year	Supplemental current events magazines to accompany curriculum.	\$6.25 per student	\$7,218.75
IXL Social Studies	225 students	Digital access for all 3rd-12th students	\$6.13 per student, per year	\$9,646.86

Total Cost = \$21,560.33