

Transforming Curriculum and Assessment K-9 Social Studies

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What's the same	What's different
The development of educated, active citizens remains as the central goal for the social studies curricula.	Less detailed and prescriptive content to allow teachers and students to pursue inquiry topics of interest and relevance.
The overall topics studied have not changed dramatically; however, the grade level, and emphasis of some topics may have shifted.	Students will actively build their own understandings while developing skills based around 6 historical and geographical thinking concepts: significance, evidence, continuity and change, cause and consequence, perspective, and ethical judgments (for more information, see Peter Seixas and Tom Morton, <i>The Big Six Historical Thinking Concepts</i> , 2013).
	The study of Indigenous history, culture, knowledge, and perspectives is embedded throughout every grade level.

Grade Specific Major Changes

- *Grade 3*: Global Indigenous Societies and Issues is the core of the concepts and content for this grade.
- *Grade 5*: the focus for this grade is **Contemporary** Canadian Issues (rather than the fur trade, railroad and gold rush). Topics include: government Aboriginal policies, including Indian Residential Schools, human rights, global economies and land ownership.
- *Grade 6*: Focuses on the Neolithic Period to the 7th century
- *Grade 7*: Focuses on the 7th century to the 15th century
- *Grade 8*: Focuses on the 15th century to the 18th century
- *Grade 9*: Focuses on 18th century to the 20th century

Indigenous Resources:

- For K-3. In Our Own Words.
http://www.strongnations.com/store/item_list.php?it=&cat=3064
- For ages 4-7, 8-11, 12-14, and 14-16. The Learning Circle.
<https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1302868012055/1302868605384>
- For K-10. Shared Learnings: Integrating Aboriginal Content
<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/abed/documents.htm>

Information about projects working with the redesigned curriculum can be found posted in the Curriculum Support folder on your school's discussion site on Richnet.

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