

SMUHSD Social Science Council
Modern World History Textbook Adoption Recommendation

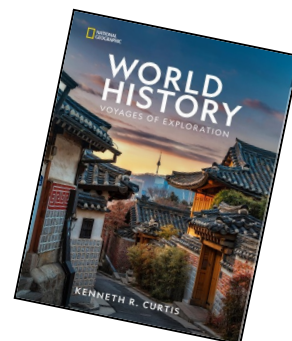
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Recommended Textbook

World History: Voyages of Exploration - Cengage/ National Geographic Learning (2021) - [Link](#)

Textbook Highlights

- Moves us towards deemphasizing dominant western narratives.
- This is a true world history text - students can see themselves in this narrative.
- Offers an abundance of primary and secondary sources.
- Provides opportunities for integrating contemporary material into the course.
- The layout and high quality photos make content real, accessible, relatable for students.
- The online text allows the reader to change Lexile levels and is also available in Spanish.



Student Feedback

70.1% of student piloting participants (422) preferred the “World History: Voyages of Exploration” textbook.

- “I absolutely love the book...a more easier and readable [online] version of text with a click of a button.”
- “It is very easy to read and understand...all of the information... [is] relevant to what we are studying.”
- “This is the best history textbook I have ever seen!”
- “The [National Geographic] books are very interesting to read and the images help keep people engaged.”
- “The text to speech was very helpful [when] I looked at the textbook online and loved it.”
- “I think the book contained a lot of valuable information from very short excerpts.”

Operations Timeline

Spring 2021

- Created: Textbook Evaluation Rubric (approved by Social Science Council) - [Link](#)
- Formed: MWH Textbook Selection Committee (w/ representatives from all district sites).
- MWH Textbook Selection Committee reviewed sample texts and selected pilot materials.

Fall 2021

- Created: Textbook Piloting Rubric (approved by Social Science Council) - [Link](#)
- MWH Textbook Selection Committee piloted MWH sample texts/materials - 11 Teachers / 5 Sites.

Winter 2021

- Administered: student surveys (for each textbook piloting period). Survey #1 - [Link](#) Survey #2 - [Link](#)
- MWH Textbook Selection Committee selected a preferred textbook - made recommendation to Council.

Spring 2022

- SMUHSD Social Science Council unanimously validated the committee’s recommendation.
- Completed: Public review/commenting period on textbook and ancillary materials (Feb. 2022).

Governing Documents

- *SMUHSD Modern World History Course of Study* (adopted January 2021) - [Link](#)
- *SMUHSD Instructional Materials Approval Policy* (adopted December 2019) - [Link](#)

SMUHSD Faculty Participants

MWH Textbook Selection Committee - [Link](#)

SMUHSD MWH Textbook Piloting Team - [Link](#)
