

# Social Studies Curriculum Adoption - Middle School



Board of Trustees  
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# Piloted Publishers



Curriculum for teachers who want to revolutionize teaching.

After presentations and a review process:

- National Geographic Learning
- Discovery Education
- Savvas Learning Company
- TCI
- McGraw Hill

# Timeline and Process

September 17, 2021	Framework & Adoption Toolkit Overview Toolkit alignment using District Demographics & Data
October 20, 2021	Review Program Components/District Needs & Focus Trace identified skills and standards
November 3, 2021	Publisher Presentations to SMFCSD
January 4, 2022	Training & Launch Pilot 1 - McGraw-Hill <i>Impact</i>
January 26, 2022	Pilot -1 McGraw Hill Office Hours: Answer Questions & Initial Feedback
February 23, 2022	Debrief Pilot 1- McGraw-Hill <i>Impact</i>

# Timeline and Process

March 2, 2022	Training & Launch Pilot 2 - TCI <i>History Alive!</i>
March 23, 2022	Pilot 2-TCI <i>History Alive!</i> Office Hours: Answer Questions & Initial Feedback
April 27, 2022	Debrief Pilot 2-TCI <i>History Alive!</i> Consensus Building & Staff Recommendation
May 12, 2022	Board Meeting - Informational
May 13-26, 2022	Curriculum materials on display at the District Office IMC for teacher, parent, and community
May 26, 2022	Board Meeting Approval

# Our Pilot Team - 2021-2022

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# Pilot Team Recommendation

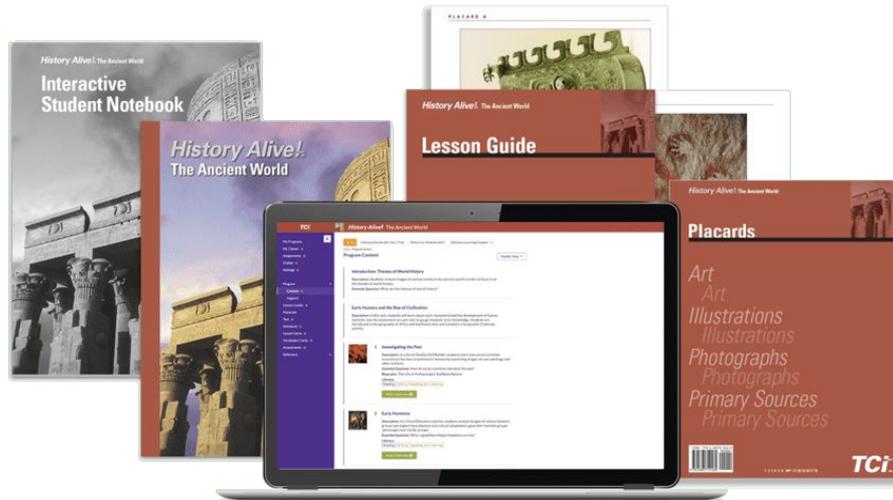
TCI - Teachers' Curriculum Institute

Program: *History Alive!*

Copyright date: 2019



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# Highly Rated: Program Elements *History Alive!*

- Online Curriculum and Digital Resources
- visual, auditory, reading/writing, & kinesthetic access for multilingual learners and students with disabilities
- Customizable Formal and Informal Assessments
- Community building & inclusion activities
- Multiple perspectives throughout the text and activities
- Supports students to build historical empathy and appreciation for diverse experiences
- Students overwhelmingly enjoyed the activities and texts

# Rated Highly: Culturally Responsive Content

- Integrates perspective and stories of groups that have been historically underrepresented
- Biographies include diverse historical and contemporary figures beyond those required in state standards
- Explores interrelationships between diverse groups (ethnic, gender, etc.)
- Content considers current context and poses relevant issues to explore: e.g., students learn about current events and local issues and learn how to take action

# Rated Highly: Culturally Responsive Pedagogy

- Grounded in [research based theories](#) and use visual, auditory, reading/writing, & kinesthetic strategies
- Use interactive discussion and frequent questioning to engage students and build background knowledge
- Activate student prior knowledge and strive to be student-centered
- Opportunity for students to have voice and utilize their cultural assets and interests
- Include a variety of projects that allow students to make personal connections and apply learning to their community

# Highly Rated: Social Emotional Learning

TCI's [Cooperative, Inclusive Classroom \(CIC\)](#) supports teachers to

- Build trust (peer to peer and student to teacher)
- Promote positive discussions that educate students on how to take thoughtful and effective action
- Organize class discussions and group projects that support safe and respectful interactions

# TCI History Alive Review Resources

Resource	Description	Link
Social Studies Overview Video	A quick overview video of TCI's social studies program.	<a href="#">Click here</a>
CA Middle School Reviewers' Hub	Your one-stop hub for all the resources you need to review TCI's <i>History Alive!</i> program. The hub includes lesson sample walkthroughs, product demo, and more.	<a href="#">Click here</a>
TCI's Connection with the Framework	TCI's programs were created for the CA framework. This doc explains TCI's philosophy around the 4 shifts of instruction.	<a href="#">Click here</a>
TCI and the Fair Act	TCI worked with our Family Coalition to show where TCI supports the FAIR Act in our MS Curriculum. Find the rubric for 8th grade here.	<a href="#">Click here</a>
TCI's Guide to the HSS Toolkit	TCI has created a guide to correlating our middle school history social science programs with the HSS Toolkit. Find more here.	<a href="#">Click here</a>
TCI's Commitment to Building Culturally Responsive Classrooms	See s how TCI's curriculum helps build culturally responsive classrooms.	<a href="#">Click here</a>

# What Did Students Think?

Direct quotes from 7th & 8th grade students that participated in the pilot:

- I thought that the text was easy to read and the format of the book was easy to follow.
- One thing I like about the TCI textbook is that they give lots of information on something another textbook would give a small blurb about. Another thing I like about the TCI textbook is that they also aren't one sided.
- What I really like about TCI is that the website is very easy to work with and simple.
- I think TCI is a really good textbook because it shows very helpful maps and diagrams that help you understand the text and what the text is trying to say in a more visible way.
- I find TCI great with good tools to use and it is very easy to understand. I never had a problem with it and honestly it's great and I'd be happy to keep using it for the rest of the school year.



# Successful Implementation Requirements

- Training for Teachers and continued Professional Development throughout the use of the program
- Time for Social Studies Lead Teachers to plan and collaborate
- Create a process and a plan to provide feedback during implementation

# Next Steps

- Materials Available to Public
  - Copies of *History Alive!* will be on display in the Instructional Materials Center (IMC) until the May 26th Board meeting.
- Prepare Purchase Order
  - Final costs
  - Board Action on May 26th
- Confirm Professional Development Sessions

# Costs

An Eight-year Adoption/Implementation - Middle School All Grades = **\$744,980.96**

(includes the following)

- Teacher Digital Use Licenses
- Teacher Lesson Guides (printed)
- Learning Placards (printed/teachers)
- Student Textbooks (“Bundle” incl. Digital Use Licenses)
- Student Notebooks (printed subscription)
- Online Training/PD from TCI

Professional Development In-Person from TCI **\$76,500.00**

This includes the curriculum launch training for the first year, and two-days in-person PD.

Note: LCAP budgeted \$1,000,000



# Questions?

