

**SOCIAL STUDIES, GRADE K-12 TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLEMENTAL  
MATERIALS REVIEW  
2025-2026**

Tier I, Exemplifies Quality	90% - 100%	Approved by Alabama State Board of Education
Tier II, Approaching Quality	75% - 89%	Approved by Alabama State Board of Education
Tier III, Not Representing Quality	74% and below	Rejected by Alabama State Board of Education

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<b>Analytic Orange</b>						
	Alabama History Makers: Living and Working Together in Family and Community	K				
	Alabama History Makers: Living and Working Together in Community and State	1				
	Alabama History Makers: Living and Working Together in State and Nation	2				

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				<b>89</b> <i>(K-2 Series Score)</i>	Comprehensive	
	Alabama History Makers: Alabama in American History and Government I: Geography and Settlement	3				
	Alabama History Makers: Alabama in American History and Government II: Colonies to 1900	4				
	Alabama History Makers: Alabama in American History and Government III: Twentieth	5				
				<b>88</b> <i>(3-5 Series Score)</i>	Comprehensive	

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<b>Bedford, Freeman, Worth</b>						
	Thinking About Psychology 5e	<i>Elective</i>	<b>87</b>		Comprehensive	
<b>Cengage</b>						
	US History Beginnings To 1877, Alabama Edition	6	<b>93</b>		Comprehensive	
	World History and Geography Ancient Civilizations, Alabama Edition	7				
	World History and Geography Middle Ages to Enlightenment, Alabama Edition	8				This textbook adequately covers grade 7 standards as well as grade 8 standards. School systems may want to publish this textbook for grade 7 and 8 usage.
				<b>82</b> <i>(7-8 Series Score)</i>	Comprehensive	

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	Modern World History, Alabama Edition	9	<b>82</b>		Comprehensive	
	America Through the Lense: Revolution to Progressive Era, AL Edition	10				
	America Through the Lense: WWI to Present, AL Edition	11				
				<b>89</b> <i>(10-11 Series Score)</i>	Comprehensive	
	American Government, AL Edition	12G	<b>84</b>		Comprehensive	
	Contemporary Economics	12E	<b>85</b>		Comprehensive	
	Sociology in Our Times	<i>Elective</i>	<b>85</b>		Comprehensive	The platform offers comprehensive support for educators in delivering

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						Sociology standards effectively. Its up-to-date content ensures relevance and accuracy, while the digital interface provides a diverse array of instructional activities and assessments.
<b>Exploros</b>						
	American History - Through 1900	4				
	American History - Since 1900)	5				
				<b>60</b> <i>(4-5 Series Score)</i>	Supplemental	This supplemental program was difficult to navigate.
	US History -A New Nation	6	<b>81</b>		Comprehensive	
	World History- Ancient	7				
	World History- Middle Ages to Age of Revolution	8				
				<b>74</b> <i>(7-8 Series Score)</i>	Comprehensive	Major content areas are covered almost exclusively through links to outside websites.

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	World History- Revolution to Present	9	83		Comprehensive	The format was hard to follow and navigate. Online tools were not easy to find and not well labeled.
	U.S. History - Revolution to Progressive Era	10				
	U.S. History- World War I to Present	11				
				65 <i>(10-11 Series Score)</i>	Comprehensive	Major content areas are covered almost exclusively through links to outside websites.
<b><i>Gallopade International</i></b>						
	Alabama Kindergarten Social Studies: Living and Working Together in Family and Community	K				

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	Alabama 1st Grade Social Studies: Living and Working Together in Community and State	1				
	Alabama 2nd Grade Social Studies: Living and Working Together in State and Nation	2				
				<b>91</b> <i>(K-2 Series Score)</i>	Comprehensive	Very engaging, but some content is brief and needs further practice. More student practice would be beneficial for better retention. The blend of real and cartoon images/pictures is great, but it would be nice to have photographs of people in history in place of cartoons. The interactive click book is a great resource and has beneficial tools to practice for testing.
	Alabama 3rd Grade Social Studies: Alabama in American History and Government I:	3				

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	Geography and Settlement					
	Alabama 4th Grade Social Studies: Alabama in American History and Government II: Colonies to 1900	4				
	Alabama 5th Grade Social Studies: Alabama in American History and Government III: Twentieth Century to Present	5				
				<b>90</b> <i>(3-5 Series Score)</i>	Comprehensive	The digital content is user-friendly and offers a variety of tools that support accessibility for all learners. The click book feature is especially valuable for struggling students, providing an intuitive and supportive way to engage with the material. The text layout is visually engaging and thoughtfully organized. The use of lists and pop-out boxes further enhances readability. Additionally, the inclusion of teacher tools and differentiation tips in the appendix is a standout feature

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	6th Grade Social Studies: Making a New Nation: United States Beginnings and Civic Foundations	6	<b>98</b>		Comprehensive	
<b>Gibbs Smith Ed</b>						
	Exploring My Place in the World, Alabama Edition	K				
	Exploring My Communities, Alabama Edition	1				
	Exploring Near and Far, Alabama Edition	2				
				<b>85</b> <i>(K-2 Series Score)</i>	Comprehensive	
	Exploring Time and Place, Alabama Edition	3				

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	Alabama, An American Adventure Part 1	4				
	Alabama, An American Adventure Part 2	5				
				<b>87</b> <i>(3-5 Series Score)</i>	Comprehensive	This textbook has room to improve with the layout, pictures and overall design. Generally, it has a good flow but sometimes it is hard to navigate and follow. The digital component was harder than most to navigate. It had the items we were looking for, but not in the most student friendly format.
	A New Nation: US Beginnings and Civic Foundations	6	<b>88</b>		Comprehensive	
	Eras: World History to 500 CE	7				
	Eras: World History from 300 CE to 1770 CE	8				
				<b>87</b> <i>(7-8 Series Score)</i>	Comprehensive	

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<b><i>HMH</i></b>						
	United States History: Beginnings to 1877	6	<b>86</b>		Comprehensive	
	Ancient Civilizations	7				
	World Civilizations	8				
				<b>88</b> <i>(7-8 Series Score)</i>	Comprehensive	Digital platforms can offer flexibility, especially with downloadable PDFs for offline access, but printing can become costly.
	Modern World History	9	<b>93</b>		Comprehensive	
	American History	10				
	American History: Reconstruction to the Present	11				
				<b>92</b> <i>(10-11 Series Score)</i>	Comprehensive	The platform includes Spanish materials—language accessibility is a huge win. Having a printed guide can make lesson planning more efficient and reduce reliance on tech during class.

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						Digital access with optional print versions is a suggestion.
	United States Government	12G	85		Comprehensive	
	Economics	12E	84		Comprehensive	
	Global Geography	<i>Elective</i>	90		Comprehensive	
<b><i>Imagine Learning</i></b>						
	Traverse U.S. History: Beginnings to the Civil War	6	88		Comprehensive	
	Traverse World History: Beginnings to the Reformation	7				
	Traverse World History: Beginnings to the Present	8				
				85 <i>(7-8 Series Score)</i>	Comprehensive	

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	Traverse World History: Emergence of the Modern World to the Present	9	<b>82</b>		Comprehensive	
	Traverse U.S History: Beginnings to the Present	10				
	Traverse U.S History: Reconstruction to the Present	11				
				<b>84</b> <i>(10-11 Series Score)</i>	Comprehensive	While primary sources are valuable, relying solely on them can be challenging for lower-level classes. Online assignments are useful, but the lack of an accessible online textbook limits instructional option.
	Traverse U.S. Government	12G	<b>91</b>		Comprehensive	
	Traverse Economics	12E	<b>79</b>		Comprehensive	The fact that all the content is in the digital platform with none in the print form may be frustrating to educators. The print form only provides an

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						outline of the course itself with a few additional sources for each chapter. The digital platform went back and forth between chapters to cover one objective. This can be very time consuming for educators to use.
	Traverse World Geography	<i>Elective</i>	<b>87</b>		Comprehensive	
<b>McGraw-Hill</b>						
	Early United States History and Civics. Alabama Edition	6	<b>96</b>		Comprehensive	
	World History and Geography, Early Ages. Alabama Edition	7				
	World History and Geography. Early Ages. Alabama Edition	8				
				<b>93</b> <i>(7-8 Series Score)</i>	Comprehensive	

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	World History and Geography, Modern Times, Alabama Edition	9	<b>88</b>		Comprehensive	
	United States History, Early Years, Alabama Edition	10				
	United States History. Modern Times, Alabama Edition	11				
				<b>94</b> <i>(10-11 Series Score)</i>	Comprehensive	
	United States Government & Civics, Alabama Edition	12G	<b>92</b>		Comprehensive	
	Economics, Alabama Edition	12E	<b>92</b>		Comprehensive	
	Civil Rights, A Global Perspective	9 <i>Elective</i>	<b>71</b>		Supplemental	The material is a bit disjointed. For this to align with the historical studies elective the teacher would have to have

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						some additional support and supplements. piecing this together.
<b>Pearson</b>						
	Contemporary Human Geography 5th Edition	<i>Elective</i>	<b>90</b>		Comprehensive	
	Psychology, High School edition	<i>Elective</i>	<b>86</b>		Comprehensive	
<b>Savvas</b>						
	Alabama myWorld Interactive Social Studies, Grade K © 2027	K				
	Alabama myWorld Interactive Social Studies. Grade 1 © 2027	1				
	Alabama myWorld Interactive Social Studies. Grade 2 © 2027	2				
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	Alabama myWorld Interactive Social Studies. Grade 3 © 2027	3				
	Alabama myWorld Interactive Social Studies, Grade 4 © 2027	4				
	Alabama myWorld Interactive Social Studies. Grade 5 © 2027	5				
				<b>87</b> <i>(3-5 Series Score)</i>	Comprehensive	
	Alabama myWorld Interactive United States History: Beginnings and Civic Foundations. Grade 6 © 2027	6	<b>95</b>		Comprehensive	
	Alabama myWorld Interactive World History and	7				

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	Geography: Principles and Ancient Civilizations, Grade 7 © 2027					
	Alabama myWorld Interactive World History and Geography: Middle Ages to the Enlightenment. Grade 8 ©2027	8				
				<b>92</b> <i>(7-8 Series Score)</i>	Comprehensive	
	Alabama World History Interactive. Grade 9 © 2027	9	<b>93</b>		Comprehensive	
	Alabama US History Interactive: Revolution to Progressive Era, Grade 10 © 2027	10				
	Alabama US History Interactive:	11				

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	World War I to Present, Grade 11 © 2027					
				<b>91</b> <i>(10-11 Series Score)</i>	Comprehensive	
	Alabama Magruder's American Government Interactive. Grade 12 © 2027	12G	<b>91</b>		Comprehensive	The Alabama connections at the end of each chapter add a layer of local relevance that makes each chapter feel more grounded and personal, especially for readers familiar with the state's history, culture, or communities.
	Alabama Economics Interactive. Grade 12 © 2027	12E	<b>97</b>		Comprehensive	
<b>Studies Weekly</b>						
	(Alabama Studies Weekly) Family and Community: Living and Working Together	K				

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	(Alabama Studies Weekly) Community and State: Living and Working Together	1				
	(Alabama Studies Weekly) State and Nation: Living and Working Together	2				
				<b>89</b> <i>(K-2 Series Score)</i>	Comprehensive	The online platform is well done and provides quality content; however, the paper flier is lacking and requires a lot of prep and additional resources printed. While content is laid out well, there are a lot of steps to navigate for younger students. The coin incentives and videos are nice additions.
	(Alabama Studies Weekly) Alabama in American History and Government I: Geography and Settlement	3				
	(Alabama Studies Weekly) Alabama in American	4				

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	History and Government II: Revolution to 1900					
	(Alabama Studies Weekly) Alabama in American History and Government III: Twentieth Century	5				
				<b>86</b> <i>(3-5 Series Score)</i>	Comprehensive	
	(Alabama Studies Weekly) Making A New Nation United States: Beginnings and Civic Foundations	6	<b>92</b>		Comprehensive	
	Alabama Studies Weekly) World History and Geography: Geographic Principles and Ancient Civilizations	7				

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	(Alabama Studies Weekly) World History and Geography: Middle Ages to the Enlightenment	8				
				<b>88</b> <i>(7-8 Series Score)</i>	Comprehensive	

*Disclaimer: All material scores represent collaborative work by the Alabama State Textbook Review Committee and should not be attributed to any single person, the ALSDE, SBOE, etc.*

*Please note the following:*

- *Alignment to High-Quality Instructional Materials characteristics were embedded in the scoring rubric.*
- *A **comprehensive textbook/program** is defined as one that meets the standards outlined in the 2024 Alabama Courses of Study for Social Studies, Grades K-12.*
- *A **supplemental textbook/program** is used to support and extend the critical elements of a comprehensive textbook/program. A supplementary textbook/program is not sufficient to be used as the primary resource for a particular grade or course.*
- *To better serve school systems as they select and purchase material, some material was categorized into a series for an overall score as well as to purchase. Please see scoring categories below.*
  1. *K-2 Series (Expanding communities)*
  2. *3-5 Series (Alabama)*
  3. *6 (US History/Civics)*
  4. *7-8 Series (World History)*
  5. *9 (World History)*
  6. *10-11 Series (US History)*
  7. *12 (Government, Economics)*