



**North American Division
Social Studies Textbook Selection Committee**

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The following text publishing companies presented to the committee:

- A. **Houghton Mifflin Harcourt/Holt/McDougal** – www.hmhco.com
- B. **McGraw Hill/Glencoe** – www.mheonline.com
- C. **Prentice Hall/Pearson** – www.pearsonschool.com



**North American Division
Social Studies Textbook List**

The NAD Social Studies Textbook Review Committee, which met in June 2013, was composed of five Social Studies teachers and two Union secondary leaders. The committee considered textbooks from three publishers: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt/Holt McDougal (HMH), Glencoe/McGraw-Hill (GMH) and Pearson-Prentice Hall (PPH).

Committee Observations:

- Textbooks are listed in order of the committee’s preference.
- Textbooks are aligned with Literacy/History Common Core State Standards (CCSS).
- All reviewed textbooks are available online, and in ePub and PDF formats.
- All reviewed textbooks can be accessed through eReader apps (iOS / Android).
- HMH provides iBooks for Geography, World History, U.S. History, and Government.
- Companies offer a wide range of online and digital resources.
- All publishers provide audio features for online textbooks.
- All reviewed textbooks include clear differentiated instruction activities.

World Geography

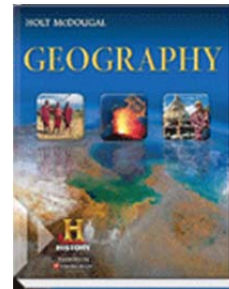
Recommended: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt/Holt McDougal *Geography* (2012)

Teacher Edition ISBN: 978-0-547-49111-0

Student Edition ISBN: 978-0-547-49110-3

Strength Comments:

- Atlas in the front and in the beginning of each chapter
- Excellent interactive maps and charts
- Partnership with History Channel
- Well organized student/teacher resources
- Visually appealing
- Sturdy construction
- Videos available as clips and full length
- Editable teacher resources



Concern Comments:

- Textbook has no yearly/semester pacing guide (only available online)

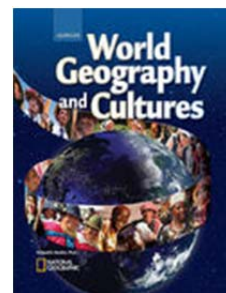
Recommended: Glencoe/McGraw-Hill *World Geography and Cultures* (2012)

Teacher Edition ISBN: 978-0-07-895263-0

Student Edition ISBN: 978-0-07-879995-2

Strength Comments:

- Partnerships with National Geographic/BBC/Learn360
- Uses Understanding by Design
- Planning guides divided into print and digital resources
- Interactive maps
- Not overly bulky
- Reading coach button reduces reading levels
- Editable teacher resources



Concern Comments:

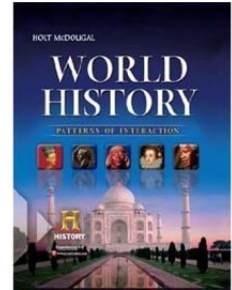
- Presentations and tests only work through use of McGraw-Hill web interface (not exportable)

World History

Recommended: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt/Holt McDougal *World History: Patterns of Interaction* (2012)

Teacher Edition ISBN: 978-0-547-49126-4

Student Edition ISBN: 978-0-547-49112-7



Strength Comments:

- Atlas in the front and in the beginning of each chapter
- Excellent interactive maps and charts
- Partnership with History Channel
- Well organized student/teacher resources
- Visually appealing
- Sturdy construction
- Videos available as clips or full length
- Editable teacher resources
- Textbook is organized with a continuity of themes/skills
- Broader coverage of non-Eurocentric cultures than other reviewed textbooks
- Extensive use of primary resources
- Strong emphasis on historiography

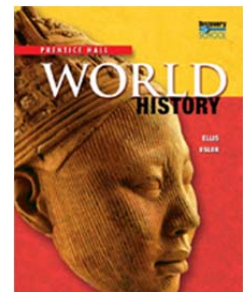
Concern Comments:

- Pacing guide available online only

Recommended: Pearson-Prentice Hall *World History* (2014)

Teacher Edition ISBN: 978-0-13-323133-5

Student Edition ISBN: 978-0-13-372397-7



Strength Comments:

- Strong emphasis on writing and the writing process
- Partnership with PBS
- Good use of document-based questions
- Excellent pacing guide both in print and online
- Use of Understanding by Design
- Quality eReader text app
- Excellent print resources
- Helpful Quick Study Guides at end of each chapter

Concern Comments:

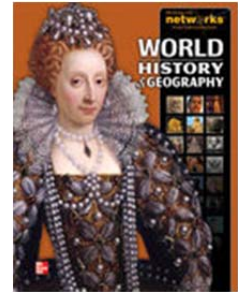
- Inconsistent maintenance/updating of eResources
- Multiple log-ins for use of eResources

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Recommended: Glencoe/McGraw-Hill *World History and Geography* (2014)

Teacher Edition ISBN: 978-0-07-664718-7

Student Edition ISBN: 978-0-07-664868-9



Strength Comments:

- Partnership with National Geographic/BBC/Learn360
- Skillful implementation of Understanding by Design
- Planning guides divided into print and digital resources
- Not overly bulky
- Reading coach button reduces reading levels
- Editable teacher resources
- Project-based learning activities
- Timelines and maps at beginning of each chapter
- Assessment questions tied directly to reading/history CCSS

Concern Comments:

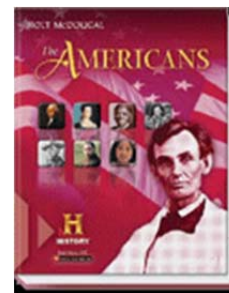
- Presentations and tests only work through McGraw-Hill web interface (not exportable)

U.S. History

Recommended: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt/Holt McDougal *The Americans* (2012)

Teacher Edition ISBN: 978-0-547-49120-2

Student Edition ISBN: 978-0-547-49115-8



Strength Comments:

- Broader coverage of minority groups and women
- Excellent interactive maps and charts
- Partnership with History Channel
- Well organized student/teacher resources
- Visually appealing
- Sturdy construction
- Videos available as clips or full length
- Editable teacher resources
- Textbook is organized with a continuity of themes/skills
- Useful epilogue pertaining to the 21st century issues
- Extensive use of primary resources
- Strong emphasis on historiography

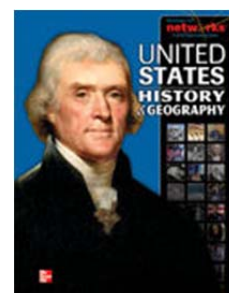
Concern Comments:

- Textbook has no yearly/semester pacing guide (only available online)

Recommended: Glencoe/McGraw-Hill *United States History and Geography* (2014)

Teacher Edition ISBN: 978-0-07-660866-9

Student Edition ISBN: 978-0-07-660865-2



Strength Comments:

- Partnerships with National Geographic/BBC/Learn360
- Skillful implementation of Understanding by Design
- Planning guides divided into print and digital resources
- Not overly bulky
- Reading coach button reduces reading levels
- Editable teacher resources
- Project-based learning activities
- Timelines and map at beginning of each chapter
- Assessment questions tied directly to reading/history CCSS

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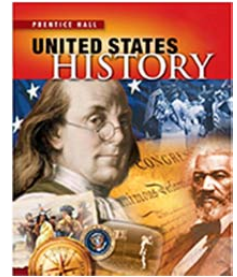
- Presentations and tests only work through McGraw-Hill web interface (not exportable)

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Recommended: Pearson-Prentice Hall *United States History* (2013)

Teacher Edition ISBN: 978-0-13-318933-9

Student Edition ISBN: 978-0-13-318959-9



Strength Comments:

- Strong emphasis on writing and the writing process
- Partnership with PBS
- Good use of document-based questions
- Excellent pacing guide both in print and online
- Use of Understanding by Design
- Has quality eReader text app
- Excellent print resources
- Helpful Quick Study Guides at end of each chapter
- Extensive reference section at end of the textbook

Concern Comments:

- Inconsistent maintenance/updating of eResources
- Multiple log-ins for use of eResources

Government

Recommended: Pearson-Prentice Hall *Magruder's American Government* (2013)

Teacher Edition ISBN: 978-0-13-317364-2

Student Edition ISBN: 978-0-13-324082-5

Strength Comments:

- Partnership with PBS
- On the Go summary for each chapter
- Good use of document-based questions
- Multiple game and test preparation apps
- Offers 9th grade and 11th/12th grades versions
- Heavy focus on essential questions
- Includes election of 2012

Concern Comments:

- Inconsistent maintenance/updating of eResources
- Multiple log-ins for use of eResources



Recommended: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt/Holt McDougal *United States Government: Principles in Practice* (2012)

Teacher Edition ISBN: 978-0-547-49712-9

Student Edition ISBN: 978-0-547-45138-1

Strength Comments:

- Partnership with History Channel
- Well organized student/teacher resources in print and online
- Visually appealing
- Sturdy construction
- Videos available as clips and full length
- Editable teacher resources
- Helpful case studies and simulations

Concern Comments:

- Textbook has no yearly/semester pacing guide (only available online)

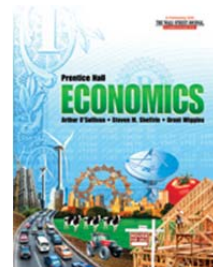


Economics

Recommended: Pearson-Prentice Hall *Economics* (2013)

Teacher Edition ISBN: 978-0-13-318873-8

Student Edition ISBN: 978-0-13-318654-3



Strength Comments:

- Partnership with Wall Street Journal
- Document-based assessment
- Textbook organized around essential questions
- Well developed semester and yearly pacing guide
- Visually appealing

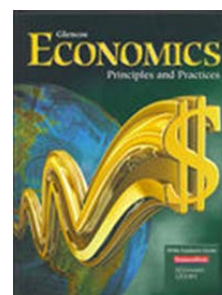
Concern Comments:

- Inconsistent maintenance/updating of eResources
- Complicated eResources navigation

Recommended: Glencoe/McGraw-Hill *Economics Principles and Practices* (2012)

Teacher Edition ISBN: 978-0-07-895360-6

Student Edition ISBN: 978-0-07-879997-6



Strength Comments:

- Visually appealing
- Partnerships with Learn360 and Standard & Poor's
- Relevant case studies at the end of each chapter
- Visual summary at the end of each chapter
- Career spotlights in each chapter

Concern Comments:

- Limited teacher online resources
- Inconsistent maintenance/updating of eResources

Recommended: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt/Holt McDougal *Concepts and Choices* (2011)

Teacher Edition ISBN: 978-0-547-08306-3

Student Edition ISBN: 978-0-547-08294-3



Strength Comments:

- Relevant case studies at the end of each chapter
- Partnership with Rand McNally
- Reference maps/charts at the beginning of each chapter
- Good combination of micro and macroeconomics with a section on personal finance

Concern Comments:

Civics/Economics

Recommended: Glencoe/McGraw-Hill *Building Citizenship: Civics & Economics* (2014)

Teacher Edition ISBN: 978-0-07-664817-7

Student Edition ISBN: 978-0-07-664811-5



Strength Comments:

- Partnerships with National Geographic/BBC/Learn360
- Skillful implementation of Understanding by Design
- Planning guides divided into print and digital resources
- Not overly bulky
- Reading coach button reduces reading levels
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