NORTH CAROLINA UNPACKING DOCUMENT FOR GRADE 2

The Unpacking Documents for North Carolina K-12 Social Studies Standards were created in collaboration with teachers, NCDPI leadership, and members of the NCDPI Social Studies team. These documents are intended to supplement the standard course of study and provide a comprehensive understanding for the teaching of the standards and objectives. The explanations and examples in this document are intended to be helpful in the planning of local curriculum and classroom instruction.

This document will provide:

- Inquiry Strand: the State Board of Education approved indicators for inquiry
- Standard: the State Board of Education approved standard(s) for a strand
- Objective: the State Board of Education approved objectives for teaching and learning
- Mastery of the Objective: a description of how the student should be able to demonstrate mastery of the objective
- Students will Understand: understandings that students should be able to arrive at as a result of the instruction
- Students will Know: information the student should know
- Example Topics: possible content and/or topic ideas that can be used to teach the objective
- Example Formative Assessments: possible tasks that can be used to gauge student understanding of the objective

The example topics and example formative assessments provided with each objective are:

- Content examples for instruction that help to build student knowledge and understanding of the objective
- Sample assessment activities to gauge learning that may be used to determine whether students are meeting the learning objective
- Examples to enhance the student's ability to make connections across other disciplines and in the real world
- Recommendations, with the understanding that PSUs retain local control to determine curriculum

The example topics and example formative assessments provided with each objective are:

- Not meant to be an exhaustive list
- Not meant to be content that must be taught all at once
- Not a checklist for basic recall or memorization
- Not a checklist for assessment for each objective
- Not intended to reflect summative assessment items

The Social Studies Glossary of Instructional Terms has been designed to be a tool to provide educators with words and phrases that represent the big, overarching concepts, and ideas that teachers need to know and understand in order to effectively teach the revised Social Studies Standards: View the Glossary of Instructional Terms



Inquiry Strand

The inquiry process for each grade and course within the North Carolina Social Studies Standard Course of Study asks students to inquire, think critically, evaluate sources, use evidence, communicate, and solve problems. Students are asked to practice the skills embedded in the inquiry process on a regular basis throughout instruction; these skills should also be combined into an inquiry project at least once during the year or semester.

Inquiry K-2

The Inquiry Indicators are meant to be used in concert with the content standards in any strand for each grade in the K-2 grade band. Teachers should be encouraged to use these indicators in every grade level.

Because there is no set number of indicators that should be used in any grade level, the intent is that by the end of grade 2 students will have been exposed to the skills essential to developing critical thinking in social studies. For this to occur, students must be exposed to inquiry indicators in each grade.

Category	Indicator
	I.1.1 Identify inquiry as a process to answer questions and solve issues
Compelling Questions	I.1.2 Recognize a compelling question with prompting and support
	I.1.3 Explain why or how a compelling question is important to a topic or issue
Supporting Questions	I.1.4 Identify what questions are needed to support the compelling question
Supporting Questions	I.1.5 Recognize how supporting questions connect to compelling questions
Gathering and Evaluating	I.1.6 Demonstrate an understanding of facts, opinions, and other details in source
Sources	I.1.7 Identify the information surrounding a primary or secondary source including who created it, when they
Sources	created it, where they created it, and why they created it
Developing Claims and	Starting in Grade 3
Using Evidence	
Communicating Ideas	I.1.8 Construct responses to compelling questions using information from sources
Taking Informed Action	I.1.9 Identify problems related to the compelling question that students think are important



The time period and focus for this course is from pre-colonial through the present day.

Unpacking the Behavioral Science Objectives

Standard 2.B.1 Understand how values and beliefs shape culture in America

Overarching Concept	Overarching Concepts: Values, Beliefs, Culture, Identity							
Objective	Mastery of the Objective	Students Will Understand	Students Will Know	Example Topics	Examples of Formative Assessment			
2.B.1.1 Identify the various values and beliefs of diverse cultures that have shaped American identity	Students must be able to show they can recognize various values and beliefs that have contributed to American identity.	A nation's identity may be influenced by the beliefs and values of various cultures The religion, traditions, values, belief systems, food, customs, etc. of various groups may contribute to how a nation develops	Examples of values of different cultures Examples of beliefs of different cultures Examples of how values shape American identity Examples of how beliefs shape American identity	Examples of values/beliefs	Students examine some unique values and beliefs of various cultures in the United States. Students then identify ways a culture may have shaped American identity in the United States, orally or in writing. Students are given a brochure that has a culture represented in their neighborhood or region. The students identify specific ways that culture can be seen in the American identity by circling specific examples of how someone can view it locally (e.g., through local museums, festivals, restaurants, etc.).			
Objective	Mastery of the Objective	Students Will Understand	Students Will Know	Example Topics	Examples of Formative Assessment			
2.B.1.2 Explain	Students must be	Groups that live in a	Examples of different beliefs	Land ownership (how	Students choose an			



how belief systems	able to demonstrate	nation may influence the	and practices that have	groups interpreted –	indigenous, religious, or
of various	understanding of	development of the	contributed to culture in	Indigenous groups vs.	racial group they have
indigenous,	how the belief	cultural identity of that	America	European)	learned about. Students
religious, and racial	systems of different	nation			then create a
groups have	groups contributed		Examples of different	Cultural or religious	presentation that
influenced or	to culture in America,	The belief systems of	indigenous, religious, and	beliefs of various groups	explains how this group
contributed to	paying special	various indigenous,	racial groups in America		influenced culture in
culture in America	attention to	religious, and racial		Religious groups	America. The
	indigenous, religious,	groups often influence	Examples of how various	Quakers	explanation should be
	and racial groups.	art, music, customs, and	groups have influenced or	Puritans	supported with specific
		cultural traditions in a	contributed to culture in	Catholics	examples.
		nation	America	Mormons	
					After studying the
				Racial ethnic groups	various beliefs of people
				Latin/Hispanic	who have contributed to
				Americans	American culture,
				Asian Americans	students explain how
				African Americans	the beliefs have
				Scots Irish/	influenced their own life
				Europeans	in America (e.g., building
				Laropeano	gingerbread houses
				Indigenous communities	during the winter
				& their cultural regions	holidays or attending a
				Arctic	St. Patrick's Day parade,
				Eastern Woodlands	etc.).
				Southeast	etc.).
				Plains	Students create a
				Northwest Coastal	museum mural that
				Southwest	explains the ways in
				Hawaiian	which American Indian
				Enslaved people	communities have
					influenced culture in
				Cultures	America.
				Deliniana anama and	
				Religious groups and	
				their basic beliefs	
				Puritans	
				Pilgrims	



		QuakersCatholicsProtestantsMoravians	
		Urban vs rural culture/life/values	
		Enslaved and free Africans (Pre-Civil War)	
		Racial groups Asian AmericansLatinx AmericansAfrican Americans	
		American Indians Immigrants	

Unpacking the Civics and Government Objectives

Standard 2.C&G.1 Understand how freedom, equality, and democracy contribute to the government of America
Overarching Concepts: Government, Structure, Function, Groups, Freedom, Equality, Groups, Individuals

Objective	Mastery of the Objective	Students Will Understand	Students Will Know	Example Topics	Examples of Formative Assessment
2.C&G.1.1 Explain how principles of democracy have shaped the government of America	Students must be able to demonstrate understanding of how the American government has been influenced by the principles of democracy.	A nation's system of government may be shaped by the principles outlined in its founding documents The principles of self-government and majority rule may influence the development of a	How principles of democracy have influenced the government of America Examples of principles of democracy	Principles of democracy	Using a set of "memory cards" created by the teacher, students engage in a game of "Concentration." Students work in pairs to match examples of principles of democracy with the best examples of how the principles helped to shape



democratic nation		American government.
dell'ideidia fidiloff	Constitution	After reading annotated
	Sonotitation	versions of important
	Declaration of	American documents
	Independence	(e.g., Declaration of
	macpenaence	Independence,
	Bill of Rights	Constitution, Bill of
		Rights, etc.), students
		create a windowpane
		foldable explaining the
		four principles of
		democracy and how they
		influenced the American
		government. Students
		should include the
		following for each
		principle: 1) Name of the
		principle, 2) Summary of
		the principle, and 3)
		Explanation of how the
		principle is present in the
		American government.
		Students watch a video
		on individual rights.
		After watching the video,
		students create a poster
		explaining how individual
		rights shaped American
		government.
		Students watch a video
		on checks and balances.
		After watching the video,
		students create a poster
		explaining how checks
		and balances shaped
		American government.



Objective	Mastery of the Objective	Students Will Understand	Students Will Know	Example Topics	Examples of Formative Assessment
2.C&G.1.2 Summarize the role	Students must be able to show they	The protection of individual freedoms and	Role government has in protecting the freedom and	Constitution	Students select one of the amendments they
of the government in protecting	can create a short summary (not retell)	equality are often written into a nation's system of	equality of people	Bill of Rights	learned about in class and create a visual that
freedom and equality of	that captures the main idea of the role	government	Examples of how government protects	13th - 15th amendments	summarizes how it protects freedom and
individuals in America	the government has in protecting	The people of a democratic nation may	freedom	19th amendment	equality for individuals in America.
	individuals' freedom and equality in	have their rights and freedoms protected by	Examples of how government protects	Process of making laws	The teacher gives
	America.	the government	equality	Supreme Court's role in interpreting laws, specifically in terms of protecting freedoms and equality	students a list of freedoms that are protected by laws or amendments that they have already learned about in class. Students
				Elected officials respond to their constituents with the creation of laws to protect freedoms and equalities	select one freedom and write a 2-3 sentence summary of the ways in which the government protects this freedom.
					Students read about Susan B. Anthony's fight for women's suffrage. Students then create a poster summarizing how certain laws or amendments were created in order to protect specific freedoms.



Objective	Mastery of the Objective	Students Will Understand	Students Will Know	Example Topics	Examples of Formative Assessment
2.C&G.1.3 Compare the structure and function of the three branches of government at the national level	Students must be able to discuss the similarities between the legislative, executive, and judicial branches' structures and functions at the national level. Students must be able to discuss the differences between the legislative, executive, and judicial branches' structures and functions at the national level.	The different branches of government vary in their structure and function Governments may be structured to address the basic needs of the people	The function of each branch of government The similarities between the branches The differences between the branches	Executive Branch	Students create a Venn Diagram comparing the similarities and differences of two of the three branches of government. Students write a First, Then, Next, Last story about what a day working in two of the branches of government might be like. Students compare their stories to understand the similarities and differences between the roles of the branches. After studying the three branches, students complete a Triple Bubble Thinking map in order to demonstrate their understanding of the similarities and differences between the three branches.
Objective	Mastery of the Objective	Students Will Understand	Students Will Know	Example Topics	Examples of Formative Assessment
2.C&G.1.4 Explain how various indigenous, religious, gender,	Students must be able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of	Groups often advocate for freedom and equality through civic action	Examples of how various indigenous, religious, gender, and racial groups advocate for freedom	Boycotts Protests	After reading about multiple modern-day examples of indigenous, religious, gender, or racial



and racial groups	how various groups	Laws and policies may		Petitions	groups advocating for
advocate for	encouraged freedom	limit a group's freedom or	Examples of how various		freedom and equality,
freedom and	and equality and the	equal treatment	indigenous, religious,	Suffrage Movements	students create their own
equality	impact those actions		gender, and racial groups		news articles explaining
	have had on those		advocate for equality	Civil Rights Movements	the ways these groups
	groups.				have advocated for
				Communicate with	freedom and equality and
				elected representatives	the impact the advocacy
				• Emails	had on the group.
				 Letters 	Students select one of
				Social media	the groups they learned
				Phone calls	about in class. Students
					then create an ad that
					would appear during a
					time period of advocacy.
					The ad should explain
					the role people would
					play in advocating for
					freedom and equality
					(e.g., In referencing the
					Women's suffrage
					movement: "Wanted:
					Strong independent
					women to lead the way
					for a change in the voting
					rights of the land!"). On
					the back of the ad poster,
					students explain the
					impact the person would
					have on equality and
					freedom of the specific
					group.



Unpacking the Economics Objectives

Standard 2.E.1 Understand how the availability of resources impacts economic decisions

Overarching Concepts: Scarcity, Economic Decisions, Goods, Availability, Resources

Objective	Mastery of the Objective	Students Will Understand	Students Will Know	Example Topics	Examples of Formative Assessment
2.E.1.1 Explain how scarcity affects economic decisions	Students must be able to demonstrate understanding of scarcity and how it impacts economic decisions.	Economic decisions are influenced by the availability of goods and services The economic decisions relating to what people buy often determines what goods and services are produced	Examples of economic decisions How scarcity affects economic decisions	Available resources Natural Goods Services Spending National level Household level Needs vs. Wants Specific examples of times in the nation's history when scarcity affected decisions Dustbowl Great Depression Great Recession Pandemic Supply and Demand	Students participate in a simulation where they are asked to create something, but with scarce supplies (e.g., colored pencils, tape, glue, etc.). After the simulation, students explain how scarcity impacted their decisions throughout the activity. Students are given cards with different economic scenarios. Students identify which scenarios are examples of scarcity and explain the potential choices people could make in the scarcity scenarios.
Objective	Mastery of the Objective	Students Will Understand	Students Will Know	Example Topics	Examples of Formative Assessment
2.E.1.2 Explain how the availability of resources impacts the production of	Students must be able to demonstrate understanding of how	Limited resources often dictate what goods and services can be	Meaning of availability of resources	Examples of limited resources Time	Students read a scenario about a furniture factory that has to make tough
goods	the production of	produced	Examples of goods	Raw Materials	decisions because of



1	oods is impacted by	5 1 ·· 1 ··	- I (II)	o Water	limited resources.
	,	Production decisions are	Examples of limited	 Lumber 	Students write an
re	esources.	often determined by the	resources	o Oil	explanation of how the
		availability of resources		 Minerals 	limited resources dictate
			How the availability of	 Cotton 	what can and can not be
			resources impacts the	o Steel	produced.
			production of goods	 Natural 	
				gas	Students pretend they
				o Coal	are going to open a
				Forest	bookstore. Students
				resources	generate a list of the
				o Corn	services and goods they
				o Grain	will need to be able to
				Money	run the bookstore
				• Land	successfully. Students
				 Capital 	then write an
				Labor	explanation showing
					how having these
				Goods	services and goods
				• Fruits	readily available impact
				 Vegetables 	their ability to run the
				• Fish	bookstore.
				 Wildlife 	
				Livestock	
				 Furniture 	
				• Toys	
				• Cars	
				• Computers	
				• TVs	
				Books	



Unpacking the Geography Objectives

Standard 2.G.1 Understand how interaction between humans and the physical environment is impacted by movement and settlement

Overarching Concepts: Location, Settlement, Movement, People, Development, Environment, Territory

Objective	Mastery of the Objective	Students Will Understand	Students Will Know	Example Topics	Examples of Formative Assessment
2.G.1.1 Recognize absolute and relative location of various settlements, territories, and states in the development of the American nation	Students must be able to show they can recall information about what absolute location and relative location are. Students must be able to show they can recall information about the absolute and relative location of various settlements, territories, and states in the development of America.	People can identify where they are based on the position of a place or depending on its location with respect to other locations Landmarks or points of interest can be used to determine the location of a place Geographic coordinates on a map or a globe may be used to navigate people to specific places or locations	Examples of absolute and relative location How to identify the absolute and relative location of a place	Relative/absolute location of American cities and places	Students use a map to plot the absolute location of places in America based on a short list provided by the teacher. Students use a map to identify the territories that belonged to specific American Indian tribes using relative location. The teacher gives students a list of descriptions of both absolute and relative locations. Students work in groups or pairs to identify each location on a map or globe.
Objective	Mastery of the Objective	Students Will Understand	Students Will Know	Example Topics	Examples of Formative Assessment
2.G.1.2 Explain how the	Students must be	The physical	Examples of how the	Examples of how	After studying different
environment has impacted settlement	able to demonstrate understanding of how	environment may influence how and why	environment impacted settlement across	environment impacts settlement	physical features and their impacts on
across America	the environment has	people settle in a place	America	Manifest	settlement, students
across America	often played a	people settie iii a piace	America	Destiny/moving	create a "how-to guide"
	significant role in	The physical	Reasons why people	west for more	explaining how to settle
	where people have	environment of a place	settle or migrate to a	land and gold	in a specific physical
1	chosen to settle and	can influence the way	new place	American Indian	environment and how



	live in various places across America.	People may choose to migrate to a new place in order to access an environment that meets their needs The harsh or extreme environment of a place can limit the migration/settlement to that area		territories Physical geographic features Mountains Rivers Plains Deserts Reasons why people settle or move Climate Physical geographic features Mountains Rivers Plains Deserts Plains Deserts Following a food or water source Water source for travel Land for agriculture Access to coastal areas (important for 13 colonies)	the environment of the area chosen will impact choices made for settlement (e.g., "If you're settling in a mountainous area, you will need to think about"). Students should use evidence from the environments they have studied. After studying a period of settlement (e.g., indigenous, colonial, westward expansion, etc.), students write a paragraph in which they explain how the physical environment shaped a specific settlement or the ability of people to settle in a specific area of our country.
Objective	Mastery of the Objective	Students Will Understand	Students Will Know	Example Topics	Examples of Formative Assessment
2.G.1.3 Interpret how the movement of people, goods, and ideas has impacted the regional development of America	Students must be able to paraphrase given material and representations about how the movement of	The regional development of a nation may be affected by the movement of people, goods, and ideas	How the movement of people, goods, and ideas impacts regional development	Colonial settlement Northern and Southern regions	After reading about a specific period of movement, migration, or settlement, students work in groups to



goods, people, and ideas have impacted the development of America.	The movement of goods, people, and ideas can transform a place or region	Examples of movement of goods, people, and ideas	New England Colonies Middle Colonies Southern Colonies The Trail of Tears Westward Expansion Manifest Destiny Great Migration Transcontinental Railroad Gold Rush Underground Railroad Factors that motivate movement Technology Innovation Land	paraphrase what prompted people or the idea to move and how it impacted development in America. Students read about a period of movement and then write a newspaper article in which they paraphrase the important who, what, where, when, and why about how that period of movement impacted the development of America.
			Factors that motivate movement Technology	



Unpacking the History Objectives

Standard 2.H.1 Understand how various people and events have shaped America

Overarching Concepts: Groups, Contribution, History, Historical Event, Perspective, Time

Objective	Mastery of the Objective	Students Will Understand	Students Will Know	Example Topics	Examples of Formative Assessment
2.H.1.1 Summarize	Students must be	Historical events are	Examples of various	Elizabeth Cady Stanton	Students read an
contributions of	able to show they	often led by dynamic	women, indigenous,		article about a
various women,	can create a short	personalities that may	religious, racial, and	Grimke Sisters	historical figure.
indigenous, religious,	summary (not retell)	help set a course that	minority groups who have		Students then
racial, and other	that captures the	can change history	contributed to American	Greensboro Four	participate in a
minority groups that	main point or basic		history		role-play activity where
have impacted	idea that various	Historical events or		Susan B. Anthony	they emulate the
American history	women, indigenous,	issues can be better	How various women,		historical figure they
	religious, racial, and	understood through the	indigenous, religious, racial,	"Freedom Riders"	read about and
	other minority	study of the lives and	and other minority groups		summarize their
	groups influenced	contributions of	have contributed to	Rosa Parks	contribution and
	history in America.	historical figures	American history		influence on American
		contained in historical		Martin Luther King, Jr.	history.
		narratives			
				Puritans	After watching a video
		The actions of diverse			on Sacajawea,
		individuals and groups		Sacajawea	students create an
		contribute to the events			Instagram post with a
		that occur over time and		Cesar Chavez	one-sentence caption
		help shape a nation's			summarizing her
		history over time		Clara Barton	contributions and how
					she has impacted
		The experiences and		Anne Hutchinson	American history.
		achievements of people			
		with different cultural		Crispus Attucks	
		backgrounds help shape			
		the development of a		George Washington	
		country		Carver	
		The lives of people in a		Benjamin Banneker	
		nation may be improved			



		by the innovations and achievements of diverse groups of people		Ajay Bhatt Dolores Huerta Dorothy Vaughn Katherine Johnson Mary Jackson Steven Chen Jawed Karim	
Objective	Mastery of the Objective	Students Will Understand	Students Will Know	Example Topics	Examples of Formative Assessment
2.H.1.2 Explain ways in which various historical events have shaped American history	Students must be able to demonstrate understanding of how the history of America was influenced by different historical events.	The events of history often have effects that are long-lasting Leadership can determine the outcome of an event Both conflict and social movements can have an impact on how a nation develops over time	Examples of historical events How various historical events have impacted American history	Bacon's Rebellion Boston Tea Party The signing of the Declaration of Independence Revolutionary War Civil War World Wars Civil Rights Movements Space Race 9/11 Greensboro Sit-Ins	After studying various historical events, students create a storyboard explaining how that event shaped or impacted America. Students create a timeline of a specific event, including its causes and effects.



				Roanoke Colonies First flight of the Wright Brothers Underground Railroad Jamestown Indian Removal Integration of schools	
Objective	Mastery of the Objective	Students Will Understand	Students Will Know	Example Topics	Examples of Formative Assessment
2.H.1.3 Compare various perspectives of the same time period using primary and secondary sources	Students must be able to describe the similarities and differences between the different points of view people may have had of the same time period. Students must be able to use primary and secondary source documents as they work to master this objective.	Historical sources from multiple points of view may be used to understand events that happened in the past The perspective of sources often reflects the authors' motives for writing Historical events or issues can be understood by comparing different sources	How to use multiple sources to explore various perspectives Examples of primary and secondary sources Similarities and differences between various perspectives of the same time period How perspective can affect the way history is interpreted	Primary and secondary sources	Students read both a primary and secondary source about an event to write a newspaper article about that event, describing and comparing the two accounts or points of view. After studying the Great Depression, the students compare photographs of people who struggled through the Depression and those that prospered. The students create a Venn Diagram of those perspectives.

