#### NORTH CAROLINA UNPACKING DOCUMENT FOR GRADE 3

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 3-5**

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 5 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.

The Inquiry Indicators are meant to be used in concert with the content standards in any strand for each grade in the 3-5 grade band. Teachers should be encouraged to use these indicators in every grade level.

Category	Indicator
Compelling Questions	I.1.1 Identify content required to provide an answer to compelling questions.
Compening Questions	I.1.2 Construct compelling questions that promote inquiry with peers.
Supporting Questions	I.1.3 Understand how responses to supporting questions provide responses to compelling questions.
Supporting Questions	I.1.4 Construct and respond to supporting questions that help answer compelling questions with peers.
Gathering and Evaluating	I.1.5 Understand academic and domain-specific words in sources to create responses to compelling questions.
Sources	I.1.6 Organize relevant information from primary and secondary sources using the origin, authority, structure,
Sources	credibility, reliability, and context of the sources to guide the selection.
Developing Claims and	I.1.7 Construct claims in response to compelling and supporting questions.
Using Evidence	I.1.8 Accurately use information from sources when making claims.
Osing Evidence	I.1.9 Make inferences from information in sources.
Communicating Ideas	I.1.10 Construct responses to compelling questions with specific claims and information from teacher-provided
Communicating ideas	sources.
Taking Informed Action	I.1.11 Identify ways to address problems related to the compelling question.



# This grade level does not have a specific time period of focus.

# **Unpacking the Behavioral Science Objectives**

Standard 3.B.1 Understand how values and beliefs of individuals and groups-influence communities

Overarching Concepts: Beliefs, Values, Culture, Cultural Practice, Community, Groups

Objective	Mastery of the Objective	Students Will Understand	Students Will Know	Example Topics	Examples of Formative Assessment
<b>3.B.1.1</b> Explain	Students must be	Indigenous, religious,	Examples of values, beliefs,	Traditions and	The teacher shares
how the values,	able to demonstrate	racial, and other groups	and cultures of various	celebrations of groups	examples of festivals,
beliefs, and	understanding of how	often contribute to the	groups		local events, and places
cultures of	values, beliefs, and	development of local		Languages and dialects	in the community.
various	cultures contribute to	communities and the	How the values, beliefs, and		Students identify the
indigenous,	the development of	state	cultures influence the	Religious Groups	values and beliefs of
religious, racial	state and local		development communities		cultures within the
and other	communities, paying	The values and beliefs		African Americans	community that
groups	specific attention to	of various groups can			contribute to the
contribute to the	race, religion, and	influence the art, music,		Asian Americans	festivals, events, and
development of	indigenous peoples.	customs, and cultural			places. Students
local		traditions of a		Pacific Islanders	explain how these
communities		community or state			events contribute to the
and the state				Middle Eastern and North	local community.
				Africans	The state of the control of the cont
				I atimu	The teacher provides
				Latinx	students with information on the
				Cultural Practices of	values and beliefs of
				American Indians in	cultural groups that
				North Carolina	contributed to their local
				North Carollia	community. Students
				Scots Irish	then create a poster in
					which they showcase
				Highland Scots	the cultural groups and
				I lightana ocoto	give specific examples
				English	of their impact on the
					local community.
				Germans	
				French Huguenots	



				Hmong Montagnard	
Objective	Mastery of the Objective	Students Will Understand	Students Will Know	Example Topics	Examples of Formative Assessment
3.B.1.2 Compare values, beliefs, cultural practices and traditions of various groups living in local and regional communities	Students must be able to discuss the similarities and differences between the values, beliefs, cultural practices, and traditions of different groups that live in local communities and make those same comparisons between regions.	A variety of languages and traditions contribute to the cultural diversity of local and regional communities  The diversity of a community may provide benefits to people that choose to live within it  The culture of local and regional communities may impact the beliefs, traditions, and values of other cultures	Similarities of values, beliefs, cultural practices, and traditions of various groups  Differences of values, beliefs, cultural practices, and traditions of various groups	Compare     Food     Traditions     Art     Religions     Music/dance     Festivals/fairs     American Indian tribal traditions/celebrations     Languages     Family practices and traditions	Students read an informational text about the cultural traditions in North Carolina. Students use a Venn Diagram to compare the two traditions.  Students create a Venn Diagram to compare the visual arts created by two different groups in their community. After completing the Venn Diagram, students write a short paragraph about the similarities and differences between the groups.

Unpacking the Civics and Government Objectives					
Standard 3.C&G.1 Unders	stand the structure and fu	inction of state and local	government		
Overarching Concepts: S	tructure, Function, Goverr	nment, Leader			
Objective	Mastery of the Objective	Students Will Understand	Students Will Know	Example Topics	Examples of Formative Assessment
<b>3.C&amp;G.1.1</b> Compare the structure and function of both state and local		The structure of local and state governments may	The similarities and differences between the structure of state	Branches of government	Students work in a group to create a script for a 3-5 minute TV



government	differences between both the structure and function of state government to the structure and function of local government.	include separation of powers between branches  Governments may be structured to address the basic needs of the people	and local governments in North Carolina  The similarities and differences between the function of state and local governments in North Carolina	<ul> <li>Legislative branch</li> <li>Judicial branch</li> <li>Executive branch</li> <li>Levels of government</li> <li>Federal</li> <li>State</li> <li>Local</li> </ul>	show that teaches children about the structure of government and compares the roles of different state and local government entities. Students perform their brief TV show skit.
				State government	The teacher shows students a video on how state and local government is structured. Students create a Venn Diagram that compares the structures of local and state government.
				property taxes <ul><li>Public utilities</li></ul>	



				<ul> <li>Public transportation</li> <li>Functions local/state government</li> <li>Plan and pay for most roads</li> <li>Run public schools</li> <li>Provide water</li> <li>Organize police and fire services</li> <li>Establish zoning regulations</li> <li>Arrange elections for their citizens</li> </ul>	
Objective	Mastery of the Objective	Students Will Understand	Students Will Know	Example Topics	Examples of Formative Assessment
3.C&G.1.2 Classify the roles and responsibilities of leaders in state and local government	Students must be able to categorize the different roles and responsibilities of state and local government leaders.	The role of state and local government leaders vary based on their responsibilities  State and local officials create laws and policies which can impact the quality of life of people  State and local leaders create policies and laws or policies to establish order and manage conflict	Examples of the responsibilities of state and local government leaders  Examples of the roles of state and local government leaders	State     Governor     Judges     Attorneys     Court positions     School boards     Law enforcement  Local     Mayor     City Council     County     commissioners     Police, sheriffs,     law enforcement     Fire chief/     departments     City planning     Parks &	Given a list of statements describing different leadership positions, students classify each item on the list by placing them in one of the following categories: 1) Role of a State Government Official, 2) Role of a Local Government Official, 3) A State Level Responsibility, 4) A Local Level Responsibility.  Each student will be given one color notecard labeled with



				Recreation Judges Attorneys Court positions School Boards Legislative branch Judicial branch Executive branch	the word "state" and another color notecard labeled with the word "local." The teacher reads descriptions of various roles or responsibilities. The students show they can classify the role or responsibility as either state or local by holding up the correct notecard for the teacher to see. The teacher should discuss the correct category for each description before moving onto the next one.  After learning about the executive, judicial, and legislative branches, students classify the roles of state and local government leaders into one of those branches on a chart.
Objective	Mastery of the Objective	Students Will Understand	Students Will Know	Example Topics	Examples of Formative Assessment
<b>3.C&amp;G.1.3</b> Compare how state, local, and tribal	Students must be able to discuss the	Governments establish policies, rules, and laws	Similarities between how state, local, and	Various tribal government systems	After reading about how a state and local
governments help solve	similarities and	that help to solve	tribal governments help	Tribal laws	government solved
problems within	differences in how	problems within	solve problems within	Tribal rules	similar problems,
communities	different levels of	communities	communities	Tribal	students create a Venn
	government address			constitutions	Diagram in which they
	needs, problems, or	Governments may	Differences between	<ul> <li>Tribal councils</li> </ul>	compare how the two



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issues. Students m		how state, local, and		governments solved
include examples a	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	tribal governments help	Laws/policies	their issues.
state, local, and trib	al solve the problems or	solve problems within	<ul><li>Local rules/</li></ul>	
levels.	issues	communities	ordinances	The teacher reads three
			<ul> <li>Law enforcement</li> </ul>	real or hypothetical
	State and local leaders	Examples of how state,	<ul> <li>Pest control and</li> </ul>	stories of how a
	create policies and	local, and tribal	animal issues	problem in a community
	laws to establish order	governments help solve	<ul> <li>Public safety</li> </ul>	was solved differently
	and manage conflict	problems within	Water usage	by officials at the state,
	and manage commet	communities	Teen court	local, and tribal levels of
			Litter control	government. The
			Potholes	students work in small
			Sidewalk repair	groups to discuss and
			Sidewark repair	write down the
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				differences in how each
				level of government
				chose to solve the
				problem based on what
				they could or could not
				do at their level of
				government.
				Students complete a
				"Quick Write" activity
				detailing a comparison
				of the processes a state
				government uses to
				solve problems in
				comparison to what
				local governments are
				allowed to do to solve
				problems.
				problems.
				Students are given a
				scenario in which the
				same problem was
				solved on a reservation
				and in another local



		community. Students explain the similarities and differences between the problem-solving approaches.
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# **Unpacking the Economics Objectives**

Standard 3.E.1 Understand how economic decisions and resources affect the local economy

Overarching Concepts: Community, Entrepreneurship, Production, Consumption, Supply, Demand, Good							
Objective	Mastery of the Objective	Students Will Understand	Students Will Know	Example Topics	Examples of Formative Assessment		
3.E.1.1 Explain how entrepreneurship develops local communities	Students must be able to demonstrate understanding of how entrepreneurship affects the development of local communities.	Entrepreneurship can be essential to the economic development of a local community  Entrepreneurs often create businesses based on the needs and desires of the local community	Examples of entrepreneurs in different local communities of North Carolina  How entrepreneurs have impacted the local economy in communities in North Carolina	Entrepreneurial examples  Franchises Start-up companies Beauty/barber Shops Strip malls/mega malls Cultural entrepreneurship Singers Musicians Artists E-entrepreneurship Amazon Ebay Etsy  Examples of Entrepreneurship in North Carolina Cheerwine Vicks Vapor Rub Texas Pete Pepsi	The teacher invites a local entrepreneur to speak to students. Afterward, students create a presentation explaining how that entrepreneur's business affects the local economy.  Students create a cause-and-effect flow chart tracing the impact a specific entrepreneur had on the local community, including tracing the creation of jobs, providing a service, and other economic impacts.		



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Goody's Headache
Powder
Barcode
Overalls
Fresh Market
North Carolina
Mutual
Cook-Out
Bojangles
Mount Olive Pickles
Sundrop
Harris Teeter
● BB&T
Examples of local goods
and services
Mechanics
HVAC companies
Doctors
Dentists
Hospitals
Manufacturing
companies
Locally-owned
restaurants
Locally-owned stores
Stores
Various ways
entrepreneurship
develops communities
Creation of jobs     Creation of jobs
Growth of industry      High and days larger and
Urban development  Output and a still a s
Suburbanization
Zoning/rezoning



Objective	Mastery of the Objective	Students Will Understand	Students Will Know	Annexation of smaller areas into larger urban towns and cities  Example Topics	Examples of Formative Assessment
3.E.1.2 Explain how the natural resources of a region impact the production and consumption of goods in local communities	Students must be able to demonstrate understanding of how the things that are produced and consumed in local communities are based on the types of natural resources that exist in a region.	Access to resources often encourages economic growth in regions  The availability of natural resources often helps determine the production and	Examples of how natural resources of a region impact the production of goods in local communities  Examples of how natural resources of a region impact the consumption of goods in local communities	Resources  Land Water Lumber Oil Minerals Cotton Steel Natural gas Coal Corn Grain	Students choose a natural resource local to North Carolina. The students create a visual for a billboard advertising the benefits of the resource and how it positively impacts the production of goods and/or type of service in different communities.  Students explain how the natural geology of the Seagrove, North Carolina, area impacts both what the community produces and what the consumers buy.
Objective	Mastery of the Objective	Students Will Understand	Students Will Know	Example Topics	Examples of Formative Assessment
3.E.1.3 Summarize the role supply and demand plays in local economies	Students must be able to show they can create a short summary (not retell) that captures the main point or basic	The supply of a good directly influences consumer demand  The demand for a good or service may impact its	When the <i>supply</i> is more than the demand for a good or a service, prices go down  When the <i>demand</i> for a good or a service is more	Overproduction Surplus Stockpiles	Students read an article about the supply and demand of a good or service in a community. Students then write a 3-5 sentence summary
	idea of supply and demand and its role	availability in the local economy	than the supply, prices usually go up	Increase in prices	about the role supply and demand plays in the



# Unpacking the Geography Objectives

Standard 3.G.1 Understand how geography impacts the development of regions and communities

Overarching Concepts: Location, People, Region, Place, Movement

Objective	Mastery of the Objective	Students Will Understand	Students Will Know	Example Topics	Examples of Formative Assessment
<b>3.G.1.1</b> Explain	Students must be	The physical location of	Examples of absolute and	Location of landforms	Students study maps of
how the	able to demonstrate	a place can influence the	relative location	and cities/towns with	an urban location over
absolute and	that they understand	economic development		development of	time. Students note
relative location	absolute location	of a community	How absolute and relative	neighborhoods	ways in which the
of places	and relative location.		location impact		development of the area
impacts the		The location of a	development	Access to goods and	impacted the
development of	Students must be	community in relation to		services based on relative	development of its
communities	able to demonstrate	other communities may		and absolute location	surrounding
	understanding that	impact how that		Factors that impact	communities. Students



	where a place is located influences how communities develop and how they are impacted by that development.	community develops		development of a community  Close to rivers, lakes, oceans  Lack of clean water sources  Obstructed by	write a 3-5 sentence explanation of how the development of one community may be impacted by the development of other communities.
				natural physical barriers  Mountains Volcanoes Glaciers Rainforests Deserts Tundras  Factors that impact development as a result of absolute location Equator Tropic of Cancer/Capricorn North Pole/South Pole	After learning about cities in the different areas of North Carolina (e.g., Charlotte, Raleigh, Asheville, Greensboro, Wilmington, etc.), students write a paragraph to explain how the relative locations of these places influences how they developed into the large urban areas.
Objective	Mastery of the Objective	Students Will Understand	Students Will Know	Example Topics	Examples of Formative Assessment
3.G.1.2 Explain how climate and physical characteristics affect the ways in which people live in a place or region.=	Students must be able to demonstrate understanding of how climate and physical characteristics influence how people choose to live in a place or region.	Climate contributes to the development of a place or region and may cause changes in the physical environment  Physical environment and climate can determine the way that people meet basic needs like food and shelter	Ways climate affects how people live in a place or region  Ways physical characteristics affect how people live in a place or region	Climate vs. weather  Differences in geographic locations  Climates of various regions  Mountains Piedmont Coastal Plain	Students write a sales pitch explaining why the climate and physical environment of a specific geographic location is the ideal place to live. The students' sales pitches must include how the environment and climate impact the way



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		People may change the			they chose.
		physical characteristics		clothing/footwear	
		of a place based on		<ul> <li>Types of agriculture</li> </ul>	After reading articles
		climate		<ul> <li>Natural resources</li> </ul>	about three specific
				<ul><li>Employment/jobs</li></ul>	geographical regions,
				<ul> <li>Businesses</li> </ul>	students write three
					paragraphs explaining
				Impact of physical	the impact of the
				environment	climate and physical
				Types of housing	environment of each
				Activities based on	region on the lifestyles
				the area of the state	of the people who live
				<ul><li>Skiing</li></ul>	there.
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				○ Surfing	Hairan a sallah arakira
				○ Fishing	Using a collaborative
				<ul> <li>Types of agriculture</li> </ul>	digital platform (e.g.,
				<ul> <li>Natural resources</li> </ul>	Padlet), the teacher
					poses a question such
					as, "What type of climate
					and physical
					characteristics impact
					how people live?"
					Students then post their
					thoughts, ideas,
					questions, or comments
					on the digital platform.
					Students then view all of
					the contributions and
					write an explanation of
					how the climate and
					physical environment of
					a location impacts the
					decisions of where
					people choose to live.
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Objective	Mastery of the Objective	Students Will Understand	Students Will Know	Example Topics	Examples of Formative Assessment
<b>3.G.1.3</b> Explain	Students must be	The geography of a place	How the geography of a	Innovations in	After learning about the
how movement	able to demonstrate	can impact the movement	place or region impacts the	transportation	settlement of a local
of goods,	understanding of	of goods, people, and	movement of goods,	<ul><li>Roads</li></ul>	community, students
people, and	how geography	ideas.	people, and ideas within	<ul><li>Canals</li></ul>	create a multimedia
ideas is	affects the		that place or region	<ul> <li>Railroads</li> </ul>	presentation that
impacted by the	movement of goods,	The geography of a place		<ul><li>Airports</li></ul>	explains why people
geography of a	people, and ideas	may pose physical	Examples of movement of		chose to settle in the
place or region.	within that place or	barriers to movement.	goods and people	Various languages have	community and how the
	region.			been historically spoken	geography of this area
				<ul><li>English</li></ul>	may have impacted the
				Cherokee	choice to settle there.
				<ul><li>Spanish</li></ul>	
					Students choose a
				Agriculture	location that has
					seasonal tourism.
				Changes to landscape	Students study the
				following natural	geography of this
				disasters	location and write an
					explanation of how the
				Railroad routes	physical geography
				0	impacts the movement
				Crescent of population	of people, goods, and/or
				centers in North Carolina	ideas seasonally.
				Rural broadband efforts	

	Unpacking the History Objectives					
Standard 3.H.1 Ur	Standard 3.H.1 Understand how various people and historical events have shaped local communities					
Overarching Cond	epts: People, Events, L	ocal Community				
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Objective	Objective	Understand	Students will know	Example Topics	Assessment	
3.H.1.1 Explain	Students must be	The achievements of	Examples of achievements	Chang and Eng Bunker	Students write short	
how the	able to demonstrate	individuals and groups	of various women,		descriptions for famous	
experiences and	understanding of	may contribute to the	indigenous, religious, and	Kay Yow	wax museum figures	



achievements of	how the lived	development and growth	racial groups		explaining their
women,	experiences and	of communities	NA/ 1º	Michael Jordan	contributions to their
indigenous, religious, and	achievements contributed by	The lives of people in a	Ways diverse women, indigenous, religious, and	Torry Holt	local community. Students then act out
racial groups	women, various	state may be improved by	racial groups have made	Tony Holt	short presentations or
have contributed	indigenous, religious,	the innovations and	contributions to local	Chris Paul	monologues.
to the	and racial groups	achievements of diverse	communities		
development of	influence the	groups of people		Jason Brown	Students create a
the local	development of local communities.			Warren Clay Colomon	children's picture book explaining the
community	communities.			Warren Clay Coleman	contributions of a local
				Charlotte Hawkins Brown	figure or group to the
					local community.
				Adolph Dial	
				HBCU Founders	After studying important
				ndco rounders	local figures, students create a
				Julius Chambers	cause-and-effect
					timeline demonstrating
				Manteo	how the people studied
				Wanchese	contributed to the local community.
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				Wingina	
				Charles Spaulding	
				onance opacialing	
				Carolina Peacemaker	
				North Carolina Mutual	
				Ella Baker	
				Liid Balloi	
				Greensboro 4	
				Dorothy Counts	
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				Dorthea Dix	



	Mastery of the	Students Will		Dr. William Barber  Harriet Jacobs  American Indians of North Carolina  The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Haliwa-Saponi Lumbee Tribe Meherrin Sappony Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation Waccamaw Siouan	Examples of Formative
Objective	Objective	Understand	Students Will Know	Example Topics	Assessment
3.H.1.2 Explain the lasting impact historical events have had on local communities	Students must be able to demonstrate they understand the impact caused by historical events and how the impact continues to affect the local community.	Historical events have an impact that can have lasting transformations on a community  Political, social, or geographic conflict within a community can impact how it develops over time  Leadership of individuals and groups can have a lasting impact on how a community develops	Examples of historical events in local communities in North Carolina  How historical events impact local communities	Diseases and epidemics that affected various communities  American Revolution  Edenton Tea Party  The Enfield Riots  The Mecklenburg Resolves  Trail of Tears  Carolina Gold Rush  American Civil War  Battle of Kings Mountain	After studying important historical events, students create a timeline with blurbs about how these events impacted their local community and region.  Students study a local historical event and create a storyboard that explains how the event impacted their local community/region at the time and how it still impacts the community today.



				Battle of Bentonville Battle of Fort Fisher Wilmington Coup Industrial Revolution The Great Wagon Road Greensboro Sit-Ins	
Objective	Mastery of the Objective	Students Will Understand	Students Will Know	Example Topics	Examples of Formative Assessment
3.H.1.3 Use primary and secondary sources to compare multiple interpretations of various historical symbols and events in local communities	Students must be able to demonstrate that they know how to use both primary and secondary sources to compare multiple interpretations of historical events or symbols relevant to their local communities.	Interpretation of historical events may or may not be supported by primary or secondary sources  The meaning of symbols and events may have competing historical interpretations	How to use multiple sources to explore various perspectives  Examples of primary and secondary sources  Similarities and differences between various perspectives of historical symbols and events  How perspective can affect the way history is interpreted  Both primary and secondary resources can be used to help understand different interpretations of historical events	Primary and Secondary sources  Photographs Letters Newspapers Diary entries Maps Charts Song lyrics relevant to historical time periods  Examples of Symbols Historical artifacts Street names Building names Historical markers Various state symbols Battle sites Bridges Highways Lighthouses	Students are assigned a historical symbol or event. Students then find information on their assignment using at least one primary source and at least one secondary source. Students create a chart showing two different interpretations of how people feel about the symbol or event they were assigned.  The teacher gives students a few examples of local historical markers. Students research the historical marker and create a Venn Diagram that compares two



		<ul><li>State flags</li><li>State seals</li><li>Governor's mansion</li><li>Historical sites</li></ul>	perspectives of how people might feel about the historical marker.
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