

Social Studies Instructional Materials Adoption

Middle School Recommendations

Grade 8 – United States History

School Education Group (SEG), a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies Inc., *Discovering Our Past: A History of the United States-Early Years*, Florida Edition, Joyce Appleby, Alan Brinkley, Albert S. Broussard, Donald A. Richie, and James McPherson, 2013/1st

Rationale: Historical thinking allows students be engaged with the content, authentically interacting with it, rather than just remembering it. This book's "Thinking Like an Historian" approach correlates well with the emphasis of the professional development that has been offered through Brevard's Teaching American History Grant.

Grade 7 – Civics

School Education Group (SEG), a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies Inc., *Civics, Economics, and Geography*, Florida Edition, Remy, et al., 2013/1st

Rationale: Provides real world civics applications which will lead to high student engagement.

Selecting instructional materials from the same company will provide continuity from grade 7 to grade 8. SEG provides great resources for classroom use as well as opportunities for differentiated instruction and learning. These materials introduce Webb's Depth of Knowledge questions in 7th grade and will allow 8th grade teachers to build on this knowledge base to use higher level questioning more often and more effectively. SEG provides in-depth support for teachers with graphic organizers, lesson plans, slide shows, assessment, and reflections among other important teaching tools that enhance 21st century teaching and learning.