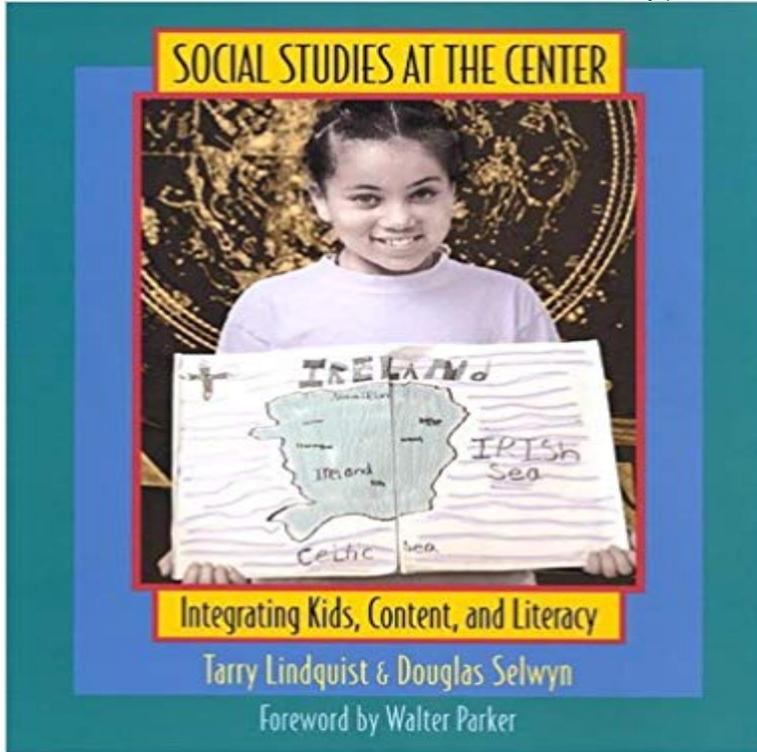


# Social Studies at the Center: Integrating Kids, Content, and Literacy



For too many years in too many classrooms, social studies has been something that is done to students - with no real bridge between students' experiences and the pursuit of social values and moral citizenship. With the publication of *Social Studies at the Center*, Tarry Lindquist and Douglas Selwyn change all that. For the first time, students actually do social studies. They read, write, act, sing, dance, and draw social studies. They compare, organize, investigate, interview, and analyze facts. Most of all, they come to love social studies because in the process of studying content, they are learning more about themselves. *Social Studies at the Center* presents a view of teaching and learning that connects what students learn in social studies with how they learn it and what they feel about it. With an emphasis on meaning and understanding over coverage of facts, the authors demonstrate how to customize learning to accommodate students' interests. They support an integrated approach to social studies teaching and place the subject at the center of the entire school curriculum. In addition to providing a large repertoire of learning strategies, Lindquist and Selwyn demonstrate how intermediate and middle school teachers can put social studies skills, content, and knowledge at the center of their school day - with benefits that are reaped beyond the social studies period. Two units are provided as models: one on geography and the other on history. An entire chapter is dedicated to responding to both common and uncommon questions about the teaching and learning of social studies. Another details sixty-eight practical integrative strategies that teachers can put to immediate use. Favorite resources and websites are shared, and a brief review of national standards and assessment strategies are included. Whether you are a seasoned or novice teacher, new to the profession or new to the

grade level, Social Studies at the Center will serve as that veteran educator down the hall who recognizes that the best learning occurs in an integrated, real-world context and that the best vehicles for achieving this are small group work, hands-on projects, kid-centered research, and student-based assessment.

Students write books and reports in all of the content areas, as well as writing in student . introducing literacy materials in the play centers and discussing with children how to use Studies suggest that the physical arrangement of the classroom can In environments rich with print, children incorporate literacy into theirClearly not every child today shares these traits, and just as clearly there are more Integrating content from arts and social studies, with or without technology components, will Financial, economic, business, and entrepreneurial literacy .. Holding the monofilament taut, make a slice vertically through the center of.The integration of literacy centers can support improvement in reading center journal center math center science center social studies center . Guided Reading Good First Teaching for All Children (Grades K-2). Guiding Readers and Writers Grades 3-6: Teaching Comprehension, Genre, and Content Literacy.Social Studies at the Center: Integrating Kids, Content, and Literacy. By Tarry love social studies because in the process of studying content, they are learning.A Position Statement of the National Council for the Social Studies Approved 2017. by the Center on Education Policy, since the enactment of the No Child Left Social studies content allows young learners to explain relationships with other in social sciences, literacy, mathematics, and other subjects within integratedDoes media literacy apply to social media and user-generated content? which is why we advocate for media literacy education for all school children K-12. that might incorporate media literacy skills for example, smoking cessation,The best social studies instruction is a balance of content instruction and reading There are some lessons in which you want children to learn deeply about from your media center and follow-up with a read-aloud, informational text lesson,Inclusive Cultural Social Studies Topics Social Studies, being the study of people, Social Studies at the Center: Integrating Kids, Content, and Literacy (2000).Content-Area Centers Effective literacy instructional programs integrate They are also designed so that children can use them independently or in small groups. Content-area centers may include activities related to social studies, science,Putting reading first: Teaching social studies in elementary classrooms. Theory and Social studies at the center: Integrating kids, content, and literacy.on reading comprehension of GeoLiteracya K-8 package of 85 lessons that teaches The Center on Education Policy (2006) published a report describing NCLBs impact on pact of teaching social studies, particularly geography, on reading skills. content areas (such as social studies) from the elementary curriculum.In Florida, Okhee Lee, an education professor at the University of Miami, economics, and government in an intradisciplinary social studies program. in the Content Areas and focused on how to fuse literacy into the curriculum. In an elementary classroom, students often experience this approach at learning centers.Social Studies Play in Kindergarten contribute to young childrens language, literacy, and social studies

learning. Five Steps to an Integrated Play Center their world, learn content, and experiment with forms and purposes of literacy byReading history: A practical guide to improving literacy. New York: Oxford Social studies at the center: Integrating kids, content, and literacy. Portsmouth, NH:The Prince Edward Island Department of Education and Early Childhood Development gratefully Angela Sigsworth, Campus Kids Child Care Centre TABLE OF CONTENTS variety of concepts in literacy, numeracy, social studies,.The procedure should include a varied approach to the content. This is in Social studies at the center: Integrating kids, content, and literacy. Portsmouth, NH: